



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 187th meeting, held on 26 March 2001
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Sandy Begg A/PS Alec Berry Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Michael Cosford (PHS) Dawson Currie (Sec)
Margaret Downie Gillian Dunn Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Steve Morris George Murray Patricia Ralph Margaret Smith
Tom Smith (Chair) Nick Stroud David Turner Lewis Waugh Martyn Van Waverein (PHS).
Also: Pauline Crombie (Comm Ed) Bob Jefferson (KPT).

Apologies:

Susan Deacon Rose Dodgson Alix Gaffney Kathleen Hart (Treas) Keith Jeffrey Sandy Smith John Stewart Gavin Strang MP

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
187.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (26 February 2001)</u> The previous meeting year was 2001. Item 186.2b (1) Groyne are to be Pipe Lane to John St. Item 186.3d The cherry tree was to be replaced. The minutes were then accepted (moved Patricia seconded Margaret S.)	
187.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
187.2a	<u>Seaside Award</u> Letter has been sent to Dianne Smith. Meeting arranged for 6 April.	<u>Sec</u>
187.2b	<u>Library Frontage</u> Letter sent to Director Recreation.	<u>Sec</u>
187.2c	<u>SPOKES Map</u> Agreed Sec to write.	<u>Sec</u>
187.2d	<u>Bath Street : original baths building</u> Lawrence said development proposals had been turned down as inappropriate. He added at this meeting the proposals for the old 'Victory' cinema had been approved.	
187.2e	<u>PCFA Funds</u> There seems to be interest in Portobello gala. More later.	
187.2f	<u>Portobello High School : Home Time</u> The sec reported that David Wright was unable to attend due to prior commitments (and no meeting soon for the same reason). The change of hours is not his idea but will affect the whole of Edinburgh. He however is keen and is pressing on with it. He was able to assure me that the matter was being dealt with and difficulties of school exit clashes would be overcome.	
187.3	<u>REPORTS</u>	
187.3a	<u>Treasurer</u>	

Treasurers account	£1188.05
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3262.44
Co-Warm account	£6276.60 plus interest
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£ 3519.03 (includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund)

It was agreed that the Monday Club and POPP should receive £100 each and that the Information Boards
should get £50 from CC funds.

187.3b Police

	Dec/Jan	Feb	Mar
House break-ins	20*	0	8
Attempted HB	7	4	5
Theft of motor vehicle	4	7	3
Attempted theft of MV	2	0	0
Theft from MV	14	6	8
Vandalism	36	9	15
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles			
Damage only		8	3
Injury minor		3	2
Injury serious		1	

*Includes 13 garages and huts.

As a result of Police activity one person has been caught and has been charged with over 40 crimes.

It was reported to the Police that a vandalized car has been in Rosefield Place. It takes about three months to clear and it is handled by a scrap dealer under a Council scheme but as scrap value is low action is slow.

Patricia mentioned that fires have been started in the Duddingston area, but nothing was known about this.

187.3c Joppa Tennis No report.

187.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder Meeting with KSB on site at proposed garden. They agreed to support and will know mid April if funding is OK. The old trees were removed due to storm damage. Stumps to be removed soon.

187.3e Amenity Society Letter sent objecting to extension to 38 Argyle Crescent. Draft Tree Preservation Charter – comments sent.

187.3f Portobello Counts Years 1999 and 2000 comparative figures being drawn up. Next meeting 23 April.

187.3g Councillors

Maureen: The paddling pool group has not met recently but will soon. Prom funding allocated to a Council group – this is for extra funding so keep an eye out.

Lawrence: Clean Edinburgh – extra £1,000,000 allocated and a new post of Litter warden/Dog warden.

Someone has been fined for dog fouling. Extra cash for schools.

Steve asked who is responsible for upkeep of the Figgate Burn? It's the Council in part and the home owners in Adelphi Place.

187.3h LDC Report: Sec asked questions on Bath Street toilets and Craigmillar Castle Road closure. Both items to be progressed later.

187.3i Information Boards and Building Plaques Five Boards have been erected, six finished and the 7th underway. Plaques (7 so far) include two old Town Halls, Hugh Miller's house and Rock Cottage. Plaque design to cost £350 in bronze. It was agreed that funding should be applied for under Community Council and not PAS.

187.4 AOB

187.4a Car Free Day 22 Sep but 29 Sep Edinburgh (Open Doors Day) It was up to CC to propose closure of streets etc for perhaps the weekend. We will ask for more information. Sec

187.4b Keep Porty Tidy – Awareness Day Bob said that it will be Friday May 4. More information from Bob.

187.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 30 April 2001 (Then 28 May (AGM), 25 June, No meeting July, 27 August)

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