

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 123rd meeting, held on 31st October 1994 in
Portobello Community Centre, Adelphi Place.

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Norman Hughes, Keith Jeffrey.

Elsie Thom and Marjorie Jebs-Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Bill Jameson (LRC Community Education).

John Mackenzie, Andrew Craig (members of the public).

APOLOGIES:

Ray Lang, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Sandy Smith, Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud.

123.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

123.1a The Chairman welcomed those present and invited the guest speakers, Ashley Pringle (EDC Recreation department) and Jean Duncan (Manager, Portobello Indoor Bowls and Leisure Centre) to address the meeting.

123.1b Ashley Pringle outlined recreational facilities for young people in Portobello: the Indoor Bowling Centre, the Swim Centre (to be restored and enlarged over the next 18 months), playgrounds at Towerbank, Christian Crescent and Figgate Burn park, a new playground at Magdalene, Portobello High School (indoor sports, drama/arts are an LRC priority with EDC support requested), and EDC Outreach Officers are available to build up recreational participation.

The population of Edinburgh is tending to decrease, except for under-16s and over-65s, which are increasing. Schools consultation last year showed that there is less interest amongst young people in team games and use of organised facilities. EDC Recreation have a Children and Young Persons Group. One of their priorities is to involve young people and anticipate fashions – such as skate-boarding. Finance will always be restricted, and facilities will never pay for themselves, so the question of priorities always has to be considered.

123.1c Jean Duncan described winter and summer activities:

During the winter months (from the end of August to the beginning of April), six indoor bowls rinks will be in operation on weekdays – three for clubs and three for casual use. On Saturdays and Sundays, clubs will have the first call on all six rinks. Use by the blind, disabled and young is being encouraged. 400 of the 1,000 club places available are reserved for Portobello residents. A Club Committee is being formed and will hire rinks from EDC.

During the summer months (April to August), the concrete arena (which is big enough for eight badminton courts) will be used for badminton, play schemes, roller-skating and hockey. There will be weekend events. The arena is not suitable for some events such as adult gymnastics.

The catering is being run by Denholm. A public house licence is available from 11am to 11pm for discos, parties etc, but not during matches. There is a multi-purpose sound-proof room in two halves for a creche every morning, and other uses. Charges are £3.50 per hour for a half-room, or £6 per hour for the whole room.

The Manager is liaising with the Community Centre and Swim Centre to coordinate the development of activities.

123.2 OTHER RECREATIONAL MATTERS

- 123.2a Joppa Tennis Courts: Mr Pringle will attempt to get the proposed economic rent reduced. If this is not possible the Courts may qualify for a grant to defray running expenses.
- 123.2b Use of the Library for Community Council Meetings: Mr Pringle will find out if overtime after 8:30pm is a permanent feature.
- 123.2c Changing rooms at Swim Centre: in reply to a letter suggesting that the mens' and womens' changing rooms at the Swim Centre be swapped over, Mr Pringle said that the £2,750,000 refurbishment could include this.

123.3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted (proposed by Harold Alexander-Bowen, seconded by Celia Butterworth).

123.4 MATTERS ARISING

Deferred to the next meeting.

123.5 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

There have been no meetings.

123.6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council accounts at 31st October 1994 are:

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| Current Account: | £ 160.11 |
| Premier Investment Account: | £1993.97 |
| Illuminations Account: | £ 126.88 |
| Joppa Tennis Courts: | £ 164.39 |

123.7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 123.7a Joint meeting: a joint meeting of representatives of the Management and Administrative Services Committee and Community Councils will take place on 9th November. A letter from Neta Sinclair requests that we send two representatives.
- 123.7b Transport: a letter has been received from David Begg concerning a meeting about the new transport strategy for Lothian, and requesting that we send representatives.
- 123.7c Football: a letter has been received from James Law concerning children playing football near Figgate Park; it was read out at the meeting.

123.8 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 28th November 1994, at 7:30pm in **Portobello Library**.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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will be held
on Monday 28th November 1994 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Library.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies.**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Sub-committee Reports**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. AOCB**
- 7. Dates of future meetings**
- 8. Demonstration of Capital Information Point in Main Library, by Julia Cormack.**