

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 128th meeting, held on 24th April 1995 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Vice Chairman), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sgt Lesley Boal, Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Maureen Child,
George Murray, Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Gordon Stirling, Elsie Thom.

APOLOGIES:

Shand Hutchison, Lawrence Marshall, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Gavin Strang, Len Young.

128.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman – Sandy Smith – welcomed all those present, and in particular the new Councillor for Milton, Maureen Child.

This was our first meeting in the Baptist Church Hall. There had been some confusion about the entrance, which is on the Town Hall side of the Portobello Bar. The accommodation is good, and there is access for wheelchairs.

The Chairman expressed the meeting's condolences to the Secretary on his bereavement.

128.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as correct (proposed by George Murray, seconded by Harold Alexander-Bowen).

128.3 MATTERS ARISING

128.3a Joppa Tennis Courts: the repair and lining work on the courts has been completed. It is proposed to have a fund-raising Gala/Open Day, possibly on 3rd June.

128.3b Youth Facilities: carried forward until we hear from our youth representatives.

128.3c Rosefield Park: Police figures for vandalism and complaints will be available after the trial period.

128.3d Christmas Decorations: the Secretary and Chairman will meet Ian McFadyen on 4th May to look at what is available in the Granton depot.

128.3e Cable TV: the United Artists construction manager visited the Secretary at home, and our complaints were discussed at length. He gave assurances that all the work sites will be checked, although due to some cabinets being installed where they were not allowed, some further opening of pavements will have to take place to install the connecting points underground.

The manager is Richard Galloway, and he should be bombarded with complaints if you have any – on 539 0001.

128.3f Planning and Transportation meeting: as no delegates were appointed at our last meeting, anyone who wants to represent us should contact the Secretary for accreditation and expenses.

128.3g Skittles night: no applications are yet made for the social evening, probably because it will be a holiday weekend.

- 128.3h Portobello High School: some discussion took place about the cost of the promised facilities, but as the scheme is now long past the planning stage, further discussion was postponed until we have more information.
- 128.3i Portobello Swim Centre: the booklet now available shows the improvements proposed, such as disabled access, a new entrance, all changing rooms on the ground floor, and a crèche and refreshment room.

128.4 REPORTS

- 128.4a Police Report: Sgt Boal reported that there had been no fatal road accidents in the past month, but five serious injuries. Vandalism is still a problem, particularly involving cars. People should report all crime to the police, otherwise statistics cannot be correct. Police will keep a close watch on the Promenade after receiving complaints about graffiti there.

128.5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts as at 24th April 1995 are:

Treasurer's Account:	£1436.71
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 338.44

The old current account and Premier Investment account have been combined into a Treasurer's Account, as agreed at our March meeting.

128.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 128.6a Community Council insurance cover: a handout from Neta Sinclair concerning details of a blanket policy for Community Councils was discussed. It was agreed that we would support this idea and return the questionnaire.
- 128.6b Edinburgh Civic Forum: the report was held over until the next meeting to allow Shand Hutchison to make his contribution.
- 128.6c Kinnaird Park extension: the Cockburn Association have written objecting to the extension, mainly on the grounds of encroachment on the Green Belt and the effect on local businesses. Maureen Child has also raised objections. It was agreed that the Secretary would write, expressing our concern.

128.7 FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the following dates in Portobello Baptist Church Hall in the High Street (enter by the door to the right of the Portobello Bar), starting at 7:30pm:

Monday 29th May.

Monday 26th June.

Secretary's note: the Secretary thanks Kathleen Hart for providing the notes for these minutes.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 129th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 29th May 1995 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

AGENDA

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