



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 194th meeting, held on 29 November 2001
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Sandy Begg Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Iain Cook Sgt Cathy Crease Dawson Currie (Sec) Kathleen Hart (Treas)
Insp Bob Hope Keith Jeffrey Cllr Lawrence Marshall Brenda Molony Beryl Neill Sonya Seston (PHS) Margaret Smith
Tom Smith (Chair) John Stewart Natalie Todd (PHS) Lewis Waugh. Also: Jordan Burns (PHS) Bob Jefferson Tom Nimmo David Turner.

Apologies:

Susan Deacon MSP Nora Mackenzie Patricia Ralph David Simpson (JTC) Sandy Smith Gavin Strang MP Nick Stroud.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Action</u>
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194.1	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (26 November 2001)</u>	There should have been a reminder about PHS ceilidh. Thus amended, the minutes were accepted (moved John seconded Margaret S.)	
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194.2	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>		
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194.2a	<u>Seaside Award</u>	No new news.	
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194.2b	<u>Library Frontage</u>	No further movement on frontage.	
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194.2c	<u>SPOKES Map</u>	Speaker invited.	
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194.2d	<u>PCFA Funds</u>	Item continues.	
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194.2e	<u>Calor Gas Award</u>	Celia and Tom to attend Lunch tomorrow.	
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194.3	<u>REPORTS</u>		
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194.3a	<u>Treasurer</u>		
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Treasurers account	£1217.80	
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3837.11	
Co-Warm account	£6501.35	
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£2744.39 (Includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950)	

Extra Hall rent allowance received. Information Board insurance not enough. Agreed that treasurer can get cover including increased costs.

194.3b	<u>Police</u>		
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	August	Nov
House break-ins	1	1
Attempted HB	2	1
Theft of motor vehicle	20	11
Attempted theft of MV	1	
Theft from MV	4	
Vandalism		36
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles		
Damage only	8	
Injury minor	1	
Injury serious	0	

More staff changes inc Sgt Crease. Some drug-related activity in area being monitored. Housebreakings 80 since April a 50% increase with a high solve rate of 40%. Youth disorder meant 276 calls which is an impossible number to deal with. High visibility patrols on High Street during December to deter street crime. Lewis asked if all these calls were logged and Bob said that they were.

- 194.3c Joppa Tennis No rep present. Joppa Tennis
- 194.3d Harry Lauder No news.
- 194.3e Christmas 2001 Carols by Towerbank for 75 kids approx and about the same from others, on 7 December. The timings will be 0930-100 St Johns, 1030-1100 Duddingston and 1130-1200 Towerbank. Crisps and juice to be given, Bob to ask about Scotmid giving. Trees to be bought by Tom for Town Hall. Christmas Lights to be switched on without ceremony on 7 December. Bob, Tom
- 194.3f Amenity Society One objection to Planning Applications. A survey about Planning process completed and three points raised. Blue graffiti now on the other Kiln. Freightliner – reply from Planning that their discussions with prospective planning application makers are confidential. Lawrence has also written to Babbie. After discussion it was agreed that Sec would write to Chief Exec saying that we did not approve of keeping us or our councillors in the dark. Sec
- 194.3g Portobello Counts No news..
- 194.3h Councillors. No new items raised under this heading.
- 194.3i LDC Report: Next meeting 15 January 2002.
- 194.3j Information Boards and Building Plaques Celia cleans boards when seen to need doing. Plaques ordered from bronze suppliers. Next plaque planned is one for Hugh Miller's house. £699 grant for Town Hall plaques obtained from LDC.
- 194.3k Coad Stone Columns Sec had written to Historic Scotland.
- 194.3l Prom Improvements: Old Ghost Train Site Lawrence still dealing with proposed purchase for/by house owners. Lawrence
- 194.3m 'Ladies of the Night' Official police view is that they can't allow and will take action if complaints received.
- 194.4 AOB
- 194.4a Edinburgh Association of Community Councils A new attempt is being made to set up this organisation and we need start up money. It was agreed to fund £15.
- 194.4b Community Councils Web Site A volunteer is required to attend a meeting on this item. Bob agreed to attend.
- 194.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 28 January 2002. (Then 25 February, 25 March, 29 April .)

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