

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 118th meeting, held on 25th April 1994 in Portobello Library.

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Sgt Lesley Boal (Portobello Police), Celia Butterworth, Norman Hughes, Keith Jeffrey,
Lawrence Marshall, Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Alexander Smith, Margaret Smith,
Andrew Strachan, Nick Stroud.

APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Ray Lang, Gavin Strang.

118.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present, and in particular the new Police representative, Sgt Lesley Boal.

118.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct (proposed by Drew Strachan, seconded by Margaret Smith).

118.3 MATTERS ARISING

118.3a PCFA and PADCA Trophies: the first five Cups are with the silversmith, and a letter has been sent to the Museums of Scotland to see if they have any display cases surplus to requirements.

118.3b Future of Community Councils: Neta Sinclair has agreed to address our May meeting.

118.3c Power Pylons: letters were sent to Gavin Strang MP and George Foulkes MP. A reply has been received from Gavin saying that he has taken the matter up with the Ministry for Local Government and Industry, Scottish Power, and the District Council's Director of Environmental Health.

118.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

118.4a Joppa Tennis Club: Drew Strachan reported that Eddy Gray of the Recreation Department at Fishwives' Causeway has been very helpful and can supply new nets. Chris Cowie of Argyle Crescent will help to fix them up. Some new racquets and balls are required, as are some new volunteers to run the project.

Comment was made that the nets were left out all through the winter, and Drew explained that the nets were past redemption at the end of the season and also that Season Tickets had been sold which entitled people to play all year, weather permitting.

118.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

An extra £100 was received from the General Purposes Committee for the 1993-4 year. The Treasurer has written to acknowledge this.

The Community Council accounts at 25th April are:

Current Account:	£ 177.30
Premier Investment Account:	£1464.75
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 514.39

118.6 PROJECTS

- 118.6a Heritage Trail Leaflet: a letter has been sent to John Stewart, Chairman of PAS, asking what his wishes are with regard to our £200 contribution to them.
- 118.6b Signposting and Town Map: Norman Hughes and Nick Stroud produced a list of possible locations for information plaques and signposts. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed:
- 1) to form a Sub-Committee of Nick Stroud (Chair), and Drew Strachan, Celia Butterworth and Norman Hughes (co-opted).
 - 2) that Len Young would obtain the prices and designs for a Notice Board with a Local Map which were produced during a previous exercise on the same matter.
 - 3) to contact Haddington to ask who provided and funded their signs and plaques, which are just the sort of thing we want to produce ourselves.
- 118.6c Hanging baskets: PAS have now received an estimate to provide and fix four hanging baskets for £172.00. It was agreed that we would fund this initial provision. PAS will fill, plant up and maintain the baskets.

118.7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 118.7a Towerbank School: Nick Stroud reported that problems were being caused to people who live near the playground, such as damage to property and plants due to the playing of football outside school hours. There has also been some vandalism, litter blowing about, bad language, and antisocial behaviour of various kinds by teenagers and adults.

Since the problems were raised first with the Community Council, Nick Stroud will write formally to the School Board on the Council's behalf asking for their reaction.

As there are almost no areas for children to play football and other physical activities in Portobello, we should ask the District Council to consider providing an all-weather surface on the ash pitch which is adjacent to the playground. The Secretary will write.

Nick also suggested that we try to have an audit of our area to show how well each age group – residents and visitors – is served in relation to their leisure and other needs. For want of any practical suggestions as to how this could be done, this idea was taken no further.

- 118.7b Membership of the Community Council:

Nick Stroud will contact Portobello High School to ask them to nominate someone to join the Community Council in order to improve the representation of young people's needs.

The Secretary will contact the "Portobello Residents Association" to ask if they would like to send a representative to the Community Council. There was some criticism of their choice of name, as we do not think they truly represent the whole of Portobello – just a small part of it.

- 118.7c Local Forum: the next meeting has been postponed until some time in June.
- 118.7d Area Review Board: meetings will start before 30th June, and the Area Housing Manager will be the Lead Officer.
- 118.7e Scottish Power: now have a Community Liaison Officer who has offered to speak at one of our meetings. It was agreed that we would accept this offer.
- 118.7f Rosefield and Brighton Place traffic: Letters have been received from David Begg and the Transportation Department concerning a left-turn filter at the junction of Brighton Place and the High Street, and the stopping-up of Rosefield Avenue at the High Street. After some discussion it was agreed to defer this item to the May agenda, and meanwhile to canvass the opinion of the residents of these areas.
- 118.7g Joppa Pumping Station: As the date for opening the new pumping station has been given as September, the Secretary will write to Mr Leishman of the Water and Drainage department of Lothian Regional Council asking for details.
- 118.7h Publishing statistics for Portobello: it was suggested that we should include statistics for Air Pollution, Sea Pollution, Crime, and Road Accidents which result in injury, in our minutes. It was thought that figures for housebreaking, muggings etc might cause too much alarm for certain people. The Department of the Environment no longer check the High Street for air pollution as its levels were within EEC limits when last they checked. However the Secretary will see if the Forth River Purification Board will send us copies of their sea pollution figures, and the Police will give us accident figures.
- 118.7i Festival of the Environment: the Capital Rail Action Group (of which Lawrence Marshall is secretary) is arranging trips around Edinburgh's South Suburban Railway on 4th June, as well as an exhibition on "the Sub" in the Festival's West Princes Street Gardens tent. Further details from Lawrence (669 1336).

118.8 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Community Council will be held on the following dates, at 7:30pm in Portobello Library:

Monday 30th May

Monday 27th June

STOP PRESS!!

The Annual Cleanup of the Figgate Burn takes place on Sunday 29th May. Volunteers are welcome to join in: meet in Rosefield Park at 1:30pm.

COME AND JOIN US!

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 119th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Monday 30th May 1994 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Library.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies.
Guest Speaker: Neta Sinclair (Edinburgh District Council)**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Sub-Committee Reports:**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Projects: progress report**
- 7. Traffic in Rosefield Avenue and Brighton Place**
- 8. AOCB**
- 9. Date of next meeting**