



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 30th May 2005 in Portobello Baptist Church

Present: Maureen Child, Dawson Currie, Alix Gaffney, Robert Gatliff, Kathleen Hart, Bob Jefferson, Brian McCrow, Lawrence Marshall, Brenda Molony, Margaret Munro, George Murray, Tom Nimmo, Avril Scott, David Scott, Sheila Scott, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, John Stewart, Nick Stroud, David Turner, Betty Young.

Apologies: Celia Butterworth, Nora Mackenzie, John Smart, Sandy Smith.

In attendance: Hazel Bett, Diana Cairns (PCATS), Maggie Chapman, Gillian Dunn (Community Centre), Ian Forrest, Stephen Hawkins (PCATS), Caroline Hosking (PHS), P. Lake (PAS), Peter McColl, Anne Ward (PCATS).

23.1 Chairman's Introduction (Tom Smith)

Tom Smith (Vice Chairman) welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Celia Butterworth, John Smart and Sandy Smith.

23.2 Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were approved at the June 2004 Portobello Community Council meeting. The Chairman invited any additional comments.

23.3 Treasurer's Report (Kathleen Hart)

A summary of the Community Council accounts for 2004-05 was presented. Kathleen Hart thanked the auditors for their work. The balance of **£5153.73** includes a grant from the LDC towards the renovation of the Police Station Clock. A copy of the accounts will be forwarded to Edinburgh Council. Special thanks were offered to Celia Butterworth and Margaret Monro who once again acted as auditors. The Treasurer was thanked for her excellent management of the Community Council finances.

23.4 Secretary's Report (Robert Gatliff)

The Secretary presented a written report summarising issues and attendance at meetings during 2004-05. Attendance varies between 15 and 26 at each meeting, in line with attendances during the previous year. Eighteen members attended more than 50% of the meetings. Three new members were nominated to join the Council during the year: Brian McCrow (Portobello Neighbourhood Watch); Sheila Scott (Portobello Merchant & Hoteliers Association); Avril Scott (Portobello High School).

23.5 Elections of officers for 2005/06

Tom Smith announced that John Smart had asked to stand down as Chairman for the coming year due to ill health.

Robert Gatliff was nominated for the post of Chairman. Proposed Bob Jefferson; Seconded Margaret Smith

Tom Smith agreed to continue as Vice Chairman. Kathleen Hart agreed to continue as Treasurer

Nick Stroud was nominated as the Secretary. Proposed: Bob Jefferson; Seconded Robert Gatliff

The meeting supported all the above nominations

23.6 Any Other Business

A vote of thanks was extended to the out going members and a special vote of thanks was extended to John Smart for his work as Chairman, and the Community Council wished him a speedy recovery from his illness.

23.6 Next AGM

The next AGM will be held on Monday 29th May 2006.