

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting, held on 26th September 1994 in Portobello Library.

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary)
Sgt Lesley Boal, Celia Butterworth, Norman Hughes, Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Sheila McIvor,
Lawrence Marshall, Margaret Smith, Sandy Smith, Gordon Stirling, Drew Strachan, Richard Wright.

APOLOGIES:

Linda Cormack, Kathleen Hart, Lorna McLeod, Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Gavin Strang,
Nick Stroud.

12.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present to our AGM, and intimated that items 1, 4, 5 and 6 on the published agenda would be taken as the order of business.

12.2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman began by saying that the most significant single success we have had is that we finally amended the Constitution to give us a more workable Quorum. Since then, all our meetings have been quorate.

He made reference to the fact that the Joppa Tennis Club, although still viable, was still a matter of concern due to the large increases in rent and insurance, which if our appeal is not successful will absorb a large part of our income.

Other ventures which we supported or initiated during the year were:

- Brunstane Path: cleanup and planting. The Path is now more or less half completed.
- Heritage Trail leaflet: money donated.
- Bunting for Portobello Festival Association: money donated.
- Hanging baskets: money donated.
- Cups and Trophies: refurbished and a display case provided in the Library.
- Straiton Place development: we opposed the planned development along with other groups, and it didn't go ahead.

The speakers we invited to address us included people from:

- the Cleansing Department of the District Council.
- the Cockburn Association.
- Scottish Power.
- the Community Liaison Unit of Edinburgh District Council (Neta Sinclair).

12.3 TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary gave the report.

He began by saying that although Kathleen was not present she had made sure that all was in order before she went away.

The accounts issued with the minutes were up to the end of March 1994, and had been sent to Edinburgh District Council and accepted. The Joppa Tennis Club had since then presented their accounts and receipts which were also sent to the District council in support of our appeal against the rent increase.

There were some questions about the Joppa Tennis Club accounts and the charges which were levied, but all the balance sheets were accepted. Proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Lawrence Marshall.

At this point Drew Strachan declared that he no longer wished to be the Convenor of Joppa Tennis Club. (*Secretary's note: it is essential that the Tennis Club makes sure that it is represented at all future meetings of the Community Council.*)

12.4 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

As there were no other nominations, Len Young, Tom Smith and Kathleen Hart agreed to carry on in their respective posts.

Sandy Smith was proposed as Vice Chairman by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Margaret Smith. This was agreed unanimously.

12.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.5a Auditor's expenses: The Secretary proposed that we should give £25 to the Auditor to defray his expenses. This was agreed.

12.5b Money for Heritage Trail leaflet: This has not been disbursed yet, so it was agreed that this money should be set aside for when it is needed.