



# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 186<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 26 February 2001  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

A/PS Alex Berry Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Secretary) Rose Dodgson Margaret Downie  
Michael Cosford (PHS) Keith Jeffrey Cllr Lawrence Marshall Insp Paul Morisetti George Murray Patricia Ralph  
Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair) John Stewart. Also : David Turner.

Apologies:

Lynn Aitchison Pauline Crombie Susan Deacon MSP Alix Gaffney Kathleen Hart (Treasurer) Nora Mackenzie Brenda  
Molony Sandy Smith Nick Stroud Lewis Waugh Gavin Strang MP

## Item

## Action

186.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (29 January 2001)  
Minute 185.3g should read Dog and Cat Home. The minutes were then accepted (moved Margaret D seconded Margaret S).

186.2 MATTERS ARISING

186.2a Information Plaques Insurance will pay for stolen Horizon Board but there will be a £100 excess. Seaside Resort Board in course of manufacture. (To be located at foot of Marlborough Street east of drinking fountain). Seashore Board plans underway. [Information Board at Bank of Scotland side of Town Hall due in March.] Plaques for Hugh Millar on High Street in bronze might cost between £120 and £720.

186.2b Seaside Award George had produced list, which was agreed as follows:- Sec  
1. Area of beach to be designated: Tower St to Pitville St. (we also agreed John's suggestion that we used the groins as demarcation: agreed).  
2. Period of Designation: May till September.  
3. Toilets: three Adshell additional ones sited 'evenly' between existing built ones.  
4. Public Telephones: with BT's decision not to provide any more, existing pub and public buildings supplemented with the use of mobile phones should do. (This to be further examined.)  
5. Life Saving Equipment: shops etc are likely to agree to keep lifebelts with a notice as to their location as appropriate. (The old Portobello lifeboat believed to be at Fisherrow should be taken into account.)  
6. Drinking Water : no undue difficulties foreseen (Perhaps the old fountain at foot of Marlborough Street could be brought back into life.) (See also 10)  
7. Displayed Information: the existing SEPA boards could be used (perhaps the reverse).  
8. Access and Parking: Seems adequate perhaps with additional signage.  
9. Lifeguards: To be pursued.  
10. Showers: Ideally these should be provided, perhaps at drinking fountain or at toilets.

The chairman suggested that the Portobello Counts subcommittee oversees progress.

186.2c Library Frontage Sec still to write. Sec

186.2d Local Government Re-Organization Sec reported that at the last LDC mention was made of huge cost of staffing provision (£ 63,500 ). It was agreed that we would ask the next LDC meeting (6 Mar) to consider reduced levels of staffing supported by a 20p entrance charge.  
IN FUTURE THIS WILL BE A 'REPORT' if anybody attends the LDC.

186.2e SPOKES Map Reply received; further consideration required. Sec

186.2f Bath Street: original baths building No new news. Lawrence agreed to enquire how long we have to wait. (Sec's note: Planning Permission has been refused)

186.2g Portobello Map The map is to be printed on the Information Board. (Also some copies are to be printed.) Nick

186.3 REPORTS

186.3a Treasurer

Treasurers account	£1434.96
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3262.44
Co-Warm account	£6276.60 Plus interest
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 3139.91 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund)

186.3b Police

	Dec/Jan	Feb
House break-ins	20*	0
Attempted HB	7	4
Theft of motor vehicle	4	7
Attempted theft of MV	2	0
Theft from MV	14	6
Vandalism	36	9
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles		
Damage only		8
Injury minor		3
Injury serious		1

\*Includes 13 garages and huts.

12 New Starts in D Div – but it takes two years for them to complete training.

186.3c Joppa Tennis Courts No report.

186.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder Harry Lauder Garden plans drawn up. Trees to be cut down (dangerous) leaving only the Cherry.

186.3e Amenity Society Housing association flats at the old Central cinema under way; the edifice will be rebuilt with existing stone. (12 flats; 1 parking space.)

186.3f Portobello Counts Next meeting 12 Mar.

186.3g Councillors Lawrence : £250,000 in capital fund for allotments. Telferton two-year planning wait nearly up so expect action soon. The blockwork at the bowling centre has been accepted as Edinburgh Leisure's responsibility and will be repaired. It was suggested that we put back mono-bloc or concrete or tarmac with red chips. It was agreed that we ask for concrete marked out as bricks.  
Maureen: the budgets have been set and include £300,000 for upgrades to the Prom over three years.

186.3h PCFA Funds No further information.

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186.3i Portobello High School; Home Time Head still to be invited.

186.4 AOB

186.4a Peace and Justice David Turner explained that this project is to build a culture of peace and will be promoted in schools soon. Helpers required. Interested people please contact David. Future updates on the progress of this project will be given.

186.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26 March 2001 (Then 30 April 2001, 28 May 2001, 25 June 2001)

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