



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 196th meeting, held on 25 February 2002
in Portobello Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

Celia Butterworth Cllr Maureen Child Dawson Currie (Sec) Margaret Downie Kathleen Hart (Treas) Keith Jeffrey PC Paul Lunberg
Brenda Molony Beryl Neill PC Kenneth Owen Alison Robinson Sandy Smith Margaret Smith Tom Smith (Chair) Nick Stroud
Natalie Todd (PHS) Lewis Waugh. Also Mary Caciey Elaine Mathieson Tom Nimmo Louise Reid David Turner.

Apologies:

Sandy Begg Jordan Burns (PHS) Susan Deacon MSP Nora Mackenzie Margaret Munro Cllr Lawrence Marshall Sonya Seston (PHS)
Gavin Strang MP John Stewart.

Item Action

196.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (25 February 2002)
Item 195.5 AOB should read 195.5(a) Queens Jubilee The Sec had received an information pack on holding celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. There would be grant aid to help. The chairman asked if anybody would be interested in organising anything. A show of hands revealed no-one was interested. The item shown should be item 195.5(b) and Andrew Crane should be Andrew Craig. Item 195.4(j) £275 should read £175 and £100 from Signet Society. As amended moved Brenda, seconded Alex.

196.2 MATTERS ARISING

196.2a Seaside Award Dianne Smith advised Brenda that award attempt put off for a year due to lack of lifeguards. Dog ban will be test-run from May until September.

196.2b Library Frontage. Joyce will attend our next meeting and update us.

196.2c PCFA Funds *Item not reached – Last time* ⇒ Item continues.

196.3 REPORTS

196.3a Treasurer

Treasurers account	£1320.66
Joppa Tennis Courts	£3837.11
Co-Warm account	£6501.35
Sir Harry Lauder Memorial Fund	£2834.16 (includes Portobello Christmas Lights fund £950)

Letter received confirming insurance cover at lower than expected rate of £43.02

196.3b Police

	August	Nov	Dec	Jan
House break-ins	1	1	13+9	14+3
Attempted HB	2	1		5+3
Theft of motor vehicle	20	11		
Attempted theft of MV	1			
Theft from MV	4			
Vandalism		36		104
Accidents involving Motor Vehicles				
Damage only	8			
Injury minor	1			
Injury serious	0			

'+' Residential + Business

No obvious reason for substantial increase in vandalism. Kids observed dealing drugs but hopefully will be dealt with. Long period of discussion held on youth disturbance. Police answer is shortage of staff (sickness, loan to other duties, helping other areas and processing newly caught people).

196.3c Joppa Tennis No rep present. Study showed work feasible. Additional grant from LDC of £5,000. Work should start next year.

- 196.3d Harry Lauder Board now designed and gone for production. Will cost less than other recent boards as black and white. Garden to get more plants. Still mugs to sell. The boundary fence has been repaired twice but still needs attention. American account now closed but still some recent income from US.
- 196.3e Amenity Society Granny's Attic: as part of the appeal a site visit will take place on 6 March. John will attend to support our cause. Maureen answered Lewis' question as to whether this meant the end of the matter if the appeal was turned down. She said that the applicant could submit as many different schemes as they wished and probably would until one got through.
- 196.3f Portobello Counts Meeting held 11th February. Annual review under way. So far this shows a minor change to the shop occupation figures.
- 196.3g Councillors. Maureen presented a written report on various items but including details on the Council's budget.
- 196.3h LDC Report: Next meeting 5th March, Royal High primary at Southfield Broadway.
- 196.3i Information Boards and Building Plaques Seaside board still waiting for replacement. The firm is being pressed to hurry up. Town Hall plaques waiting to be put up. Kath was asked to arrange insurance when erected. Hugh Miller plaque will be erected in time for his celebrations April/May.
- 196.3j Coade Stone Columns
Plans to be discussed at small implementation group.
- 196.3k Prom Improvements: Old Ghost Train Site. Lawrence (not present) still dealing with proposed purchase for/by Lawrence house owners. Refurbishment: Phase1 Bath St to Bellfield St done. Phase2 Bellfield to Joppa due end of March. Final phase Bath St to King's Road due 2003. Extra no-cycling signs to go up. Driving on Prom should be cured. Planters to be refurbished and re-planted. Next progress meeting May/June.
- 196.3l Community Councils Web Site Decided to use City Connect including free training on how to update, free Web space, technical help when required for at least three years and no editorial interference (and none from Community Council). Chairman reminded that as a Community Council sub-committee it would need a CC member as its chair, and minutes regularly of its business. It was thought that this would be easy to resolve in the weeks to come.
- 196.4 AOB
- 196.4a Life Long Learning Require statement of what Community Council does for inclusion in their leaflet. Chair Tom agreed to provide. Meeting 15 Mar in the library.
- 196.4b History Society Life of Irving Berlin, Wednesday 3rd April at St Marks Church, £3. 7pm including finger buffet.
- 196.4c Hugh Miller Sandy Smith to organise opera entitled Hugh Miller – no dates set. Sandy
- 196.4d Funding by Community Council Next meeting is the last opportunity to ask for funds.
- 196.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7:30pm on 25th March (then, 29 April, AGM 27 May.)

As there will be two speakers at the next meeting (Joyce Campbell (Library frontage and Community Council elections) and David Wright (Head @ PHS) the agenda will be curtailed to Police report, Speakers, Minutes, Treasurers, questions on Maureen's report, AOB and then any urgent items from these minutes and normal agenda.

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