



# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 192<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held on 24 September 2001  
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Sec) Margaret Downie Kathleen Hart (Treas) Cllr Lawrence Marshall George Murray  
Patricia Ralph Sonya Seston (PHS) John Stewart (Chair) Nick Stroud Natalie Todd (PHS) Lewis Waugh.  
Also: David Turner Bob Jefferson.

Apologies:

Celia Butterworth Susan Deacon MSP Brenda Molony Margaret Smith Tom Smith Gavin Strang MP.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
192.1	<u>CHAIR</u> In the absence of the chairman (and there being no vice-chair) the job for this meeting was offered around the table. John agreed to carry out the task. The subject of the meeting being quorate was discussed and the meeting was deemed quorate. [Secs note: a quorum is quarter of the members hence 10 for us.]	
192.2	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (25 June 2001)</u> Minute 191.3e should have read 'Car Free Day 22 September' and the jazz band was the Bell Stars Band. Minute 191.5a should read Coad. Thus amended, the minutes were accepted (moved Patricia seconded Lewis.)	
192.3	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
192.3a	<u>Seaside Award</u> A survey has been carried out in Portobello High Street and on the Prom with about 50 people being questioned. The results seem generally favourable.	
192.3b	<u>Library Frontage.</u> No further movement as yet. On the subject of the Library it was pointed out that a serious drip is potentially damaging the fabric of the building. Lawrence agreed to look into the matter.	<u>Lawrence</u>
192.3c	<u>SPOKES Map</u> Agreed to wait for reply. It was also agreed that we would ask Spokes for a visiting speaker later.	<u>Sec</u>
192.3d	<u>PCFA Funds</u> Item continues.	
192.3e	<u>Car Free Day 22 Sep</u> Music sounded great. Leaflets handed out. LRT day tickets given to 6 <sup>th</sup> year and the band. Congratulations to all from the committee. During the event it was noticed that cars parked on the 'Limited Waiting Time' spaces for hours.	
192.3f	<u>Keep Porty Tidy</u> Figgate Burn clean-up on the 30 Sep. This is to include the park and downstream to the gully at Adelphi.	
192.3g	<u>East of Scotland Notices on Prom</u> Map redrawn and bus stops included.	
192.3h	<u>Calor Gas Award</u> Nothing to report.	
192.4	<u>REPORTS</u>	
192.4a	<u>Treasurer</u>	

Treasurers account	£1388.50
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3872.67
Co-Warm account	£6501.35
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£2618.33 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950)

More funding received under new scheme for hall rental. (£100)

192.4b 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

No police present.

192.4c Joppa Tennis Survey of neighbours mostly agreed to Sunday play. Two objectors to mediation.

192.4d Millennium & Harry Lauder Show happened on 1 Sep. Patricia gave congratulations to all involved. £1800 (£1500 nett) earned. Garden information board still to do. Mugs still available; china now £5 (only 8 left) and earthenware £3. Contact Patricia for them. Nicola Anderson is looking after the lawn to give it TLC but will revert to the Council. The nameplate is underway thanks to Kath. In order to keep the records straight it was agreed that there would be no Torchlit procession as this was the last opportunity for Council publicity. Sec to ask Sandy S about carols. Sec

192.4e Amenity Society Two of the planning applications to which John had objected on our behalf were unfortunately passed. Awaiting results of third. Granny's Attic windows now boarded up but painted windows still to be done. Black lampposts on the Prom look like a dark wall from some views. These have been complained about. 'Adopt a Monument' has resulted in no action to clean Kiln graffiti; Lawrence to deal. Rosefield Park playground upgrade papers passed to locals by Lawrence. Meeting on Thur to discuss park rowdies. PAS TASK FORCE ONLY MEETING...WED 7 NOV 1930 at 4a Elcho Terr...CC members welcome. Lawrence

192.4f Portobello Counts Meeting soon.

192.4g Councillors. **Maureen** said that John St paddling pool site costing is around £200,000. Quantity surveyor to look at it and try to get funding underway. **Lawrence** tells us that there will be bus service cuts with the 26 reduced to 30 mins in evening, the 42/46 route split. In all 40 routes reduced to save £1,000,000 and stabilise the situation due to loss of income because of the 'Bus Wars'. New McDonalds at Seafield – Residents suggest one entrance to the site. 100 Portobello High St enforcement notice served.

192.4h LDC Report: The meeting on 11 Sept yielded a lecture on the state of the Prom upgrade from Richard Barclay, the plaque grant and acknowledgement that the 'bank square' trees would be replaced. Next meeting 30 Oct 7pm Brunstane primary.

192.4i Information Boards and Building Plaques. Three boards 'Seaside' at Marlborough St, 'Seashore' (children's week) at Eastfield and replacement 'Horizon' at John St will be place on their lecterns first week October. This completes the project of seven boards. £699 granted from City's Community Fund for plaques on Police Station and Baptist Church (Old Town Halls).

192.4j Coad Stone Columns. It was made clear that this was not certain to go ahead. Maureen suggested that the Heritage Lottery Fund was a likely fund source. Sec agreed to approach Historic Scotland for guidance. Sec

192.5 AOB

192.5a Celidh to be held 9 Nov by PHS environmental group

192.5b Bridge St Bridge Re surfaced area has been painted ghastly two tone red. John objected to this. Lawrence said he expected it to become less prominent in time. He agreed to keep an eye on it.

192.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29 October (then 26 November. No meeting December. The first meeting in 2002 is 28 January.)

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