

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 127th meeting, held on 27th March 1995 in
Portobello Town Hall.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

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

127.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present, and once again had to announce that Janice Pauwels was unable to attend.

127.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as correct (proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Ray Lang).

127.3 MATTERS ARISING

- 127.3a Joppa Tennis Courts: the nets are now down and the courts have been repaired, although relining still has to be done. We have been advised that the rent will be held at £50 with a review in 1996. A fund-raising day will be held in June, probably during the Gala week (10th–17th June).
- 127.3b Pumping Station visit: all those who attended found it most informative and interesting. Our thanks to the engineer, Bob Charleston, for showing us round.
- 127.3c Youth Facilities: carried forward until we hear from our youth representatives.
- 127.3d Disbursement of funds: letters of thanks have been received from all the recipients of moneys. The Secretary will write to P.C.F.A. with possible copy for an advertisement in the Festival programme.
- 127.3e Christmas Decorations: the Secretary will arrange to visit the store in Granton.
- 127.3f Library Community Room: a letter has been received saying that the room will be available for our meetings in future, but our decision to try the Baptist Church Hall has overtaken this. Thanks to Cllr Marshall for his help in this matter.
- 127.3g Rosefield Park: complaints were made by residents of West Brighton Crescent about the closure of the Park at night, but the general opinion was that there seems to be some decrease in noise and vandalism. The Police will be able to give figures later. It was decided to let the trial run.
- 127.3h Cable TV: further disruption by United Artists, and their contractors MacNicholas, was discussed. The meeting was not satisfied with the latest reply and it was decided that the Secretary would write again, with copy letters to Cllr Marshall and Gavin Strang.
- 127.3i Combined Community Councils: the Chairman gave a report on this meeting which had Dr Colin Currie and Robert Mitchell as speakers. The main points they had made about Care in the Community were that hip fractures were the most prevalent injury, and that it appears to

cost £85 to care in a hospital but only £7 to care at home, although this took no regard of the cost to the carer for time lost off work etc. Care in the community should be at least as good as care to be had in hospital. It seems that very few patients are actually suitable for care in the community, though it appears that the powers that be are trying to empty hospitals and homes.

No homes or hospitals in this area have been targeted for closure.

127.4 REPORTS

- 127.4a Police Report: Sgt Boal reported that all categories of crime were down in comparison to January's figures. The biggest problem in March was vandalism, in particular mass damage to cars in certain areas.

127.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts as at 27th March 1995 are:

Current Account:	£ 58.86
Premier Investment Account:	£1669.39
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 338.44

The Illuminations account has been closed, and the money transferred to the Investment account.

It was decided that we would change the current and Investment accounts to a Treasurer's Account, which will save us penalties for withdrawing money without 30 days' notice. The Treasurer will deal with this.

We have received another £200 in funding from the District Council.

127.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 127.6a Hope Lane Pillars: these old pillars have been found in a poor state in a Council store. PAS is trying to have them restored and a site found to show them. The Secretary will write in support to the Conservation Section of the District Council's Planning Department.
- 127.6b Planning and Transportation meeting: this will take place on 27th May, from 9:30am to 4pm in the old Royal High School Admission costs £5 at the door, and lunch will be provided.
- 127.6c Crime Prevention Panel: Constable Stephen French has organised a Skittles Night at the Right Wing on 30th April at 7pm. Those wishing to attend contact Stephen on 669 0581 or drop in to Portobello Police Station in the High Street.
- 127.6d Portobello High School: the go-ahead for the new wing has been given, but there doesn't appear to be any provision for a coffee lounge or drama wing, as promised.
- 127.6e Portobello Swim Centre: a booklet is now available showing the refurbishment plans.

127.7 FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the following dates in Portobello Baptist Church Hall in the High Street, starting at 7:30pm:

Monday 24th April.

Monday 29th May.

Monday 26th June.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 128th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 24th April 1995 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, High Street.

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**