



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 193rd meeting, held on 29 October 2001
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Dawson Currie (Sec) Margaret Downie Keith Jeffrey Nora Mackenzie Brenda Molony George Murray
Patricia Ralph Alison Robinson Sonya Seston (PHS) Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair) John Stewart Natalie Todd (PHS).
Also: Jordan Burns (PHS) Robert Davidson (CEC) Bob Jefferson Tom Nimmo.

Apologies:

Celia Butterworth Susan Deacon MSP Alix Gaffney Kathleen Hart (Treas) Shand Hutchison Gavin Strang MP Cllr Lawrence Marshall
Beryl Neill Sandy Smith Nick Stroud Lewis Waugh.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>																																																							
193.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (24 September 2001)</u> Minute 192.2 The correct spelling is 'Belle', 192.3a '127 people were surveyed', 192.4c should say 'Edinburgh Community Mediation Service involved', 192.4d should be 'thanks to Kath for plants'. Thus amended, the minutes were accepted (moved Margaret D. seconded Patricia.)																																																								
193.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>																																																								
193.2a	<u>Seaside Award</u> Meeting Wed 24 Nov : Smaller area for 'Dog Free' than originally proposed.																																																								
193.2b	<u>Library Frontage</u> . Drip fixed. No further movement on frontage.	<u>Lawrence</u>																																																							
193.2c	<u>SPOKES Map</u> Letter received. Prom still shown as 'May have to dismount' but note included that cycling is prohibited. This is still unsatisfactory. Agreed to invite a speaker to January meeting.	<u>Sec</u>																																																							
193.2d	<u>PCFA Funds</u> Item continues.																																																								
193.2e	<u>Keep Porty Tidy</u> Will exhibit at library as part of 'Porty4Planet'. Sea end of burn still dirty. Area at recycling site taken over by City cleansing and improvements should happen.																																																								
193.2f	<u>Calor Gas Award</u> Nothing to report.																																																								
193.3	<u>REPORTS</u>																																																								
193.3a	<u>Treasurer</u> Treasurers account £1377.24 Joppa Tennis Courts £3872.67 Co-Warm account £6501.35 Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund £2741.87 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950) Three new Christmas lights agreed. See Tennis report re Co-Warm fund.																																																								
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- 193.3c Joppa Tennis No rep present. It was discussed that there was still no sign of the need for the earmarked Co-Warm funds and these could not reasonably be held for ever. The Joppa Tennis people should, therefore, keep us updated with their continued efforts to obtain funding. Joppa Tennis
- 193.3d Millennium & Harry Lauder Carols: little success in arranging Town Hall and schools. PHS already have booking for 12 Dec. Margaret S. agreed to arrange choir to sing on TH steps with nothing in the hall provisionally for 30 Nov. HL Garden; new fence stronger; Information Board under discussion with grant of £1,000 suggested. Sec
- 193.3e Amenity Society Third Planning Application (from last month's report) also passed. In meantime objection lodged against application for 5 Belfield Lane. Black lampposts on the Prom to be reviewed at next opportunity. Kiln graffiti removed at last. Plan for recycling at old Freightliner depot is by a private company. PAS meeting on Wed. Lawrence
- 193.3f Portobello Counts No news..
- 193.3g Councillor's. Maureen reminded us that there was an LDC meeting at Brunstane on 30th. John St Pad site: A grant of up to £5,000 could be applied for by a sub ctte of the CC. It was suggested that the Portobello Paddling Pool Development Site Sub Committee be adopted as a sub committee. This was agreed.
- 193.3h LDC Report: Next meeting 30 Oct.
- 193.3i Information Boards and Building Plaques Board project now finished however one board recently erected had been attempted to be stolen and has been removed for safe keeping until a more secure fixing can be made.
- 193.3j Coad Stone Columns Sec agreed to approach Historic Scotland for guidance about grant but has not done so yet. Sec
- 193.4 AOB
- 193.4a Prom Improvements : Old Ghost Train Site John asked/thought that it was policy to buy this site for 'Open Space' but at a recent meeting it appeared not now to be the case. Maureen said that that may have been the case in the past but currently given financial constraints it was hoped that the people wit houses on to the site would buy a share and extend their gardens to the Prom, and hoped that other house owners might reduce the height of their boundary walls to give a more open appearance. Maureen will look into finding out who the current owner is and Robert agreed to see if he could get the place tidied up. Maureen & Robert
- 193.4b 'Ladies of the Night' The site suggested was A1 Industrial Estate but this does not seem suitable on Health & Safety grounds. Officially the Council cannot have a policy as the practice is illegal.
- 193.4c Britain in Bloom Edinburgh is planning to discuss making an approach next year on a city-wide basis.
- 193.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26 November. (No meeting December. The first meeting in 2002 is 28 January.)

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