

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 126th meeting, held on 27th February 1995 in  
Portobello Town Hall.

## PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)  
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Ted Black, Sgt Lesley Boal, Celia Butterworth, Chris Cowie, Keith Jeffrey,  
Ray Lang, Sheila McIvor, George Murray, Shand Hutchison, Gordon Stirling, Margaret Smith,  
Elsie Thom.

## APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Lawrence Marshall, Sandy Smith, Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud.

### 126.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present, and announced that Janice Pauwels had had to cancel her visit to us at the last minute due to family illness. All being well, she has agreed to come to our next meeting instead.

### 126.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Shand Hutchison should have been shown as being present at the January meeting. With this correction, the minutes were accepted (proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Margaret Smith).

### 126.3 MATTERS ARISING

126.3a Joppa Tennis Courts: noone has checked to see if the nets are down.

126.3b Pumping Station: a visit has been arranged for Wednesday 15th March at 2pm.

126.3c Traffic Problems: a letter listing problems in Portobello and suggesting solutions has been sent to Stockbridge Community Council.

126.3d Hanging Baskets: at this time the only baskets which have a self-watering facility are those which have been purchased.

126.3e Youth Facilities: as no High School representatives were present, this item was carried forward.

126.3f Disbursement of funds: after a lively discussion on the merits of the various bids it was agreed to donate to the following:

- 1) Portobello Amenity Society, for a further four hanging baskets plus two brackets (£172).
- 2) Scottish Music Hall Society, to help with hall rent etc for a Harry Lauder exhibition (£100).
- 3) Portobello Community Festival Association, for 500 feet of bunting (£127.49).
- 4) Joppa Tennis Courts, to have court surfaces repaired and relined (half the cost up to about £210, depending on estimates).
- 5) Portobello Community Centre, to help with redecoration and curtains for the small hall (£200).

- 126.3g Christmas Decorations: the Secretary attended a further meeting in the City Chambers but no more information was available about brackets for shops. It is possible that we can go along to Granton to look at surplus decorations there. The Secretary will keep this in hand.
- 126.3h Library Community Room: Lawrence Marshall had already written on this matter; we await a reply.
- 126.3i Rosefield Park: a reply has been received to the Secretary's letter stating that the gates will be locked for a trial period but that this will not prevent access from the Industrial Estate or Baileyfield Road.

#### **126.4 REPORTS**

- 126.4a Police Report: Sgt Boal reported no fatal accidents last month, but there were four with injuries. There were 13 speed checks made in the Portobello district, but from the number of offenders detected we have no major problem, even in Seaview Terrace. Breaking into motor vehicles for the purpose of theft of goods and equipment seems to be on the increase.

#### **126.5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was agreed that as we have not used the Illuminations Account for several years, the money should be transferred to the Investment Account.

The accounts as at 27th February 1995 are:

Current Account:	£ 33.22
Premier Investment Account:	£1979.44
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 465.44

#### **126.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 126.6a Lease for Joppa Tennis Courts: it was pointed out that no lease has been signed since May 1993, nor has a satisfactory reply been received about the increased rent, although we have not so far had to pay it. The Secretary will write about this.
- 126.6b Cable TV Installation: The Secretary wrote to United Artists about the mess and upset being caused by their contractors. The latest reply we have had says that there have been very few complaints to their helpline number so we have to be specific about our complaints. Do you know of any poor reinstatement or rubbish and broken signs etc still left lying about? Advise the Secretary if you do.
- 126.6c Combined Community Councils: a meeting has been arranged by Morningside Community Council in the Dominion Cinema on 18th March. The Chairman, Celia Butterworth and George Murray will represent us.
- 126.6d Edinburgh Civic Forum of Amenity Societies: a meeting will be held in Cannonball House on Wednesday 19th April 1995 at 7:30pm. Shand Hutchison volunteered to go; Celia Butterworth has already been nominated by PAS.
- 126.6e Hall Booking: as we have been unable to settle the problem of finding a suitable meeting place, the Secretary suggested the Baptist Church Hall – which we can have every fourth Monday in each month for a donation of £10 a night. It was agreed that the Secretary would arrange this for an experimental period of three months.

126.6f Ramsey Tech Building: the Chairman gave us the information that there is a proposal for a two-star 50-bedroom hotel on this site with provision for 95 car parking spaces.

**126.7 FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meetings of the Community Council will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 27th March 1995 in Portobello Lesser Town Hall.

Meetings will be held on the following dates in Portobello Baptist Church Hall in the High Street, all starting at 7:30pm (subject to confirmation of bookings):

Monday 24th April 1995.

Monday 29th May 1995.

Monday 26th June.

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 127th meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held  
on Monday 27th March 1995 at 7:30pm,  
in the lesser Town Hall.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Environmental Action Plan: Janice Pauwels**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Reports**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Dates of future meetings**