

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 179th meeting, held on 29 May 2000
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Sandy Begg Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Dawson Currie (Secretary) Kathleen Hart (Treasurer) Shand Hutchison Keith Jeffrey Linda Kelly Nora Mackenzie Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Steve Morris George Murray Tom Nimmo Patricia Ralph Alison Robinson Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chairman) John Stewart Duncan Stroud Nick Stroud Sgt John Townsend. Also: Julie Buchan (student) Alix Gaffney David Simpson.

Apologies:

Lynn Aitchison Margaret Downie Insp Paul Morisetti Beryl Neill Sandy Smith David Turner.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
179.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (24 April 2000)</u> The minutes were accepted (Proposed Shand Secoded Celia)	
179.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
179.2a	<u>Information Plaques</u> Holes now have permission. Polycarbonate covering being prepared. Shand brought examples of the horizon boards although the colours were not true.	
179.2b	<u>Brunstane Road Traffic</u> Maureen has had meeting with Edinburgh City Council Officials but no new progress.	
179.2c	<u>Credit Union</u> No report.	
179.2d	<u>Coat of Arms</u> No progress.	
179.2e	<u>Seaside Award</u> No progress.	
179.2f	<u>Parks</u> Tour has taken place in really cold weather; about twelve started out but only five finished, three hours or so later! Many suggestions made. Several meetings arranged to progress business. Praise was expressed for the Parks Dept's action in eventually repairing the Rosefield Park (Rosefield entrance) path at the gate.	
179.2g	<u>Library Frontage</u> Nick said that two planters were suggested but that they needed some funds – approx £500. Chairman agreed to investigate further.	TS
179.2h	<u>Mural at Towerbank</u> Although there was free paint available from B&Q, after much discussion it was thought that such a project might be vandalised soon after completion.	
179.2i	<u>Local Government Re-organization</u> No news. {Secretary's Note :- The elected leader is Donald Anderson and the deputy leader Ian Perry. At a meeting held on Tuesday 30 May 2000 the following positions were agreed: Communications & business management – Andrew Burns Corporate resources – Frank Russell Economic development – Lezley Cameron O'Brien Education – Paul Williamson Environment – Brian Fallon Equalities – Sheila Kennedy Finance – Maureen Child Housing – Sheila Gilmore Leisure & culture – Steve Cardownie Social work – Kingsley Thomas Transport – Mark Lazarowicz.	
179.2j	<u>Community Centre</u> AGM 1930 30 June 2000. Margaret to ask for minutes.	MS
179.2k	<u>Buses</u> Neil Renilson has been invited to attend the next meeting.	
179.2l	<u>Post Office</u> Horizon computer system to be set up in existing site. Lawrence wrote suggesting that Co-op used shop on north side of the High Street with rear access to main store.	

179.3 REPORTS

179.3a Police

	March	April	May
House break-ins	4	2	2
Attempted HB	1	3	1
Theft of motor vehicle	18	8	5
Attempted theft of MV	5	2	15
Theft from MV	17	15	19
Accidents involving motor vehicles			
Damage only	10	4	9
Injury minor	2	2	3
Injury serious	0	1	0
No cyclists injured April or May			

Nick asked if Portobello was an 'Underworld' area. John replied that it is a 'Low' crime area. In answer to another query John said that a modern enhancement was that public enquiries were now dealt with in Leith.

179.3b Treasurer

Treasurers account	£ 921.62
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3153.33
Co-Warm account	£6107.58
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 993.02

179.3c Joppa Tennis From 15 June 2000 the courts will be staffed for evening play. The popular area includes putting. Over 40 people had attended 'Play Tennis Day'. Now that both lottery grants have been turned down, the cost of between £30 000 and £60 000 to re-surface will take about 42 years to collect at the current rate!

179.3d Millennium Patricia reported that John T had provided a list of various points to keep the Police happy about the torch lit procession. The Police will provide stewards but we will still have to provide stewards for lighting and extinguishing the torches etc. A meeting will be held on 30 June 2000 to progress.

179.3e Amenity Society John S reported that planning permission for 20 Bellfield Street had been refused. He had also written about the local plan saying 1.The green belt should be maintained 2.Less housing should be on the green belt more on brown field & 3.Objecting to increased Kinnaird development as it is not in line with the policy. An acknowledgement had been received.

179.3f Portobello Counts Traffic survey being carried out on 13 June 2000 and again at a later date in Bath Street. It was pointed out that the subject of air pollution was proper to the main committee.

179.3g Air Pollution Maureen reported that a figure of 33mcg/m³ recorded in Portobello High Street is not regarded as high.

179.3h Councillors Lawrence reported that in Bath Street humps would be provided and the new railings would be painted. Walk to school project: more popular from Joppa than Kings Road. Parents to be encouraged to use Bridge Street Car Park as drop-off point. The Crossrail project is due to start in September 2001. He had written a letter about the Bowling Centre bricks. There is due to be a busboard provided at Windsor Place. Maureen said that there was still no response about lottery grant support for Joppa Tennis. An environmental grant (up to £5 000) might be suitable. Under the 'new format' local government a capital program for urban villages and local projects of £m1 per year would be available through the Local Area Development Committee.

179.4 AOB None.

179.5 Date of Next Meeting Monday 26 June 2000