



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 189th meeting, held on 28 May 2001
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Sandy Begg Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Sec) Margaret Downie Gillian Dunn Alix Gaffney
Kathleen Hart (Treas) Keith Jeffrey PS Colin Kenny Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Sandy Smith Margaret Smith
Tom Smith (Chair) John Stewart Lewis Waugh. Also: R Downing Bob Jefferson Linda Kelly (Comm Ed) Tom Nimmo Rhona Russell.

Apologies:

Lynn Aitchison Susan Deacon MSP Steve Morris Patricia Ralph Gavin Strang MP Nick Stroud.

Item Action

189.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (30 April 2001)
Item 3i It was agreed that money should be given for only one Old Town Hall plaque. Thus amended, the minutes were accepted (moved Kath seconded Sandy.)

189.2 MATTERS ARISING

189.2a Seaside Award: Meeting with Dianne and others due 6 June.

189.2b Library Frontage: No news.

189.2c SPOKES Map: Sec had written. Sec

189.2d Bath Street : original baths building: No news. Lewis asked for address to write to object. All

189.2e PCFA Funds: Fund transfer not yet completed.

189.3 REPORTS

189.3a Treasurer

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| Treasurers account | £ 774.53 |
| Joppa Tennis Courts | £4145.30 |
| Co-Warm account | £6276.60 Plus interest |
| Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund | £ 4024.06 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950) |

189.3b Police

| | Dec/Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| House break-ins | 20* | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| Attempted HB | 7 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle | 4 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Attempted theft of MV | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Theft from MV | 14 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| Vandalism | 36 | 9 | 15 | 25 | 14 |
| Accidents involving Motor Vehicles | | | | | |
| Damage only | | 8 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| Injury minor | | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Injury serious | | 1 | | 0 | 1 |

*Includes 13 garages and huts.

Assaults were discussed to use as stats. There is a great deal of difficulty in interpreting the figures. Police will try. Person knocked down at Marlborough Street : Woman received cuts and bruises but didn't know what caused the incident. Action taken regarding littering improves whilst police are present but reverts to previous when they go away – it was felt that education was the only solution.

- 189.3c Joppa Tennis: No news.
- 189.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder: The stone work for the garden is due in 2 weeks.
- 189.3e Amenity Society: The Argyle Crescent proposed work was amended but agreement not reached. The application will go to committee.
- 189.3f Portobello Counts: The latest results show that fewer shops are empty and that there is an increased use being made of facilities. The report is in the 'Reporter' and also highlights a drop in crime.
- 189.3g Councillors: Maureen said that £15,000 was available for playground upgrade (Rosefield Park) for perhaps little used 'Kickabout Area'. Improvements might include 'Recreational Space for Older Children'. It was suggested that vandals don't want anything done and we shouldn't spend money to have it ruined. Friday and Saturday nights were bad when kids with drink stand on cars etc. They don't even come from Portobello. There never seems to be any Police presence. It was suggested that the park should be locked at night. John suggested that lights might detract from the suitability as a hang-about area. Sec
- 189.3h LDC Report: The most recent meeting on 1 May in the town hall had dealt with amongst other things Craigmillar Castle Road closure, to which there were many objections. The next meeting is in September.
- 189.3i Information Boards and Building Plaques: No further progress expected until July.
- 189.3j Car Free Day: 29 Sep Edinburgh (Open Doors Day) Lewis said there were two web sites to look at. All
Suggested road closures might be Lee Crescent or Rosefield Avenue (outside library). The purpose of the day is to encourage car free streets and alternative use of space and transport methods.
[Sec's note: The web sites are www.22september.org and www.eta.co.uk]
- 189.3k Keep Porty Tidy – Awareness Day Friday May 4: Bob said it had gone well. The general cleaning should improve with Task Force Working and containerisation.
- 189.4 AOB
- 189.4a PAS AGM: A reminder that this takes place on Wednesday 30 May.
- 189.4b Special Sunday Service: St Marks 1030 on 6 June.
- 189.4c East of Scotland Notices on Prom: New information to be provided soon including replacement maps.
- 189.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25 June (No meeting July, then 27 August.)

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