

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 122nd 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.

### 122.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Having concluded the business of the AGM, the Chairman welcomed those present to continue with an ordinary meeting of the Council.

### 122.2 MATTERS ARISING

- 122.2a Trophy case: the account for the case and for removal of the locks has been paid, and arrangements made to have it delivered to Portobello Library some time after 5th October. Our thanks to National Museums of Scotland and Edinburgh City Libraries for their cooperation in this matter..
- 122.2b Christian Path: no progress to report.
- 122.2c Sea water cleanliness: readings are still being taken by the Forth River Purification Board, and also by Environmental Health, who take readings at 15 points between Joppa and Seafield. They say that the 'Bathing Dangerous' notices will not be taken down until readings stabilise at a low level for several days.
- 122.2d Joppa Tennis Courts: a letter of appeal was sent to the Estates Department of the District Council concerning the proposed rent increase. A reply was received saying that the old peppercorn rent system has been abandoned in favour of open market rents. Our appeal has been forwarded to the Executive Director of Recreation for a decision.
- 122.2e Christmas and Prom lights: some refurbishment has started on the Prom lights, but no further contact has been made concerning the Christmas tree or new decorations.
- 122.3f Edinburgh Year of Architecture and Design: it was reported that one of the objectives of this scheme was to target schools. A centre will be set up at 188 Canongate but a larger centre with room for displays etc is required.
- 122.3g Crime and accident report: Sgt Boal reported no fatal vehicle accidents in our area last month, although there were three accidents resulting in injury. There has been an increase in vandalism and malicious damage. Particular care should be taken with mountain bikes on the Prom, since quite a number have disappeared from here.
- 122.3h Facilities for children: In response to our request, Ashley Pringle of the District Council's Recreation Department, and Jean Duncan (manager of the new Bowling Centre) will give a presentation at our next meeting, on 31st October. There will be plenty of time for questions,

and our guests will wish to hear our ideas and suggestions about what is needed in Portobello for children and teenagers.

#### **122.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 122.4a Signposting and Town Map: Lawrence Marshall will write to the Scottish Tourist Board concerning the provision and siting of tourist route signs.

An estimate of £2,000 has been obtained for a map at the Town Hall. Further information is being sought.

The help of the Scottish Wildlife Trust is being considered to provide a plaque at Joppa Pans giving information about seabirds and wildlife.

Gill Anderson and Drew Strachan will contact Buchan Potteries about a plaque for the Kilns, and Lawrence Marshall will speak to LEEL about funding for this project.

There was a proposal to call this sub-committee "The Sub-committee on Economic Development and Tourism", and after some discussion this was agreed.

#### **122.5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Community Council accounts at 26th September 1994 are:

Current Account: £ 166.11

Premier Investment Account: £1987.93

Illuminations Account: £ 126.88

Joppa Tennis Courts: £ 164.39

Final Income and Expenditure Accounts for the period 11th September 1993 to 31st March 1994 have been submitted to Edinburgh District Council.

#### **122.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 122.6a Pumping Station: Norman Hughes asked questions about the Pumping Station, and expressed concern about the amount of litter on the new seating area and the state of the trees and plants. Lawrence Marshall will make enquiries. (*Secretary's note: the Pumping Station is now undergoing commissioning trials and will be open in November – at which time we will be told about arrangements to view the works. The Pumping Station area enclosed by the railings is the responsibility of Lothian Regional Council; the public toilets and the seating area are the responsibility of Edinburgh District Council.*)
- 122.6b Edinburgh Civic Forum of Amenity Societies: the Chairman has received a letter asking if we wished to join this Forum. It is partially funded by Edinburgh District Council, and the cost is likely to be £2 or £3 per year. This matter was referred to Portobello Amenity Society: Celia Butterworth will report back.
- 122.6c Indoor Bowls Centre: This will be opened in November, but the Centre is having previews by invitation. It was suggested that we could consider this as a venue for our meetings.
- 122.6d Consumption of alcohol in public places: There was a complaint about people drinking cans of beer while sitting on the benches at the Town Hall, and on the other side of the High Street. Sgt Boal explained that the Police can only take action if persons are drunk and incapable, or are creating a disturbance. People have to complain to the Police and be prepared to go to court to have offenders charged with breach of the peace.

122.6e Crime Prevention Panel: new people are urgently needed for this. Anyone with new ideas and who can help educate their neighbours in preventative measures must come forward, otherwise it is likely that the Panel will be disbanded. The Panel usually meets once a month in Portobello Police Station.

122.6f Nick Stroud: The Secretary wished it recorded that we are much indebted to Nick for the hard work he does each month in typing and printing the minutes for our meetings.

## **122.6 FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 31st October 1994, at 7:30pm in the **Community Centre, Adelphi Grove**.

The November meeting will be held on 28th November, venue to be advised.

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 123rd meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held  
on Monday 31st October 1994 at 7:30pm,  
in the Community Centre, Adelphi Grove.

## **AGENDA**

**1. Chairman's welcome; apologies.**

**Guest speakers: Ashley Pringle (Edinburgh District Council)  
Jean Duncan (Portobello Indoor Bowling Centre)**

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**3. Matters arising**

**4. Sub-committee Reports**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**6. AOCB**

**7. Dates of future meetings**