

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 151st meeting, held on 28th July 1997 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sandy Begg, Sgt. James Brooks, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child,
Dawson Currie, Osbert Lancaster, Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Insp. Keith Marwick, Brenda Molony,
George Murray, Alison Robinson, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, David Turner,

APOLOGIES:

Isobel Allen, Shand Hutchison, Marjorie Jenkins-Thomas, Anne Millan, Beryl Neill, Tom Nimmo,
Lesley Reid, Nick Stroud Gavin Strang, Lilian Warwick,

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

151.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present and apologised for the late start. We had to move to an upstairs room in the Church as the Hall was occupied by a youth mission.

151.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26th MAY

These minutes had not been formally adopted at the last meeting; they were moved by Harold Alexander-Bowen and seconded by Celia Butterworth without further discussion.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30th JUNE

Several inaccuracies were pointed out:

- The date was shown as 30th May instead of 30th June.
- Item numbers were 149 instead of 150.
- Item lettering in section 6 was wrong.
- Our representative in the final item of section 6 should read Alison Robinson (not Robertson)

With these corrections the minutes were accepted: proposed by David Turner, seconded by Osbert Lancaster.

151.3 MATTERS ARISING

151.3a Information Plaques: Celia has written eight letters asking for donations for the Pottery Board, and has had six refusals so far.

151.3b Air quality in Portobello High Street: item continues.

151.3c Le Vineyard: item continues.

151.3d P.C.F.A. trophies: further discussion took place and it was agreed that the Chairman would try to resolve this matter.

- 151.3e Planning Applications: as the Secretary was not present this item continues. We will always have Planning on the agenda for future meetings.
- 151.3f Community Focus Workshop: a list of local achievements is not yet drawn up, but we are invited to attend a discussion with other community councils to give our views on the development of the Forth river and estuary. Osbert will attend.
- 151.3g Brunstane Road traffic: Maureen gave a report of the meeting held on 24th June in Jewel & Esk Valley College, which was attended by 125 people plus officials. The meeting broke into small groups each led by someone from the City Development Department. At the end of the meeting people at least seemed to be listening to the other side's point of view. It appeared that most people were *against the* closure of Brunstane Road. The matter will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Council, on 11th August.
- 151.3h Telferton allotments: item continues; there are petition sheets in the Library for anyone who wants to support the preservation of the allotments.
- 151.3i Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting: this event is being held from 24th to 27th October in the Edinburgh Conference Centre. The City is asking that a series of Commonwealth-themed events be held. If you have any ideas contact the Chairman on 669 6534.
- 151.3j Loyalty Card: Maureen is going to call a further meeting with businesses and customers to explore ways to develop the scheme.
- 151.3k Christmas lighting and carol singing: some more decorations have been donated by Jenners (surplus to their requirements), so no appeal for funds will be made this year. The provision of brackets on the Town Hall has not yet been agreed but hopefully this will go ahead. If it does we will need three trees this year: two for the roof and one for the vestibule.
- Celia agreed to contact the local schools to arrange suitable dates for carol singing at several venues.
- 151.3l Lord Lyon: As Shand was not present this item continues.
- 151.3m Headed notepaper: probably the cheapest and easiest way to produce this would be by computer, which some of the committee could probably do, but a suggestion was made that we should contact Curtis Fine Paper of Penicuik to see what they would be able to do.
- 151.3n Public conveniences: Maureen is still trying to have the closure decision overturned, but by closing five units in the town one mobile cleaning squad can be withdrawn. Any extension of working hours would not be economically viable.
- 151.3o Pottery Museum: Alison Robinson gave a very comprehensive report of the meeting in the City Chambers, with representatives of both the City and National Museums present. The main points brought out were:
- We have the support of both museum bodies and of the City Council.
 - Lottery money is needed.
 - A Heritage Fund application could be considered if we acquire the Tower and the adjoining Victorian mansion.

We will be represented on the steering committee and also in the three groups which will report to David Lohead in the Strategic Policy Department.

Lawrence reported that a draft Lottery bid has been drawn up.

151.4 REPORTS

151.4a Police

Inspector Marwick provided information about the Force's seasonal initiatives, Festival Watch and Operation Parasol. This activity covers a wide range of actions, including high-profile foot patrols, multilingual Police Officers patrolling tourist areas, and cycle patrols.

This activity has in the past concentrated on the City centre. This year the objective is to develop the activity in areas outwith the centre. The Police in Portobello will undertake all the above activities.

Sgt Brooks was invited to explain the Crimestopper Initiatives, as the Community Council has received a request for financial assistance with these. He described the main objectives and rationale behind the scheme

151.4b Treasurer's Report

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

Treasurer's Account:	£1920.09
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 872.64

A report from Joppa Tennis Club was read out, saying that the Open Day had gone quite well and the Recreation Department is cutting the grass on the putting green, though there are still weeds on the tennis courts.

So far the wages for the helpers have been paid out of receipts, and some money has been given to our Treasurer. Activities around the courts have been monitored to prevent any reoccurrence of complaints from neighbours, and so far all is well.

151.4c Cycling

This item will be on the October agenda.

151.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 151.5a Brighton Residents Barbecue: the annual Barbecue held in Brighton Park has been blighted this year by the fact that for the first time it is required to be covered by Public Liability insurance, at a cost of £148. The Community Council felt that it was not appropriate to make a donation to this group, but they were given several ideas which hopefully will at least reduce the cost.
- 151.5b Car Club: Osbert is keen to explore the possibility of setting up a Car Club in Portobello (such a scheme is already operating in Marchmont). Members would have access to a car when they needed one. Anyone interested should contact Osbert on 468 0140.
- 151.5c Strategy for Portobello: this would be a spinoff from the Community Focus workshop (151.3f). Osbert will write up the result of various workshops held in the past year, so we can draw up a strategy for Portobello. We would then be able to prioritise our activities in line with what the local community wants. Sandy and Celia will assist.
- 151.5d Credit Union: the next meeting for those interested will take place in Towerbank Annexe on Thursday 28th August at 7:30pm.

151.5e Crime Prevention Panel Tea Dance: this will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 9th September at 2:30pm. Tickets are available from PC Donnie Shaw at Portobello Police Station, for £1.50 each. It was agreed that we would give a donation of £50 to this.

151.6 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:

**** No meeting in August ****

Monday 29th September **** AGM ****

Monday 27th October

Monday 24th November

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 15th Annual General Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 29th September 1997 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous meeting (28th July)**
- 3. Reports for the year: Chairman
 Treasurer**
- 4. Sustainable Communities Project (speaker)**
- 5. AOCB**
- 6. Dates of future meetings**

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- 3. Matters arising from meeting of 30th June**
- (4. Cycling: held over due to Lesley Reid's unavailability)**
- 5. Reports**
- 6 AOCB**
- 7. Dates of future meetings**