

Portobello Community Council

17th Annual General Meeting

held on 31 May 1999

Present: As for the 169th Meeting, which followed the AGM.

Item

1. **Minutes of previous AGM** Approved

2. **Election of Office Bearers.** The following were all re-elected:

Chair Tom Smith Vice-Chair Shand Hutchison

Secretary Lynn Aitchison Treasurer Kathleen Hart

Patricia Ralph offered assistance to the secretary if needed.

3 **Chairman's Report**

Tom Smith, Chair, gave the following report.

Re-timing the AGM to May (from September) meant that this had been a shorter period for a report. This time had seen some successes, although some of these seemed to have gone on for months, but also some negatives.

The successes included: The information plaques, which reflect the good work of the sub-committee; the allotments at Telferton; the car club; headed note-paper; the video; additional hanging baskets at the ~~Town Hall~~; the Credit Union; the election hustings; Christmas school choirs and decorations for the Town Hall; the Cross Rail bid.

The negatives included: Brunstane Road traffic analysis; the upgrading of the Promenade; Pottery Museum; litter; dog fouling; Christian Path; ponding in gutters; public toilet opening; cycling on the promenade. For most of these issues we appear to be fighting a losing battle.

A particular success has been the extra bus shelters and bus time-tables on bus stops, and signs to welcome people to Portobello will be going up soon.

Tom particularly thanked the various sub-committees for their work during the year, and made special mention of the Joppa Tennis Courts committee, which has really got its act together, and the new Millennium committee. The Chair noted that the Accounts Committee needs to appoint a new chair as the current chair is no longer a member of the Community Council.

The Chair then thanked various people - the secretary and treasurer, the vice-chairman, Linda Kelly (for assisting with minutes), Nick Stroud (for arranging copying of minutes), Portobello Amenity Society, our local councillors - Maureen Child and Lawrence Marshall (for their ongoing support), and to Sgt John Townsend (for clear and concise police reports).

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Thanks to Sandy Smith and Celia Butterworth for checking and assisting in the production of the accounts. Of particular note this year are: stationery expense is high due to the cost of headed note-paper and the financial success of Joppa Tennis Courts. Extra detail had been given in the accounts to the Interpretive Boards (plaques) accounts. It was also noted that interest on the Co-Warm account is not added until the account has been open for a full year. The treasurer was thanked for her work during the year. Sandy Smith and Celia Butterworth agreed to act as auditors for a further year.

This concluded the AGM.