

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 120th meeting, held on 27th June 1994 in Portobello Library.

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Linda Cormack, Norman Hughes,
Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Sheila Macintyre, Lorna McLeod, Yvonne Motion, John Rostron, Sandy Smith,
Gordon Stirling.

APOLOGIES:

Lesley Boal, Cllr Lawrence Marshall, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Gavin Strang.

120.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

120.1a The Chairman welcomed all those present, and invited our guest speaker to address the meeting. Sandy Black is in the Edinburgh District (Distribution and Supply) of Scottish Power, and also the Community Liaison Officer.

120.1b **Sandy Black, Scottish Power**

Sandy pointed out right away that Scottish Power is now a private company, and therefore in the business of making a profit. This does not mean that the company is not concerned with its customers, and in fact it goes to great lengths to provide the best possible service. It has put in place five Codes of Practice, and failure to live up to these statements means penalties for the company.

Sandy also explained the various special services which are available for people with special needs, like the elderly and the disabled, the blind and the deaf, for whom passwords and protected services are available. There is also a Freephone advice line for advice on energy efficiency and special appliances, some of which were on show at the meeting.

After a lengthy question-and-answer session, the Chairman thanked Sandy for a very worthwhile presentation.

120.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted (proposed Sandy Begg, seconded Sandy Smith).

120.3 MATTERS ARISING

120.3a Funding of youth groups: having obtained the necessary information from Yvonne Motion, the Secretary can now write to Community Education on this matter.

120.3b PCFA and PADCA Trophies: all the trophies were returned in time for the Gala Day. The final cost of refurbishment was £65.

120.3c Trophy Case: we have been offered a trophy case by the Museums of Scotland. The Chairman and Secretary will view it to decide if it is suitable. As we will have to pay for transport etc it was decided that a nominal sum of £25 should be offered to the Museum.

120.3d Rosefield Traffic: a letter has been sent to the transportation section of Lothian Regional Council.

- 120.3e Christian Path: a letter has been sent to the Highways Department of Lothian Regional Council.
- 120.3f Figgate Burn cleanup: letters have been sent to PAS and the Portobello/Milton Forum expressing our thanks.
- 120.3g Portobello Community Festival: Sandy Smith was asked to convey our thanks to the PCFA for all the hard work done over the Festival period.
- 120.3h Sea Water cleanliness: weekly figures are now being received from the Forth River Purification Board. These are taken from May to September, so it will be next year before we can see improvement due to the new pumping station.

120.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 120.4a Joppa Tennis Club: there was nobody in attendance to represent the club, but our Treasurer has some requests for money for:
- white lines and weed killer
 - toilet repairs
 - bench repair (may acquire a replacement)
 - a strimmer

A total of £150 will be needed and this was agreed in principle, with the proviso that receipts are produced for any work or purchases. The Secretary will try to arrange a meeting with JTC representatives at the Courts.

We have also received a rent notice for £50 from the Council, and a notice that £260 is also due, for insurance. As there is no trace of a policy among our papers, the Treasurer has been in touch with the District Council and with various insurance companies.

120.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

£700 has been received from the District Council. £500 has been deposited in the Investment Account, and £200 in the Current Account.

The Community Council accounts at 27th June 1994 are:

Current Account:	£ 288.20
Premier Investment Account:	£1972.76
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 514.39

120.6 PROJECTS

- 120.6a Hanging baskets: these are filled and planted, but await brackets for fixing to the lamp-posts. The account received for the four baskets is £35.25.
- 120.6b Signposting and Town Map: the Council's Transportation Department is willing to erect signs to various attractions and also to assist in drawing up an integrated plan. Our sub-committee will arrange a meeting.

120.7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 120.7a Louisa Jenkins Book: a letter from Mrs Jenkins was read out. She is going to publish a book of poems and wondered if we could help finance it. As we could find no connection with Portobello, it was agreed that we could not assist in this matter. The Secretary will write.
- 120.7b Tourist Board map: once again a tourist publication leading tourists from Carlisle to Edinburgh does not show Portobello. The Secretary will write.
- 120.7c Christmas decorations and tree: it was suggested that in order to make the tree look better by dressing it to a much lower level, it could be placed behind the railings of the Town Hall, or low-voltage lamps used. The Secretary will pursue the whole question of decorations and lights.

120.8 FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be *no meeting in July*.

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

Monday 29th August.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 121st Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Monday 29th August 1994 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Library.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies.**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Community Council: conduct of meetings**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Sub-Committee Reports:**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Projects: progress report**
- 8. AOCB**
- 9. Dates of future meetings**