



# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 185<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 29 January 2001  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Lynn Aitchinson A/PS Alex Berry Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Dawson Currie (Secretary) Morna Ferguson Alix Gaffney Kathleen Hart (Treasurer) Shand Hutchison Keith Jeffrey Nora Mackenzie Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Insp Paul Morrissetti George Murray Beryl Neill Patricia Ralph Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair) Nick Stroud Martyn Van Waveren. Also : Pauline Crombie Dianne Smith (People & Places Officer) David Turner.

Apologies:

Sandy Begg Susan Deacon MSP Michael Cosford (PHS) Steve Morris David Simpson John Stewart Lewis Waugh Gavin Strang MP

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
185.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (27 November 2000)</u> The minutes were accepted (moved Brenda seconded Margaret.)	
	<u>VISITING SPEAKER</u> Dianne Smith gave a short discourse on the Prom upgrade, Clean Edinburgh 2000 – Local Task Force working, Tidy Britain, Britain in Bloom and ‘Just Bin It’ (Previously known as National Spring Clean). She also brought along a pile of leaflets and posters for members to take away.	
185.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
185.2a	<u>Information Plaques</u> One Horizon board has been stolen. Insurance should replace. The sixth board is in course of production. Some plaques might be produced and the first is likely to be Hugh Miller.	
185.2b	<u>Coat of Arms.</u> Now placed on wall but squint. Shand will sort this out but he thought that the finished items looked good.	<u>Shand</u>
185.2c	<u>Seaside Award</u> Dianne Smith pointed out that maintaining costs would be difficult. Items such as Lifeguards could be provided by the Baths staff or by using students. Sec handed out details of Blue Flag requirements. It was agreed that more time to be spent on this item next meeting. The ‘Seaford Smell’ was raised again. Sec to review correspondence.	<u>Sec</u>
185.2d	<u>Library Frontage</u> Nick spoke to Joyce. Nothing further planned until Library uplift in 2004. CC to write to say we’d like it sooner. Sec to write to Recreation Department mentioning general dislike of cobbles outside.	<u>Sec</u>
185.2e	<u>Local Government Re-Organization</u> Item not reached.	
185.2f	<u>Edinburgh Litter Forum.</u> Lynn looked at this Web site and there were only three messages on it. Maureen said that only Community Councils knew about the site so little use will be being made of it at present. Lynn would continue to monitor.	<u>Lynn</u>
185.2g	<u>SPOKES Map.</u> Sec has sent letter (Nick’s draft). Item ends.	
185.2h	<u>Bath Street : original baths building.</u> Still no news.	
185.2i	<u>Portobello Map</u> Nick still dealing by asking Scottish Tourist Board for funding.	<u>Nick</u>
185.3	<u>REPORTS</u>	
185.3a	<u>Treasurer</u>	

Treasurers account	£1288.46
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3446.64
Co-Warm account	£6276.60 Plus interest
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 564.07 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund)

£200 appx Torchlit Procession profit. See also new business item PCFA funds.

185.3b Police

	Dec/Jan
House break-ins	20*
Attempted HB	7
Theft of motor vehicle	4
Attempted theft of MV	2
Theft from MV	14
Vandalism	36
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles	
Damage only	
Injury minor	
Injury serious	

\*Includes 13 garages and huts.

Coillesdene and Rosefield areas have been fairly successfully targeted by plain clothes officers with a number of youths and youngsters been charged and taken home.

185.3c Joppa Tennis Newsletter out. Application for grant from Littlewoods pools. 40 families have used the facility. There is to be a celidh in the Town Hall on 3 March.

185.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder Harry Lauder : Application for grant to Britain in Bloom. TLP : Letter from sub ctte circulated with suggestions for changes for next year's event; to be discussed at next meeting. The purse found has now been claimed. Two prizes remain unclaimed (1. One Swim ... ticket Blue 6 ... Name C M M<sup>c</sup>Ghee and 2. Two Musselburgh RFC tickets ... ticket Blue 10 ... Name J Gibson) If anyone knows who they are please advise Sec. All

185.3e Amenity Society CEC delays in planning now over; backlog will take some time to clear.

185.3f Portobello Counts George said that more traffic surveys were being considered.

185.3g Councillors. Maureen: Brunstane Road development approved with lower block at Brunstane end and traffic lights and road humps paid for by the developer. Parking at the development becomes public. Paddling pool consultation has yielded 180 responses. These are being collated but the schools have still to be consulted. The Marlborough Street road subsidence was caused by a burst water main and there is no connection with the nearby building works. Lawrence: Moira Park to have yellow lines. Pavement in Portobello Road at Wakefield Avenue to be ballooned. Travellers have returned to Telferton and Cat & Dog home and police are taking action.

185.4 AOB

PCFA Funds Lynn said that she would give the rest of the funds to the CC for 'Festival' purposes. Iain said that he'd like to pursue PCFA one more time. This was agreed. Iain

Portobello Promotion It was suggested that in order to promote Portobello as a 'Place', events such as Outside Broadcasts could be made from the Bowling Centre or The Town Hall (eg Gardener's Question Time)

Street Violence It was suggested that more police are required on the street.

Portobello High School ; Home Time A proposal has been made to have all pupils leave at 3.30 pm. This means that there will be much crowding on the street leaving Primary pupils in danger of being crowded and is therefore a safety risk. It was agreed to invite the PHS head to discuss.

Road Maintenance Survey CEC have arranged with University of Strathclyde to do a survey. A questionnaire has to be completed. Margaret & Kath volunteered to fill in.

Community Education : Community Learning Plan Leith has been hived off leaving Portobello with Craigmillar. Portobello Life Long Learning Forum has an exhibition in the Town Hall in August.

185.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26 February 2001 (Then 26 March 2001, 30 April 2001, 28 May 2001).

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