

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 167th meeting, held on 29th March 1999  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

## Present:

Shand Hutchison (Vice-Chair), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer), Linda Kelly (Minutes)  
Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Cllr Maureen Child, Dawson Currie, Margaret Downie,  
Marion Fergusson, Sheila Kennedy, Sheila McIvor, Nora McKenzie, Brenda Molony,  
Cllr Lawrence Marshall, George Murray, Patricia Ralph, Sandy Smith, John Stewart,  
Nick Stroud, Sgt John Townsend (Lothian & Borders Police), David Turner.

## Apologies:

Lynn Aitchison, Keith Jeffrey, Beryl Neill, Alison Robinson, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith,  
Gavin Strang.

## Item

## Action by

### 167.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting (22nd February 1999)

166.2h should read that trees have been planted in the past; there was no mention of the East of Scotland Water Board presentation in the minutes.

The minutes were then approved by Celia Butterworth and Patricia Ralph.

### 167.2 Matters Arising

167.2a Information Plaques: the sub-committee met on 23rd March. The Pottery Board is ready for installation in April or May; Buchan Pottery has been invited to participate. The Geology Board is being manufactured, and will be sited at Joppa Pans. The Seaside, Natural History and Horizon Boards are all at the design stage. Everything is within budget.

CB

167.2b Brunstane Road traffic: the survey has been completed, and the City Council is investigating the results.

167.2c Litter Competition: Nick Stroud amplified some of the points he made in his letter (previously circulated). The School is already running several litter-oriented activities, and the PTA has contributed £1000 towards this and other environmental initiatives. The School has also just won £1000 in the City's "Safe Routes to School" competition.

After some discussion it was agreed to invite a representative of the School to our next meeting. (Our sixth year pupil representatives have not been attending Community Council meetings recently because of exams.)

LA

167.2d Constitution/Audit: the Chairperson asked for two volunteers to assist the Treasurer with an audit of Community Council accounts. Sandy Smith and Celia Butterworth agreed to do this, and will arrange a meeting with Kathleen.

CB, AS

167.2e Abercorn Park: it was pointed out that young people have nowhere else to play, though damage to trees and flower beds is much to be regretted. George and Nick will discuss this further.

GM, NS

167.2f Credit Union: it is hoped to achieve registration in June. Filing cabinets and a photocopier are needed (Sam Burns' yard in Preston Pans was suggested).

167.2g Bus shelters: no further information.

167.2h Federation of Community Councils: no further information.

167.2i Crossrail: there was an article about this in the Spring issue of the *Porty Reporter*. The Scottish Office has granted a borrowing contract for £8m over three years but there is at present no provision for a station at Portobello. A station at Brunstane and a park-and-ride station at Newcraighall are planned.

### **167.3 REPORTS**

#### **167.3a Police**

Crime statistics:	break-ins to dwelling houses	none
	break-ins to businesses (three in Towerbank in one night)	6
	theft of motor vehicles	4
	thefts from motor vehicles	11
	break-ins to garden sheds and garages	none
	minor vehicle accidents	4
	serious vehicle accidents	1

Inspector McAdam is moving to another post; the new appointments are Superintendent Norma Graham and Detective Inspector Paul Morisetti.

North-east Edinburgh Crime Prevention Panel and Portobello High School's Parent Teacher Association organised a drugs awareness seminar at the High School last week, consisting of presentations from speakers followed by discussion. It was felt to be a useful evening but more sessions are required. The Police are seeking ways to address the needs of young people and parents, and have invited Paul Betts to give a presentation on the evening of 24th January 2000; this will be open to the public.

#### **167.3b Treasurer's Report**

The accounts as at 29th March 1999 are as follows:

Treasurer's Account:	£ 745.08
Cowarm account	£5000 (plus interest of approx £82)
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£1576.26

Congratulations were extended to the JTC committee for their successful fundraising.

#### **167.3c Joppa Tennis Club**

It was noted that the Club wishes to stay as part of the Community Council. The recent ceilidh raised £860. A Lottery bid is going ahead; if this is successful the City Council may be able to provide the fencing more cheaply than the estimates already to hand.

#### **167.3d Millennium Lights and events**

Mr McFadyen of the City Development Department may be able to help with hanging baskets; Norman Ireland has been asked for funding. Russell Pinkerton has been asked to discuss Portobello Lights and the Millennium celebrations with local traders.

The Town Hall has been booked provisionally for the torchlight procession from St Philips church on 8th December. Torches will be bought in bulk with the proceeds

going to St Philips. We would hope to have bands, dancers etc, and perhaps provide juice and crisps for children.

The Santa Sleigh is being sought, funding investigated and plans made. The Portobello and District Business Club has been wound up, and it was suggested that the £300 remaining in its account could be given to the Community Council.

MC

#### **167.4 Any Other Business**

167.4a Vision for Edinburgh booklet: the deadline for responses to this document is 16th April.

167.4b Election Hustings: all candidates have agreed to attend but there is some doubt about whether the Green Party has been invited since they are not putting up individual candidates.

167.4c Environmental and Consumer Services News: nine automated toilets have been bought for the City and it has been suggested that one could be sited at the junction between Rosefield Avenue and the High Street. PAS has objected to this location in a Conservation Area. Members were invited to write with their own objections, and emphasise the need to keep open the Bath Street toilets and provide better facilities on the Prom.

All

167.4d Cockburn Society: PAS has been invited to send representatives to a meeting on 21st April; Shand and Celia will attend.

SH, CB

167.4e Corner Shop Initiative: no further information.

167.4f Temporary Traffic Regulations (notice of street closure): left for information.

167.4g City Car Club: Maureen provided leaflets explaining how to register for this.

#### **167.5 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 26th April 1999

Monday 31st May 1999

Monday 28th June 1999