

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 181<sup>st</sup> meeting, held on 28 August 2000  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Dawson Currie (Secretary) Margaret Downie Kathleen Hart (Treasurer) Shand Hutchison Keith Jeffrey Linda Kelly Nora Mackenzie George Murray Beryl Neill Patricia Ralph Alison Robinson Sandy Smith John Stewart David Turner. Also: Michael Cosford (PHS) Gillian Dunn (PADCA) Suzanne Howden (Bath St Res) Andrew Mint Valerie Merrunt Peter Messent David Turner Martyn van Waverin (PHS).

Apologies:

Lynn Aitchison Alex Caffrey Susan Deacon MSP Morna Fergusson Cllr Lawrence Marshall Steve Morris Margaret Smith Tom Smith Gavin Strang MP Nick Stroud.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
181.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (26 June 2000)</u> The minutes were accepted (Proposed Keith Seconded Kathleen)
181.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>
181.2a	<u>Information Plaques</u> Item continues.
181.2b	<u>Brunstane Road Traffic</u> Maureen has information available. It is difficult to interpret but it seems to indicate that Coillesdene is most affected by any proposed closure. Investigation continues. <u>Maureen</u>
181.2c	<u>Credit Union</u> Owing to new government plans, new rules mean that four times the previous number of starters are required. Reluctantly this means that the project has to be abandoned. Unused funds from the Community Council will be returned in due course. Under the new arrangements other credit unions will combine and the facilities will be extended to this area, also in due course.
181.2d	<u>Coat of Arms</u> Still no progress. <u>Shand</u>
181.2e	<u>Seaside Award</u> Keep Scotland Beautiful will be invited to the next meeting. <u>Sec</u>
181.2f	<u>Library Frontage</u> No progress.
181.2g	<u>Local Government Re-organization</u> Further consultation. Comments to be returned by 18 September. Letter from Brian Weddell saying the same. Maureen suggested sub-ctte. Agreed that Shand, George, John and Sec meet on 4 September. <u>Ctte</u>
181.2h	<u>Community Centre</u> Item ends.
181.2i	<u>Post Office</u> Move took place on 14 August 2000. Item ends
181.2j	<u>SSPCA Dog dirt discussion</u> No news. <u>Tom</u>
181.2k	<u>Holyrood : Parliament community linking (com.com)</u> No news. <u>Tom</u>
181.2l	<u>Edinburgh Litter Forum</u> Tom has net access code but fears inundation of spam. Lynn to look into. No further news. <u>Lynn</u>
181.2m	<u>Joppa toilets : direction signs</u> Maureen made enquiry hence letter to Tom. Suggestions that sign near Coillesdene House and one in Joppa. Sec to pursue with Tom. <u>Sec</u>
181.2n	<u>SPOKES</u> map suggests cycling permitted on prom. CC to write(Nick to draft) No further inf. <u>Nick</u>
181.2o	<u>Bath Street : original baths building</u> John has objected on our behalf. (Letter circulated) All round horrible and totally unacceptable on several counts. Visitors explained how badly it was going to affect them. Members urged to write individual letters of objection as the more complaints the more notice the Council planning dept takes of it. The application is devolved but Lawrence has said he'll ask for it to be called in. <u>All</u>
181.2p	<u>Portobello Map</u> Nick to send a few B&W to library for sale. Nick to pursue funding to reduce sale price. No further inf. <u>Nick</u>
181.3	<u>REPORTS</u>

181.3a Treasurer

The annual allotment this year amounting to £743 had arrived.

Treasurers account	£1543.34
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3188.33
Co-Warm account	£6276.60 Plus interest
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 1326.33 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund)

181.3b Police

	March	April	May	June
House break-ins	4	2	2	4
Attempted HB	1	3	1	0
Theft of motor vehicle	18	8	5	2
Attempted theft of MV	5	2	15	?
Theft from MV	17	15	19	2
Vandalism				12
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles:				
Damage only	10	4	9	9
Injury minor	2	2	3	1
Injury serious	0	1	0	0

No new information this month

181.3c Joppa Tennis Maureen reported that Recreation officials were costing re-surfacing. The ctte were looking into a Healthy Living Lottery Grant for the club house facilities. The rubbish problem seemed to be due to a misunderstanding between members. A wheely bin is to be provided.

181.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder Last meetings minutes should have suggested that the Community Council might pay for the clown. Parade stewarding not yet sorted out (Sgt Cropper takes over from John Townsend). Kwik-fit to sponsor painting competition. Council has agreed use of Town Hall area for HL garden. Portobello Rotary to fund bench and Thomsons a tree. A musical evening TBA on Sat 19 Oct. More funds to come from Archie Foley's book 'From Portobello to the Palace' selling at £3.99.

181.3e Amenity Society See 181.2o

181.3f Portobello Counts Traffic survey done in Brighton Place indicates that traffic is down on 1994. Traffic approaches lights fast – police advised.

181.3g Councillors Maureen said that there had been a successful meeting about the John Street paddling pool site; about 30 people involved. Still progressing to select best of three plans.

181.4 AOB

181.4a Lothian NHS Trust First AGM invite given out.

181.4b Various leaflets available for members.

181.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 25 September 2000 (Rest of 2000 30 Oct 27 Nov No meeting Dec)