

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 148th meeting, held on 28th April 1997 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Shand Hutchison (Vice Chair), Sasha Callaghan (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Telfer Blacklock, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child, Diana Foster,
Keith Jeffrey, Osbert Lancaster, Sheila McIvor, Insp. Keith Marwick, Alison Miller, Brenda Molony,
George Murray, Tom Nimmo, Lesley Reid, Alison Robinson, John Rostron, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith,
David Turner, A/Sgt Simon Young.

APOLOGIES:

Sandy Smith, Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud, Kathleen Ward.

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

148.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

In Sandy Smith's absence Shand Hutchison took the Chair and opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

148.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 31st MARCH

These were accepted as a true record (proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Kathleen Hart).

148.3 MATTERS ARISING

- 148.3a Credit Unions: a meeting took place of two or three interested people who have decided to push ahead with a view to starting up a Credit Union. This will require 12-15 people who are prepared to undertake training and who will then be required to help run the scheme. Only when the nucleus has been assembled will people be asked to join.
- 148.3b Information Plaques: this item continues; a date for the unveiling ceremony will be notified later.
- 148.3c Pottery Museum: we have received a letter of support for the project and also an offer of help from Mark James. Our sub-committee has produced their report, a copy of which is in Portobello Library.
- 148.3d Air quality in Portobello High Street: we await a reply from the City Council; item continues.
- 148.3e Le Vineyard: we have not yet received a reply from Planning, but the Civic Trust has objected to the proposals. They want the site to be an "open space". Item continues.
- 148.3f Community Forum: item continues.
- 148.3g General Election: more than 130 people attended on the night and everyone agreed that it was a great success. The Community Council placed on record its appreciation of the hard work put in by Sasha Callaghan and Sandy Smith to set up the meeting, and to Calum McDougall for the fair-but-firm way he took charge of the meeting.
- 148.3h P.C.F.A. trophies: item continues.

- 148.3i Wheelie Bins: an answer received from the City Council is not satisfactory, so Shand has written asking for replies to specific questions; item continues.
- 148.3j Portobello Economic Study: both the Community Council and the Amenity Society (PAS) will be asked to attend when this matter is discussed by the City Council. It was agreed that Maureen would invite Andrew Lyon to address our May meeting.
- 148.3k Hope Lane pillars: the Secretary will write to the Chief Executive concerning our wish that the Pillars be brought back to Portobello, hopefully to the Pottery Museum.
- 148.3l Towerbank Sports Complex: the Scottish Sports Council, which administers lottery money, has set conditions for additional funding at Towerbank which the School Board believes to be both unattainable and undesirable, though at the same time deeply regretting the loss of this opportunity to provide a much-needed facility in Portobello. The School is still very hopeful that the City Council will find the money for the gym in the coming financial year, however.

148.4 REPORTS

148.4a Public Transport sub-group

Awaiting report-back; item continues.

148.4b Police

Inspector Marwick commented on an initiative which is to be launched in early May, aimed at addressing the dog-fouling problem. Two Dog Wardens from the City of Edinburgh Council will be patrolling the trouble spots in Portobello for an initial four-week trial period. During this time the preventative aspects of the issue will be addressed by handing out advice, information and 'pooper scoopers'. If enforcement is necessary, the Police will be summoned by mobile telephone and offenders will be reported when appropriate.

A/Sgt Young announced the forthcoming Speedwatch Scotland Campaign starting on 12th May. This anti-speeding operation will run for three weeks. Posters and leaflets will in connection with this Campaign are to be distributed soon and will be available at Portobello Police Station. Officers at Portobello have given recent attention to areas where there have been complaints about speeding. 'Hand-held' radar checks have been implemented and a number of Neighbourhood Watch groups have been contacted to raise general awareness. In addition to this, local vehicle sales and service garages have been consulted regarding the testing and demonstration routes of vehicles in streets which serve residential areas.

148.4c Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the accounts as at 28th April 1997 are:

Treasurer's Account:	£1184.82
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 671.21

148.4d Future Search

Several letters about dog-fouling have been received from the public; Maureen has written to Environmental Health and Cleansing.

148.4e Twinning Portobello

As Edinburgh is already twinned with 13 other towns, and a team of 10-12 people would be needed to advance this idea, it was agreed that we drop it until some future date.

148.4f Cycling

Further meetings have taken place, and a report will be presented to the May meeting.

148.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

148.5a East of Scotland Water: has called a meeting on 6th May in Buckstone Terrace to meet community councils; Celia and Shand will represent us.

148.5b Planning Applications: it was agreed that PAS will act as a sub-committee of the Community Council in planning matters, but will refer back to us for support and our comments in order that both PAS and the Community Council can write letters of opposition or support.

The Secretary will write to object to the proposed development at 25 Pittville Street.

148.5c Community Focus Workshop: the report of the Workshop has been published and shows very similar findings to the Future Search meeting. A further meeting will take place in May, and another in the Autumn to review progress.

148.5d Portobello High School Gym: the building is now almost complete; the Community Council will be invited to inspect it in mid-May.

148.6 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting 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 26th May

Monday 30th June

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 149th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 26th May 1997 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Andrew Lyon: Portobello Economic Study**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Reports**
- 6 AOCB**
- 7. Dates of future meetings**