

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 139th meeting, held on 27th May 1996 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Chairman), Tom Smith (Secretary)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child, Shand Hutchison,
Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Insp Keith Marwick, George Murray, Alison Robinson, Sgt Peter Scholes,
David Turner, Kathleen Ward.

APOLOGIES:

Joan Beattie, Sandy Begg, Kathleen Hart, Keith Jeffrey, Osbert Lancaster, Lesley Reid, Margaret Smith,
Nick Stroud, Gavin Strang.

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

139.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present.

139.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29th APRIL

George Murray wished to correct the wording of 138.6(d) to read "...will try to draw up a list of Council services in our area which seem likely to be affected by the reduction in central government grants."

With this change, the Minutes of the last meeting were accepted (proposed by Kathleen Ward, seconded by Harold Alexander-Bowen).

139.3 MATTERS ARISING

- 139.3a Towerbank playground: Shand reported that he attended the opening, as did the Depute Director of Recreation and lots of children. The shelter will be painted according to his suggestions, ready for the creation of the murals.
- 139.3b Signposting and Plaques: Celia reported that Scottish Natural heritage (SNH) have received our application for funding and have offered advice about the siting of the bird information board. They think it should be nearer the Pumping Station rather than at the Salt Pans, but this will be resolved later. Lawrence is still negotiating the use of the Portobello Coat of Arms.
- 139.3c Universal Markets: No planning application has yet been lodged, but the operator has been pursuing enquiries with the Police and the Licensing Board.
- 139.3d Training for community councils: this course was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Secretary will write to ask if a full day's training with meals etc was necessary, as we felt that the cost (£28 per person) might have put off some Community Councils.

139.4 REPORTS

139.4a Police

Sgt Scholes gave the April report as follows:

Vehicular accidents: in April there was a total of 19 accidents. Thankfully only four of these involved injury, with no fatalities.

Crime statistics: The underlying trend for the reduction in reported crime continues. Again, however, there has been a small increase in the crimes involving dishonesty in certain parts of the Portobello area.

139.4b Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary reported that the accounts as at 27th May 1996 are:

Treasurer's Account:	£1347.57
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 384.86

The rent for the Tennis Courts has been paid for the year, and the Insurance is confirmed to be up-to-date, with no further payments required from J.T.C.

139.4c Future Search

The first meeting has taken place and the second will be later this week. The way forward seems to point to enlarging the size of the group taking part in the discussions, and the Chairman's proposal to invite Community groups to a social gathering would seem to be a good opportunity to do this.

139.4d Illuminations

We have already received two donations through talking to shopkeepers. A list of possible contributors has been drawn up, and it was agreed that a letter asking for donations would be sent to everyone on this list.

139.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

139.6a Anniversary of amalgamation with Edinburgh: after some discussion about the propriety of spending public money in these cash-strapped times, it was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Chief Executive asking that the City of Edinburgh Council host an event in the Town Hall appropriate to the occasion, on 1st November 1996.

139.5b Portobello Museum: a meeting has taken place at which various interested parties discussed a feasibility study to provide a museum, perhaps with lottery funding, on a site next to the Fun Park on the Promenade, or even in the Portobello Tower.

139.5c Trees at Joppa Pumping Station: a report from the Recreation Department confirms that nine out of the 12 trees are dead. Replacement is the responsibility of the new East of Scotland Water Authority. Mr Hay of the Recreation Department is pursuing this matter, to have the trees replaced as soon as possible.

139.6 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 24th June

Monday 29th July

*** No meeting in August ***

Monday 30th September (AGM)

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 140th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 24th June 1996 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. AOCB**
- 6. Dates of future meetings**