

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 119th meeting, held on 30th May 1994 in Portobello Library.

## PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)  
Sandy Begg, Sgt Lesley Boal (Portobello Police), Linda Cormack (Portobello High School),  
Norman Hughes (Portobello Initiative), Shand Hutchison, Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Lorna McLeod  
(Portobello High School), Cllr Lawrence Marshall, John Maule (Brighton Residents' Association),  
Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Peter Simpson (Portobello Residents' Association), Alexander Smith,  
Andrew Strachan, Nick Stroud.

## APOLOGIES:

Tom Smith, Margaret Smith, Gavin Strang.

## MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Peter Beaton, John Berry, Moira Berry, Frank Carnevale, Ruby Carnevale, David Murray, Stana Neradic,  
Rose Nimmo, Tom Nimmo, and several other Rosefield residents.

### 119.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present, in particular our speaker Neta Sinclair (Edinburgh District Council), new representatives from Portobello High School Lorna McLeod and Linda Cormack, and a large number of local residents.

### 119.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Yvonne Motion noted that it had been decided at the last meeting that the Community Council would write to the District Council to find out what was going to happen to youth organisations after local government reorganisation, and how provision for these organisations would be affected. It was noted that this point must be followed up.

The minutes were then accepted as correct (proposed by George Murray, seconded by Yvonne Motion).

### 119.3 NETA SINCLAIR

Neta Sinclair of Edinburgh District Council spoke on the future of Community Councils in the light of Local Government reorganisation.

There appears to be no possibility of Community Councils being abolished: the Scottish Office is obliged by law to listen to their views on planning etc. There are to be new regional districts but a lot of this is still at the discussion stage. Boundaries for the new districts are still not decided. There will be nine Area Boards consisting of paid officials and councillors.

Portobello will be in the East Area Board. Local Forums may be amalgamated or dispersed: it appears there will be *either* a Local Forum *or* a Community Council to avoid duplication. The Community Council was urged to lobby the local District Councillors (Mr Kerevan and Mr Alexander), the Head of Strategic Services (Mr R.D. Booklass) and the Deputy Director of Administration (Mr John Stirt) in writing, saying that Portobello Community Council would like to be consulted on all aspects of the reorganisation which affects us.

In future the Community Council will be able to approach the Area Board direct, and the local Councillor will not be so important.

There followed a discussion on various aspects of Local Forums and Community Councils, the former frequently exceeding their remit in going outwith District Council business.

The Chairman thanked Neta Sinclair for her talk.

#### **119.4 MATTERS ARISING**

119.4a PCFA and PADCA Trophies: all of the trophies have now been refurbished and are looking good. Some of the plinths still have to be repaired. A letter has been received from Scottish Museums who are looking for a suitable display case for the trophies.

119.4b Power Pylons: letters have been received from Gavin Strang MP, and R.A. Carson (Director of Environmental Services in the District Council), stating that the matter is under review. Scottish Power have agreed to give a presentation on 27th June 1994.

#### **119.5 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

119.5a Joppa Tennis Club: the tennis courts are now in use. New nets have been donated by the District Council's Recreation Department. Weedkiller is to be applied, and white court lines painted. Notices are to be displayed at the courts showing the names of contacts for those wishing to join the Club.

#### **119.6 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Community Council accounts at 30th May 1994 are:

Current Account:	£ 163.20
Premier Investment Account:	£1468.57
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 514.39

#### **119.7 PROJECTS**

119.7a Signposting and Town Map: still ongoing. An estimate has been received for a triangular signpost costing £1,000 plus extra for joinery. Also samples received to make signposts. More discussion is required.

119.7b Hanging baskets: To be erected within the next week.

#### **119.8 TRAFFIC IN ROSEFIELD AVENUE AND BRIGHTON PLACE**

There was a large turnout of local residents, and a very lively discussion took place. Various suggestions were made including one-way street, sleeping policemen, no through traffic for commercial vehicles, and lockable barriers on the road with keys held by emergency services.

It was decided that closing Rosefield Avenue at the Library seemed the most suitable.

The Secretary was asked to write to Lothian Region Highways Department requesting this closure for an initial trial period of one year. The letter should include a copy of the Residents' petition, and ask how long it will take to initiate the closure.

## **119.9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 119.9a Portobello Community Festival: this year's Festival takes place from 11th to 18th June. Volunteers are urgently required to help. There is a meeting at 7pm on 7th June in the Library to which anyone who can help is warmly invited. 11 cups are needed as prizes. The Secretary will need to check if they will be available.
- 119.9b Community Information: a letter has been received from Trevor MacDonald, of the Housing Action Area shop in Adelphi Grove, offering the use of a window in their office to display Community Council information.
- 119.9c Poor tree surgery: a letter from Kenneth McCrea complaining about trees being lopped by unskilled workmen has been forwarded to us by Niall Alexander of the Local Forum.
- 119.9d Road accidents: Sgt Boal gave the good news that there had been no fatal or serious road accidents in Portobello in the past month.
- 119.9e Christian Path: the representatives from the High School asked if something might be done to clean up Christian Path, which pupils use to get to and from school. The Secretary will write to the headmaster to discuss what might be done.
- 119.9f CAB: a letter has been received from Portobello Citizens' Advice Bureau inviting anyone who is interested to their AGM on Thursday 9th June at 7pm in Portobello Library – followed by a visit to the Bureau.
- 119.9g Burn cleanup: It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Amenity Society and the Local Forum to express our appreciation of the hard work put in on Sunday 29th May to clean up the Figgate Burn.

## **119.10 FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

Monday 27th June: Guest Speaker: Mr Black, of Scottish Power.

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 120th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held on Monday 27th June 1994 at 7:30pm,  
in Portobello Library.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies.  
Guest Speaker: Mr Black (Scottish Power)**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Sub-Committee Reports:**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Projects: progress report**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Date of next meeting**