



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 195th meeting, held on 28 January 2002
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Jordan Burns (PHS) Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Sec) Margaret Downie Kathleen Hart (Treas)
Paul Lindberg (L&B Pol) Cllr Lawrence Marshall Kenny Owen (L&B Pol) Brenda Molony Sandy Smith Margaret Smith
Tom Smith (Chair) John Stewart Nick Stroud Natalie Todd (PHS) Lewis Waugh.
Also: Bob Jefferson Ian Maxwell David Turner Ian Wilson.

Apologies:

Susan Deacon MSP Linda Kelly (Comm Ed) George Murray Patricia Ralph Gavin Strang MP.

Item

Action

195.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (26 November 2001)
Moved Kath Seconded Lewis.

195.2 Visiting Speaker
Ian Maxwell said that SPOKES is 25 years old and has 2,000 members in the Lothians. There had been a doubling in the number of people cycling to work in the last few years. The scheme on Middle Meadow Walk where a line separates cyclists and pedestrians seemed to work. SPOKES had succeeded in getting 1% of the transport budget allocated to cycling needs. The safe routes to schools campaign seems to be successful. SPOKES also had helped with the Millennium cycle route and the North Sea route which connect to Europe. SPOKES also operated a very successful project with their bicycle workshop. Their most successful project of all was the cycle map with around 5,000 sold, which indicated a 'Pleasant way to get to work'. Ian's talk ended with a protracted discussion with mixed opinions being voiced on the subject of cycling on the Prom.

195.3 MATTERS ARISING

195.3a Seaside Award *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ No new news.

195.3b Library Frontage *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ No further movement on frontage.

195.3c SPOKES Map See visiting speaker item.

195.3d PCFA Funds *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Item continues.

195.3e Calor Gas Award *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Celia and Tom to attend Lunch to-morrow.

195.4 REPORTS

195.4a Treasurer

Treasurers account	£1345.66
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3837.11
Co-Warm account	£6501.35
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£2821.35 (includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950)

Insurance boards now valued at £1400 each and 7 insured for £49 pa

195.4b Police

	August	Nov	Dec
House break-ins	1	1	13+9
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		

HB's and slip-ins up. Some people caught. Youths high visibility patrols 134 stopped and 18 letters sent to parents. Some youth shelters required. Extra stop & search done looking for weapons.

Margaret D asked about fatal accident at Moira Terrace but little facts known yet.

195.4c Joppa Tennis No rep – letter sent. See councillors report.

195.4d Harry Lauder *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ No news.

195.4e Christmas 2001 *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Carols by Towerbank for 75 kids approx and about the same from others. On 7 December the timings will be 0930-1000 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

195.4f Amenity Society Large extension at Milton Road: objection ignored and planning permission granted.

195.4g Portobello Counts *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ No news..

195.4h Councillors. Maureen: Tennis courts refurb looks likely to go ahead. Paddling pool site funds for surveyor granted. CEC budget presentation given at LDC which was described as being a very simple and clear explanation. Donald Anderson will attend our April meeting. Lawrence: Moira Terr accident - driver not charged. This accident will unfortunately not guarantee a crossing (currently it's no. 29 on a list of 100. Work currently being carried out on pavement widening at Wakefield/Inchview Terr. Recycling bins at bowling centre not emptied but often on fire. Improvements soon in 26 bus may mean reinstatement of 15 min evening service. Nick asked about Brunstane Train Station: service starts 2 June., access not from Milton Road but only from Gilberstoun.

195.4i LDC Report: Next meeting extra on 6 Feb (only Lothian Structure Plan) then 5 March.

195.4j Information Boards and Building Plaques Old Town Hall plaques in two weeks. £450 gifted from British Geological Survey. Expect £50 to £100 from Community Council for Hugh Millar plaque. David Laing could be next with £275 received from Antiquary Soc.

195.4k Coad Stone Columns *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Sec had written to Historic Scotland.

195.4l Prom Improvements: Old Ghost Train Site *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Lawrence still dealing with proposed purchase for/by house owners. Lawrence

195.4m Community Council Web Site Bob reported Council (CEC) seem keen to fund. Meeting had taken place in Library to discuss with interested parties. Next meeting Thurs 31.

195.5 AOB
Nick thanked Tom Smith for his hard work in putting up the Christmas decorations, during which it emerged that Andrew Crane, the Town Hall keeper, had had a heart attack recently. It was agreed to send him a card and his usual Christmas token from the Community Council.
It was agreed that we invite David Wright, Head Teacher at the High School, to the March meeting.
Time did not permit any other new items

195.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25 February (Then 25 March, 29 April)

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