

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 159th meeting, held on 25th May 1998 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Shand Hutchison Vice Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child, Dawson Currie, Keith Jeffrey,
Marjorie Jenkins-Thomas, Gerry McFeely, Sheila McIvor, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith,
Marjory Shepherd, Nick Stroud, Sgt John Townsend.

APOLOGIES:

Lynn Aitchison, Sandy Begg, Linda Kelly, Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Anne Millan, Brenda Molony,
Sandy Smith, Gavin Strang, David Turner, Kathleen Ward.

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

159.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Shand Hutchison in the Chair welcomed all present, in particular another new (to us) Community Policeman, Sgt John Townsend, and the new Treasurer of Joppa Tennis Club, Marjory Shepherd.

159.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 27th APRIL 1998

Marjorie Jenkins-Thomas pointed out that in item 158.31, Swim Centre, paragraph one, Maureen had been misinformed and breach of hygiene regulations was not a factor in the failure of the local cooperative to win the catering contract.

With this correction, the minutes were accepted as a true record: proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by George Murray.

159.3 MATTERS ARISING

159.3a Information Plaques: Celia reported that the search for funding continues, but that LEEL can provide gap funding (they will match funding from other sources). The plan is for seven boards in total, for which some £12,700 would be required.

159.3b Brunstane Road traffic: Maureen hopes to report on this at the next meeting.

159.3c Lord Lyon: the scroll is now in the display case in the Library.

159.3d Car Club: item continues.

159.3e Letterheaded Notepaper: Celia will try to get samples in black-and-white with the coat of arms on the left side and right side.

159.3f Amalgamation Event video: still being passed around.

159.3g Information at Bus Stops: the LRT information is now in place and seems satisfactory, but complaints were made about the changes to the 85 and 86 bus stops without consultation. The Secretary will write about this.

159.3h Edinburgh Crossrail: the Secretary was instructed to write to the City Council in support of this initiative, which holds out the possibility of a train station for Portobello.

159.4 REPORTS

159.4a Police

Sgt Townsend gave a brief report and explained the thinking behind the Police initiative on vandalism and malicious damage, through which they hope to be able to make parents aware of the actions of their children and obtain reparation for victims. He also agreed to look into a complaint about young people smashing bottles in Rosefield Park, and also about pavement parking in Bath Street, for example by parents taking their children to Towerbank Nursery.

159.4b Treasurer's Report

The accounts as at 25th May 1998 are as follows:

Treasurer's Account: £ 883.08

Joppa Tennis Courts: £ 786.86

159.4c Joppa Tennis Club

There has been a public meeting which was well attended, and it appears that the Club will be able to carry on. As support from the Recreation Department is likely to be finished, it is imperative that some way is found to finance day-to-day maintenance such as grass-cutting. The opening day is 30th May, and Maureen is trying to arrange a one-off grass cutting and weed killing to ensure that all goes well. It was agreed that the insurance would be paid out of the JTC account.

159.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

159.5a Police Officer for the Millennium competition: it was agreed after discussion that we would donate £50 towards prizes for this competition organised by the Portobello Youth Action Group and supported by Portobello Crime Prevention Panel.

159.5b Association of Scottish Community Councils: there were no volunteers either to be nominated for the Executive Committee or to attend the AGM on 13th June 1998.

159.5c Community Council triennial elections: likely dates in the run-up to the election in September are:

18th August: Notice of election (in Evening News etc)

1st September: Close of nominations/registrations

15th September: Notice of Poll (if required)

29th September: Polling Day (if required).

Because of these dates it was decided that there would not be a Community Council meeting in July, and that the August meeting will be held on the 24th – *not* the last Monday of the month.

159.5d Portobello Map: Nick Stroud has produced a draft Portobello Map for possible display at tourist information points and for sale through the Library. Anyone interested in this was asked to suggest how it might be improved. Nick will write to the Librarian to ask if they could sell it.

159.6 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 29th June

*** NO MEETING IN JULY ***

Monday 24th August

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 160th meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 29th June 1998 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 25th May 1998**
- 3. Matters arising from meeting of 25th May**
- 4. Reports**
- 5. Planning**
- 6. AOCB**
- 7. Dates of future meetings**