



# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 183<sup>rd</sup> meeting, held on 30 October 2000  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Lynn Aitchison Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Secretary) Margaret Downie Morna Fergusson  
Kathleen Hart (Treasurer) Keith Jeffrey George Murray Tom Nimmo Patricia Ralph Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair)  
John Stewart Nick Stroud David Turner. Also: Michael Cosford (PHS) Gillian Dunn (PCC) Alix Gaffney Bess Homer (ESW)  
Suzanne Howden John Summers (KSB) Martijn van Wavern (PHS) Lewis Waugh (PHS).

Apologies:

Sandy Begg Susan Deacon MSP Rose Dodgson Linda Kelly Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Sandy Smith  
Gavin Strang MP

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
183.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (25 September 2000)</u> The previous meeting should have been shown as 28 August 2000. Brenda Molony was present. That given the minutes were accepted (moved George, seconded John.)	
183.2	Visiting Speaker The Chairman gave a background to our reaction to the poor aspect of reports about the state of the beach and asked George to speak. George re-iterated the position and introduced Bess Homer from ESW who explained the work currently going on at Fillyside. Finally Maureen commented on projects currently on-going like the John Street Paddling Pool site initiative. George then introduced John Summers from Keep Scotland Beautiful. Mr Summers explained that the difficulty arose because of the clean water initiative, which meant that the results were published with the other inspections and gave rise to Portobello being treated as though it was a 'Blue Flag' beach when compared to other places. He went on to explain in some detail what was required for us to gain 'Blue Flag' or 'Seaside Award' status and he thought that it would be within our reach to get there. A question and answer session followed with both Bess Homer and John Summers participating.  <u>NOTE:</u> Beyond this point only items 183.4g, 183.5 & 183.6 have new business.	
183.3	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
183.3a	<u>Information Plaques</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Three meetings minutes now available. Geology Board has been fitted with a metal edge. Pottery board re-instated. Horizon boards soon. (Now insitu – Sec) Seaside board due in December. Natural History of Seaside will be ready next year (money from Millennium Fund). Additional funds from Community Council not now required. Sufficient funds are available to perhaps replace Bird board next year.	
183.3b	<u>Credit Union</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: No news.	
183.3c	<u>Coat of Arms</u> . Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Copies now received and with framers. These will be £80 approx and be available in about a month.	<u>Shand</u>
183.3d	<u>Seaside Award</u> See item 183.2.	<u>Sec</u>
183.3e	<u>Library Frontage</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Two new benches have been installed.	
183.3f	<u>Local Government Re-organization</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Sub-group met to formulate ideas and letter sent. Maureen said that a good response had been received and progress would be outlined in a report. She also outlined her views on the points raised in our letter.	
183.3g	<u>Holyrood : Parliament community linking (com.com)</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Susan Deacon contacted regarding additional cost of phone etc. Paper information is held at the library but there seems little chance of a computer link.	
183.3h	<u>Edinburgh Litter Forum</u> . Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Lynn to look into. No further news.	<u>Lynn</u>
183.3i	<u>Joppa toilets : direction signs</u> Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Sec to pursue with Environmental and Consumer Services.	<u>Sec</u>
183.3j	<u>SPOKES Map</u> : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: suggests cycling permitted on Prom. CC to write (Nick to draft) No further information.	<u>Nick</u>

183.3k Bath Street : original baths building Not Reached. LAST MONTH: No news.

183.3l Portobello Map : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Consultation taking place with solicitors about copyright. Nick

183.4 REPORTS

183.4a Treasurer

Treasurers account	£1309.14
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3188.33
Co-Warm account	£6276.60 Plus interest
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 2301.24 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund)

183.4b 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 yet again this month.

183.4c Joppa Tennis : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: No report.

183.4d Millennium & Harry Lauder : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Table sale at Old Parish Church 14 Oct. All  
Tickets available for musical evening. Torchlit procession flyers available for shops/pubs. Request for PHS to supply about 12 stewards. Torch distributors, lighters and extinguishers arranged. Stewards required for Town Hall as people not to clog up steps.

183.4e Amenity Society : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Nothing to report.

183.4f Portobello Counts : Not Reached. LAST MONTH: Stand on 6 October in library.

183.4g Councillors : Maureen explained the three options for the John Street Paddling Pool Site. These had been on display in the Library and would now go on to other places for further consideration. Those present were invited to give their comments on the forms available at the meeting. The consultation would continue and a final proposal promulgated.

183.4 AOB Nil

183.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 27 November 2000 (Rest of 2000 No meeting Dec  
Early 2001 29 Jan 26 Feb)

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