

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 161st meeting, held on 24th August 1998 in
Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Shand Hutchison (Vice-Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)
Lynn Aitchison, Telfer Blacklock, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Cllr Maureen Child, Dawson Currie,
Margaret Downie, Keith Jeffrey, Linda Kelly, James McGachie, Cllr Lawrence Marshall,
Marianne Mason, Steve Morris, Beryl Neill, Tom Nimmo, Marjory Shepherd, Margaret Smith,
Tom Smith, Nick Stroud, Sgt John Townsend, Mary Wilson.

APOLOGIES:

Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Anne Millan, Brenda Molony, George Murray, Sandy Smith,
Gavin Strang, Hazel Thomas, David Turner.

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

161.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Sandy Smith is once more laid low, so Shand Hutchison took the Chair and welcomed all present.

He then invited Mary Wilson to say a few words about her proposed 500 mile cycle ride in Brazil in aid of LEPROA, an organisation set up to help people suffering from leprosy. Mary explained that she is looking for individual and corporate sponsors, and that it costs as little as £21 to cure someone of this disease which still carries a great social stigma. After some discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would donate £50 to this cause. Anyone who wishes to make donations can contact Mary on 669 1456. Receipts will be provided.

161.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29th JUNE 1998

The minutes were accepted as a true record: proposed by Keith Jeffrey, seconded by James McGachie.

161.3 MATTERS ARISING

- 161.3a Information Plaques: Shand reported that funds now stand at £5,142, and the sub-committee would be grateful to have ideas and suggestions for inclusion on the boards still to be provided. As some of the people who are being asked for funding need to know specifically who owns the boards, with the Amenity Society's agreement and as we pay the insurance costs, it was agreed that the Community Council will assume responsibility for all the boards.
- 161.3b Brunstane Road traffic: the new consultants will be monitoring traffic patterns once the Jewel & Esk Valley College and schools have started their new terms.
- 161.3c Car Club: Budget Car Rentals have been asked to run the scheme; item continues.
- 161.3d Letterheaded Notepaper: a choice has been made of the format and paper quality but it was agreed that it should be left to the incoming Council to place an order.
- 161.3e Amalgamation Event video: no one seems to know who has got the video now. Whoever has it is requested to bring it to the next meeting so that it can be put back into circulation.

161.4 REPORTS

161.4a Sustainable Communities and Local Indicators

Marianne Mason gave a report on progress so far. The next step is to contact, consult and involve about 20 local groups in order to lay out a framework for their active participation. This should take place during September.

161.4b Police

Sgt Townsend gave his report, which included the accident and crime statistics for August. There had been seven accidents involving vehicles with people injured, and one fatal accident. It has been calculated that a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle costs £1,000,000 in total, and those involving injuries cost some £600,000 each.

In lighter vein we were shown the winning entries for the 'Millennium Police Officer' competition, which have been made up into a poster which will shortly be on display in local libraries. They are definitely worth going to see! The winners are:

S1/2: Lynsey Cowan (Portobello High School)

P4/5: Gary Hill (St Ninian's Primary)

P6/7: Lesley Bonyng (St John's Primary)

161.4c Treasurer's Report

The accounts as at 24th August 1998 are as follows:

Treasurer's Account: £1318.35

Joppa Tennis Courts: £ 816.36

With regard to the Cowarm Award, the Secretary wrote to ask that the £5,000 be made payable to the Community Council, but despite a follow-up telephone call no progress has been made towards setting up the special account. Maureen Child will chase this up.

161.4d Joppa Tennis Club

The Junior Tournament was well-supported; the Senior Tournament takes place in September. This season saw 38 family memberships taken out, bringing in an income of £760.

161.5 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on the following date 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 28th September *** AGM ***

This will be the 16th AGM, at which new Office Bearers will be elected, followed by the 162nd Ordinary Meeting.

Secretary's Note: James McGachie and Hazel Thomas, our two Portobello High School representatives, now leave us to go on to greater things. We thank them for their contributions and participation. Good luck to you both!

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 17th Annual General Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held
on Monday 28th September 1998 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street.

AGENDA

1. **Chairman's Welcome**
2. **Returning Officer: Ms Joyce Campbell, with results of the Nominations/Poll.**
3. **Election of Office Bearers:**
 - Chair**
 - Vice Chair**
 - Secretary**
 - Treasurer**
4. **Reports for the year: Chairman
 Treasurer**
5. **Close of AGM:**
 - new Office Bearers take over for Ordinary Meeting no 162**

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- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 24th August 1998**
- 3. Matters arising from meeting of 24th August**
- 4. Reports**
- 5. Planning**
- 6. AOCB**
- 7. Dates of future meetings**