

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 124th meeting, held on 28th November 1994 in
Portobello Library, Rosefield Avenue.

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sgt Lesley Boal, Celia Butterworth, Norman Hughes, Keith Jeffrey,
Sheila McIvor, Lawrence Marshall, Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Gordon Stirling,
Drew Strachan, Nick Stroud.

APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Ray Lang, Sandy Smith, Gavin Strang.

124.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present and reminded everyone that the matters arising from the meeting of 26th September would be dealt with at this meeting.

124.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct (proposed by Kathleen Hart, seconded by Harold Alexander-Bowen).

124.3 MATTERS ARISING

124.3a Trophy case: has now been delivered.

124.3b Joppa Tennis Courts: no word yet from Ashley Pringle. The Secretary will pursue this.

124.3c Portobello Swim Centre: a letter has been received from June Peebles, Sport and Leisure Manager, in response to queries by Ashley Pringle on our behalf:
(1) The women's changing area will be relocated to the ground floor; plans are on show at Portobello Swim Centre.
(2) There are no special sessions for Muslims, but in the past the small pool has been hired privately by Muslim groups when suitable lifeguards were in attendance.

124.3d Planning and Transportation Conference: The Chairman attended a preliminary meeting on 2nd October and reported that we should present our views of local transport problems and their solutions, to be discussed on 27th May 1995. It was agreed that we would donate £25 towards the running costs of the conference.

124.3e Joint meeting between Community Councils and the District Council's Administration Committee: The Chairman attended this meeting in the City Chambers on 9th November. He reported that:
(1) There is a plan to try to eliminate giant hogweed in the district, early in the new year.
(2) We would like suggestions of any areas which may be suitable for tree planting.
(3) There was some discussion about whether Community Councils need to have public liability insurance. The District Council's legal department is looking into this.

124.3f Dog fouling in Figgate Park: a letter has been received from a local resident asking for our support for a fenced dog toilet area in the Park. The Secretary will write.

124.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 124.4a Signposts and information plaques: Lawrence Marshall has written to LEEL telling them of our plans and asking for assistance. Norman Hughes and a representative from the Amenity Society will be meeting with LEEL on 9th December.
- 124.4b Gravel area: (to east of bus terminus at Joppa). This is owned by the District Council. Lawrence Marshall has written to them asking that it be landscaped.
- 124.4c Waterfront area: The Cockburn Association are about to produce a document covering the waterfront area between Cramond and Joppa.

124.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

A further £255 has been received. The Community Council accounts at 28th November 1994 are:

Current Account:	£ 250.11
Premier Investment Account:	£2156.27
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 164.39

It was pointed out that we may have expenses for an election next year in April-May.

124.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 124.6a Economic Development and Estates Annual Report: this shows the District Council's achievements in 1993-4 and plans for 1994-5. A copy was handed around and is now in the Library.
- 124.6b Edinburgh Civic Forum: the minutes of the meeting of 12th October were available to study various matters like stone cleaning the Scott Monument, disabled access, second Road Bridge plans and the Green Belt. These minutes are now in the Library.
- 124.6c Joppa pumping station: this is now up and running with no technical hitches.
- 124.6d Community Councils Joint Meeting: this is on Saturday 18th March in the Dominion Cinema.
- 124.6e Traffic problems: Stockbridge Community Council wishes to know of ideas to cure local traffic problems like rat runs, parking on pavements etc. They would like to make a joint presentation to the District Council.
- 124.6f Scottish Rights of Way Society: it was agreed that this was an organisation worthy of support, and that we would join it. The annual fee is £10.
- 124.6g Edinburgh Fling: we have until 12th December 1994 to decide if we want to enter as a community group, but it was decided that as there are to be events in Portobello on:
 23rd April and 7th May: Community Centre, Adelphi Grove
 30th April: Town Hall
 6th & 7th May: Library
 that we would give what support we could to the groups which are already involved.
- 124.6h Environmental Action Plan: it was agreed to invite Janice Panwells, an Environment Strategy Officer, to address us early next year. The Secretary will write to arrange this.
- 124.6i Hanging baskets: in order to allow a regular and continuous show of flowers, it was agreed to donate money to the Amenity Society (PAS) for four more baskets.

- 124.6j Transport in Lothian: a paper was circulated setting out the Regional Council's proposals for future transportation systems, and arguing against a second Forth Road Bridge.
- 124.6k Police report: Sgt Boal reported that November's accident figures were an improvement on October's, with no fatalities and only four involving injury, most of them being adults crossing the road. The theft of bicycles was down.

In answer to a question from the floor about speeding in Seaview Terrace, Lesley pointed out that local officers were now being trained in the use of hand-held radar, so checks can easily be mounted.

- 124.6l The number 88 bus: this service will soon be discontinued, as it has not been used enough to justify its continuation.

124.7 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Community Council will be held at 7:30pm on the following dates:

Monday 30th January 1995, in **the Community Centre, Adelphi Grove.**

Monday 27th February 1995, in **the lesser Town Hall.**

Monday 27th March 1995, in **the lesser Town Hall.**

124.8 CAPITAL INFORMATION

After the meeting we were given a demonstration by Sally Kerr of the District Council of the user-friendly information system now housed in the Library. This contains much useful information about Council services and Health services, with a free telephone and fax machine direct to Council Offices.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 125th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 30th January 1995 at 7:30pm,
in the Community Centre, Adelphi Grove.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Portobello Initiative: Norman Hughes**
- 4. Promoting Portobello: Stephen Tait and David Bonar**
- 5. Matters arising**
- 6. Sub-committee Reports**
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. AOCB**
- 9. Dates of future meetings**