

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 130th meeting, held on 26th June 1995 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Vice Chairman), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Sgt Peter Boni (Portobello Police), Celia Butterworth, Maureen Child, Shand Hutcheson, Ray Lang,
Lawrence Marshall, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Nick Stroud, Elsie Thom.

Twelve members of the public were also present.

APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Sheila McIvor, Yvonne Motion, Gavin Strang.

Note: people who wish to submit apologies at the last minute should notify Sandy Smith on 669 6534.

130.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those present, especially the members of the public, and Sgt Peter Boni who is taking over from Sgt Lesley Boal as the Community Council's representative of the Portobello Police. Lesley is returning to C.I.D. after her stint with the Tall Ships organisation.

The Chairman went on to pay tribute to our late Chairman, Len Young. A card from Betty Young thanking us for the flowers we sent her was read out. The Chairman will write to Mrs Young to express our appreciation of Len's efforts over many years with the Community Council.

130.2 ROSEFIELD TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman introduced Alasdair Gray, Area Manager for the North Edinburgh Transportation Division, who explained briefly the various stages that must be gone through between proposals for road closure and their implementation. There are three objectives for road developments:

- 1 To promote road safety
- 2 To achieve a healthier environment
- 3 To encourage economic development

The proposal for Rosefield Avenue was to close off the road at its junction with the High Street. An earlier proposal to close the road at the bowling green was rejected as this would mean providing two turning spaces and there would still be traffic conflict at the High Street junction.

The turning area will probably be T-shaped as this format takes up less space than a roundabout and will ensure that the fewest parking spaces are lost.

A lively question-and-answer session followed. Fears were expressed that drivers would reverse into Williamfield where there is no pavement. It was also pointed out that the sequence of the traffic lights at Bath Street would have to be altered to allow filtering to the right unimpeded by oncoming traffic.

All the ideas and suggestions will be considered when the proposal comes before the Council Transportation Committee on 7th August.

The Speaker was given a vote of thanks.

130.3 MATTERS ARISING

130.2a Appointment of Chairman: in order to clarify our constitutional position, and as there will be only two more meetings before a new Community Council is elected, it was agreed that Sandy Smith would now be Chairman. The position of Vice Chair will not be filled.

130.2b Joppa Tennis Courts: The new season starts on 3rd July and lasts for seven weeks. The courts will be open from 1pm to 8pm daily; charges for a 30 minute session are 75p for adults and 25p for children. The Club raised £122 from the Open Day.

Questions were asked about the number of users and what happened to money collected from them. It was felt that as we are responsible for the courts we should be able to answer such questions. The Treasurer reported that Neta Sinclair is trying to get an extra grant to help cover the cost of insurance. We will wait for the outcome of this before we decide how much we expect the Club to contribute.

130.2c Christmas decorations: a visit was made to the Granton warehouse but no suitable surplus decorations were available. The Secretary has a list of various suppliers but the cost of fairly large set pieces is high. This item is carried forward.

130.2d Planning and transportation meeting: Maureen Child reported that the meeting was well organised and run, but not very well attended.

130.2e Insurance cover: The questionnaire was completed and returned to Neta Sinclair to say that we would like to take up the offer. She is going to appeal on our behalf to get more money to cover the Tennis Club insurance.

130.2f Kinnaird Park extension: the Secretary wrote as instructed, but so far has had no acknowledgement. He will chase this up.

130.4 REPORTS

130.4a Police

Sgt Boni gave the report, saying that the figures for April and May had been as follows:

	April	May
traffic accidents	20	27
vandalism	20	24
stolen cycles	5	12

The traffic accidents were mostly just damage; there were no fatalities. Most of the cycles were stolen in the area between the High Street and the Promenade.

130.4b Treasurer

The accounts as at 26th June 1995 are:

Treasurer's Account:	£1100.90
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 318.44

130.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

130.5a Litter around Town Hall and Bank Square: concern was expressed about the fast food containers, chip bags etc that are around the pavement near the Town Hall and Bank. The Chairman will visit Kitchener's Deli to ask them to provide a litter bin at the shop door. Lawrence Marshall will talk to the Council Cleansing department about providing more bins in this area.

130.5b Portobello Amenity Society: a meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th June at 7:30pm at 4a Elcho Terrace to talk about future plans for Towerbank playground. Celia and Shand will attend.

A letter of thanks for our contribution towards the cost of the PAS Heritage Trail colour brochure has been received.

130.5c Scottish Music Hall Society: an exhibition/display will be mounted in our trophy case in the Library from 17th July. A commemorative plaque to Harry Lauder will be unveiled in the Town Hall on Friday 4th August at 11am. Afterwards there will be a short tour of the exhibition upstairs.

130.6 FUTURE MEETING

There will be no meeting in July.

The next 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 28th August.

Monday 25th September.

Secretary's note: Nomination papers for the new Community Council are now available in the Library, from where members are asked to collect them.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 131st meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 28th August 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**