



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 191st meeting, held on 27 August 2001
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

PS Alec Berry Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Sec) Rory Fitzpatrick (PHS) Alix Gaffney Kathleen Hart (Treas) Keith Jeffrey
Nora Mackenzie Brenda Molony Beryl Neill Patricia Ralph Sonya Seston (PHS) Sandy Smith Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair)
Nick Stroud Natalie Todd (PHS) Lewis Waugh. Also: Linda Kelly (Comm Ed).

Apologies:

Celia Butterworth Susan Deacon MSP Margaret Downie Morna Fergusson Cllr Lawrence Marshall John Stewart Gavin Strang MP
David Turner.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
191.1	<u>VISITING SPEAKER</u> At the last moment a visiting speaker had been arranged. Robert Davidson, Taskforce Manager 17, would explain his function. He explained that he dealt with all aspects of street cleanliness including things like fly-posting and weeds. He also controlled the parks and beach. His mobile number was available to community council members to contact him. Mr Davidson left a couple of maps of the area (one for each Councillor ward) for people to mark areas which might need special attention. <i>[It was agreed later to lodge these in the library, and copies are included with these minutes: please mark on these any areas you feel need special attention from the cleansing task force.]</i> He would collect these next month. In a question and answer session he was asked about the area including the King's Road roundabout, the kind of weedkiller used, containerisation of commercial waste, the beach cleaning process (Robert said that this had been unsatisfactory due to the cleansing machines being out of order most of the time but he was hoping to get these replaced soon and before the end of their scheduled life) and replacements for the High Street bins which he hoped to introduce soon with some additional ones in Brighton Place.	
191.2	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (25 June 2001)</u> Minute 190.3f should have mentioned that a sum of £80 had been agreed to be paid to the PHS jazz band in support of their attendance on the day. Thus amended, the minutes were accepted (moved Margaret S, seconded Kath.)	
191.3	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
191.3a	<u>Seaside Award</u> Item continues.	
191.3b	<u>Library Frontage</u> No news.	
191.3c	<u>SPOKES Map</u> It was agreed that the Sec should write again as we had no response yet.	<u>Sec</u>
191.3d	<u>PCFA Funds</u> Fund transfer not yet completed. Item continues.	
191.3e	<u>Car Free Day</u> 29 Sep Edinburgh (Open Doors Day) First bus had refused any help although they supported the initiative; LRT had said they would contact us later. Bob had been in touch. Lewis said that parents would be questioned about the need to use the car to school etc. The PHS jazz band would play later in the morning of 22 Sep.	<u>Lewis & Sec</u>
191.3f	<u>Keep Porty Tidy</u> Exhibition on Mon 3 Sep in Town Hall. Figgate Burn cleanup organized for late September. Portobello Web site mooted to promote voluntary groups. Maureen reminded us that LDC grants of up to £2,000 are available for such things.	
191.3g	<u>East of Scotland Notices on Prom</u> Replacement notices still expected.	
191.3h	<u>Traffic Blocking Crossings</u> A box junction was now in place.	
191.3i	<u>Calor Gas Award</u> Brenda has sent off the completed forms. From the entry it seems that Portobello is a really great place!	

191.4 REPORTS

191.4a Treasurer

Treasurers account	£1520.79
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3872.67
Co-Warm account	£6501.35
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£3571.43 (includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950)

Good news 1. The annual allocation from the City Council has been received.

Good news 2. The Christmas lights fund will not be required for maintenance as the City Council have agreed to do that, so the money can be spent on more light fittings.

191.4b Police

	Apr	May	June	August
House break-ins	0	3	2	1
Attempted HB	1	1		2
Theft of motor vehicle	4	3		20
Attempted theft of MV	1	2	1	1
Theft from MV	9	1	1	4
Vandalism	25	14	14	
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles				
Damage only	9	8	3	8
Injury minor	5	3	5	1
Injury serious	0	1	4	0

A shoplifter had been arrested. The drop in house entries was probably due to the holidays. Some proactive initiatives have had to be dropped due to shortage of staff (about a third) not helped by the setting up of the new city section. Recruitment was poor and not helped by those who did apply not passing the test.

191.4c Joppa Tennis Membership has risen to 45 families plus individuals, and more use is being made. At a Lawn Tennis day over 100 children attended. The last event of the year takes place on 8 September. Still no further progress on obtaining any grant funding however the survey has been completed. Sunday tennis is still being pursued with hope that objectors can be persuaded to give it a go. Celidh and other fund-raising activities continue but about £30,000 is required to make good the deterioration. Grass cutting difficulties make having putting impossible but it was felt that demand was very low in any case.

191.4d Millennium & Harry Lauder Garden opened on 4 August. Bench to be in place soon. Variety Show still requires people. Lewis confirmed pupils will be stewards. Programmes will be on sale at 50p or more! Helpers are to be on site by 6:15pm.

191.4e Amenity Society Three letters of objection to planning applications had been written by John on our behalf.

191.4f Portobello Counts No recent meetings had taken place.

191.4g Councillors Maureen said that the John Street paddling pool project would be included in the Prom upgrade budget, it was hoped. There would be an LDC meeting on 30 October in Brunstane Primary school. Sec

191.4h LDC Report Next meeting 11 September in Duddingston primary at 7pm.

191.4i Information Boards and Building Plaques No report.

191.5 AOB

191.5a Code Stone Columns These old columns frequently planned for use may now be installed at the Town Hall, on the left-hand side.

191.5b Portobello Reporter The paper had received a grant for software to enable layout to be done in-house.

191.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24 September (then 29 October, 26 November.)

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