

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 160th meeting, held on 29th June 1998 in  
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

## PRESENT:

Sandy Smith (Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)  
Lynn Aitchison, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sandy Begg, Cllr Maureen Child, Dawson Currie,  
Shand Hutchison, Wilma Irvine, Keith Jeffrey, Marjorie Jenkins-Thomas, Linda Kelly,  
Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Marianne Mason, Brenda Molony, George Murray, Lesley Reid, Margaret Smith,  
Tom Smith, Nick Stroud, Sgt John Townsend, David Turner.

## APOLOGIES:

Celia Butterworth, James McGachie, Anne Millan, Gavin Strang, Hazel Thomas.

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

### 160.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present.

### 160.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25th MAY 1998

The Treasurer pointed out that item 159.4(c) was incorrect, in that it was the rental for the tennis courts, not the insurance, which would be paid from the JTC account.

With this correction, the minutes were accepted as a true record: proposed by Keith Jeffrey, seconded by Margaret Smith.

### 160.3 MATTERS ARISING

160.3a Information Plaques: Shand Hutchison gave a report on the latest situation. Replies to requests for funding are still awaited from Shell Better Britain (£1,000 requested), Forward Scotland (£500), and Transco (£1,000). After some discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would give £250 to Plaque funding in the knowledge that this would be matched by LEEL. The plaques project was also considered for part of the £5,000 Cowarm prize won by the Milton Ward (see also item 160.4c).

160.3b Brunstane Road traffic: the results and analysis should be ready in late Autumn (another firm has taken on the job).

160.3c Car Club: the latest update was contained in a handout to members of the Community Council. It is hoped that a startup date before the end of Autumn can be achieved. For more information call Roger Haydon (Lothian and Edinburgh Environmental Partnership, 555 4010), or Brian Torrance (City of Edinburgh Council, 469 3621).

160.3d Letterheaded Notepaper: Lesley Reid produced a number of samples showing the Crest in three different positions on several different grades of paper, from which Shand and the Secretary will make a choice to be ratified by the Community Council.

160.3e Amalgamation Event video: still circulating.

- 160.3f Information at Bus Stops: a reply has been received from LRT saying that the Morton Street stop will be reinstated for the X85/X86 services, but not the stops between Jock's Lodge and King's Road.
- 160.3g Community Council Triennial Elections: the dates given in last month's minutes have been confirmed.

All forms for Nominations for Elected Representatives must be with the Returning Officer, Ms Joyce Campbell, Portobello Library, Rosefield Avenue, and for Registration of Local Interest Groups to the City Chambers, by 4pm on 1st September 1998.

- 160.3g Portobello Map: several corrections/additions to the map have been suggested. After further improvements it is proposed to offer copies of the map for sale in Portobello Library, at a price to cover the cost of production, and under the auspices of the Community Council. This was agreed. Nick Stroud will contact the Community Councils Liaison Officer in the City Council to find out if there are any restrictions on trading by community councils.

## **160.4 REPORTS**

### **160.4a Police**

Sgt Townsend began by reporting back on vandalism in Rosefield Park and pavement parking in Bath Street. Both matters had been investigated, and several youths in the Park had been warned about their behaviour. As expected, the pavement parking was caused by parents taking their children to the Nursery, and it was hoped that this would now cease.

Sgt Townsend then presented various crime statistics for the previous month, but questioned whether this was the sort of information the Community Council wants, as figures don't tell us much unless taken over a longer period so that trends can be seen and police initiatives evaluated.

Sgt Townsend also reported on the new role for traffic wardens, in keeping the City's Greenways clear. Parking offences are to be decriminalised from 5th October, but the wardens will be replaced by a private firm, employed by the City Council, who will be empowered to clamp or remove offending vehicles.

### **160.4b Treasurer's Report**

The accounts as at 29th June 1998 are as follows:

Treasurer's Account:	£1516.62 (includes the 1998/9 grant of £783)
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 876.86

### **160.4c Joppa Tennis Club**

The season is now under way, and 23 new members have signed up, generating £460 income. There is still a problem with grass-cutting: the last cut cost £40. However Lynn Aitchison offered a petrol-driven lawnmower, so all that is now required is volunteer labour.

With reference to item 160.3a, the JTC was chosen to benefit from the Cowarm award. It was agreed that the Community Council would open a high-interest account, called the 'Cowarm Project account', until such time as it can be ascertained how much additional funding JTC can raise. About £20,000 is needed to resurface the courts.

### **160.4d Sustainable Communities; Community Indicators**

Marianne Mason handed out information booklets outlining progress so far with this enterprise. The next meeting of the Community Indicators group will be on Thursday 23rd July at 7pm in the Community Centre, Adelphi Grove.

#### **160.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 160.5a Credit Union: there are still not enough trained people to ask for registration, but there is still a lot of groundwork to be done. Proposals for a boundary for the Credit Union area have been made, and local businesses, schools and residents have to be surveyed. Helpers are needed to deliver leaflets to houses, starting in mid-July. Contact David Turner (669 1308) if you can help.
- 160.5b Sewage disposal: Shand gave a summary of East of Scotland Water's plans to cope with sewage once dumping at sea becomes illegal at the end of 1998. A consortium of English water companies will build a processing plant at Seafield to turn sludge into dry pellets to be returned to agricultural land. Smell and traffic should both be considerably reduced.

#### **160.6 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 JULY \*\*\*

Monday 24th August

Monday 28th September \*\*\* AGM \*\*\*

# **PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 161st meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held  
on Monday 24th August 1998 at 7:30pm,  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 29th June 1998**
- 3. Matters arising from meeting of 29th June**
- 4. Sustainable Communities; Community Indicators: Marianne Mason**
- 5. Reports**
- 6. Planning**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Dates of future meetings**