

Portobello Community Council

Minutes of the 162nd meeting held on 28 September 1998
in Portobello Baptist Church hall

Present:

Lynn Aitchison, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child, Dawson Currie, Margaret Downie, Kathleen Hart, Shand Hutchison (in chair), Keith Jeffrey, Linda Kelly, Sheila Kennedy, Sheila MacIver, Nora Mackenzie, Marianne Mason, Brenda Molony, George Murray, Beryl Neill, Pat Ralph, Sandy Smith, George Sneath, John Stewart, Nick Stroud, Sgt J Townsend, David Turner.

Apologies:

Tom Smith, Margaret Smith, Steve Morris, Cllr Lawrence Marshall, Sandy Begg, Maria Fergusson

Item		Action by:
	Following on from the AGM, Shand Hutchison took the Chair.	
162.1.	<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> of 24 August 1998- approved. <i>Clarification was sought as to whether this had been the 16th or 17th AGM.</i>	TS
162.2	<u>Matters arising</u>	
162.2a	Information plaques. Final amount raised is £6300 with matched funding of £6000 from LEEL. Pottery Board is well into production, and others will be produced on a rolling cycle. <i>The funds have not been audited.</i> The achievement of Celia and her sub-committee was commended.	KH
162.2b	Brunstane Road traffic. The survey is about to be done and should go to the Transportation Committee on 5 October 1998.	
162.2c	Car Club. Budget Car Rentals has been awarded the contract, to start in the Marchmont area, and will expand according to demand and the availability of off-street parking spaces.	
162.2d	Headed Paper. Typeface has been chosen. <i>The new Council members will need to decide quantities.</i>	All
162.2e	Video. Now seems to be lost. <i>Does anyone know where it is?</i>	All
162.3	<u>Reports</u>	
162.3a	Sustainable Communities. Marianne gave an update on this. The sub-group is meeting to establish a set of indicators that will measure the quality of life in Portobello. Local organisations will be consulted between October and January to establish where the concerns are, and how these could be measured. Osbert Lancaster will start this consultation at the next meeting of the Community Council - <i>bring along any ideas.</i> Funding for continuation of Marianne's post is uncertain, and Marianne herself is moving on to a new post with Edinburgh Environment Partnership.	All

- 162.3b **Police Report.** Sgt Townsend gave update figures of local crime. Of concern this month had been 11 vehicle injury accidents. A speeding campaign is about to start. The Tea Dance was a great success. The Junior Crime prevention Panel has donated £50 to the Sunshine Club. A unit will be present at the Fort family week-end (31 Oct - 1 Nov). There is a new neighbourhood Watch in Coillesdene, bringing the total in the area to 39.
- 162.3c **Treasurer's Report.** £1262.66 in Treasurer's Account
£816.36 in Joppa tennis Court Account.
£50 has been sent to the leprosy mission.
New signatories are needed for the Joppa Tennis Court Account. KH
A gift of £25 was agreed to be sent to the Returning Officer.
Scott & Paterson were thanked for auditing the accounts -*a gift will be sent.*
Co-Warm account - the cheque is "in the post".
- 162.3d **Joppa Tennis Court.** There was no report.
- 162.4 **AOCB**
- 162.4a **NHS complaints procedure.** This independent review panel is looking for volunteers.
- 162.4b **Street Trader licence application.** A proposal has been received re siting a quick-service site at Rosefield Avenue. This was seen as unfair competition to local traders, possible cause of increased litter, might cause parking difficulties, could obstruct turning area for emergency vehicles and other current outlets provide a similar service. *Letter of objection to go to Legal Services.* LA
- 162.4c **Lothian Health Board Annual Report - tabled**
- 162.4d **3rd Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements - City of Edinburgh Council area - tabled.**
There was discussion as to where to keep such documents. (Unresolved)
- 162.4e **Portobello High School:**
New representatives for this year are Hilary Paterson and Dawn Turner.
Open Evening is being held on Wednesday 7 October 1998. (6.30 - 8.30)
- 162.4f **Refurbishment of Promenade:**
No substantive progress on lottery application. Due to changes in criteria, applications are now focusing on buildings rather than open spaces, so the bid looks less hopeful. Although budgets are limited, the City of Edinburgh Council is committed to upgrading the Promenade and in gaining bathing Beach status, for which the Portobello Reporter is collating evidence.
- 162.5 **Dates of next meetings:**
26 October 1998 - to include Christmas lights and carol singing. All
30 November 1998.

