

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 132nd meeting, held on 25th September 1995 in  
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

## PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Chairman), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)

Raymond Abbott (JTC), Isobel Allan, Joan Beattie, Sgt Peter Boni (Portobello Police),  
Cllr Maureen Child, Julia Cormack, Shand Hutchison, Osbert Lancaster, Sheila McIvor,  
George Murray, Beryl Neill, Lesley Reid, Margaret Smith, Gordon Stirling, Nick Stroud, Kenny  
Welsh (Police), Eric Wishart.

## APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Elsie Collier, Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Gavin Strang.

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

### 132.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present, and reminded us that as well as being the Chinese New Year, it was a new Community Council with several new members ready to carry on the good work for the next three years.

### 132.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were accepted as correct: proposed by George Murray and seconded by Margaret Smith.

At this point the Chairman handed over the meeting to the Returning Officer, Julia Cormack.

### 132.3 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Returning Officer read out the names of the 14 individual members and 14 Registered Groups, and called for nominations for the posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The following persons were elected:

Chairman:	<b>Sandy Smith</b>
Vice Chairman:	<b>Shand Hutchison</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Kathleen Hart</b>
Secretary:	<b>Tom Smith</b>

**Note:** As no other person would take on the Secretary's job it was agreed that Tom Smith would continue until such time as a volunteer could be found to do correspondence, at which time he would become Minute Secretary.

The Returning Officer having successfully launched the new Council handed the meeting back to Sandy Smith, who thanked her for all her trouble and a job well done.

### 132.4 MATTERS ARISING

132.4a Joppa Tennis Courts: the hut has now been painted but noone knows who paid for this: item continued.

- 132.4b Christmas decorations: the Secretary gave the cost of three strings of lights each 30 metres long as about £400. These would have to be erected by the District Council; the Chairman thinks that Scottish Power might help. There were several other suggestions for brightening up the Town Hall area for Christmas, such as boards with children's paintings to be erected on suitable scaffolding which could be sponsored by local firms.
- 132.4c Litter around the Town Hall: Letters from Lawrence Marshall and the High School Headmaster were read out. The Headmaster will make announcements at morning assembly and would like to hear from us if the situation does not improve..
- 132.4d "Towerbank Playground" (on Prom by Toddlers' Hut): Shand Hutchison has spoken to several schools who would want to do painting themselves. More information will be available at the next meeting. Item continued.
- 132.4e Signposting and plaques: item continue for further report from Celia.
- 132.4f Disturbance at Fun Fair: acknowledgement of the Secretary's letter of complaint to the Chairman of the Licensing Board has been received, with the promise of a letter to follow.

## **132.5 REPORTS**

### **132.5a Police**

Sgt Boni gave the information that overall crime in the area was 15% down in August. Traffic accidents were down by 30, with no fatalities and only nine injuries. There were only eight crimes of violence.

### **132.5b Treasurer's Report**

The accounts as at 25th September 1995 are:

Treasurer's Account:	£1645.53
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 372.36

The Treasurer handed round copies of our accounts to March 1995 for information. They have already been seen and accepted by the District Council. It was agreed that a £25 book token should be sent to the auditor in appreciation of the work he has done for us.

## **132.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 132.6a Hall letting: The Secretary pointed out that if it was our intention to continue to hold our meetings in the Church Hall we would have to confirm this with the Church. Meetings will be held every last Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The Secretary will deal with this..
- 132.6b P.C.F.A. trophies: all trophies should be returned to the display case as soon as possible. The Chairman will deal with this.
- 132.6c Universal Markets: this organisation wants to run market stalls in Towerbank playground. This item will be on the agenda for the October meeting.
- 132.6d Complaints against JTC: Maureen Child intimated that neighbours around the Joppa Tennis Courts have complained to her about noise and people retrieving tennis balls from gardens. They are also concerned about Sunday opening and out-of-hours activity.

The JTC representative reported that noise is made by children playing in the area and is not necessarily caused by JTC members. He also said that only keyholders for the Courts would be playing on a Sunday and they were hopefully responsible adults. The committee have asked members to ask for the return of the stray balls and not to go into gardens uninvited.

Maureen will arrange a meeting with interested parties to try to resolve the problem amicably.

### **132.7 FUTURE MEETINGS**

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 30th October

Monday 27th November

\*\*\* No meeting in December \*\*\*

Monday 29th January 1996

Monday 26th February

Monday 25th March

# **PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 133rd meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held  
on Monday 30th October 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. Universal Markets in Towerbank Playground**
- 5. Reports**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Dates of future meetings**