



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting held on 25th May 2009 in Portobello Baptist Church Hall

Present: Archie Burns (PPAG), Celia Butterworth, Diana Cairns (Acting Joint Secretary, PCATS), Dawson Currie, Maria Devoy (Portobello Online), Robert Gatliff (Chair), Caroline Hosking (Acting Joint Secretary), Lawrence Marshall, Brenda Molony (Portobello Reporter), David Scott (Community Centre), Tom Smith, Margaret Smith (Portobello Labour Party), John Stewart (PAS), Sean Watters (PFANS).

Apologies: Kathleen Hart (Treasurer), Peter McColl (PEDAL), Margaret Munro (Portobello History Society and vice chair), David Turner (Portobello Amnesty Group), William Wilson.

In attendance: Susan Carr (Minutes), Cllr Mike Bridgman (Part meeting), Cllr Maureen Child (Part meeting), Cllr Stephen Hawkins (Part meeting), Kenny MacAskill (Part meeting), Sarah Potter (Portobello Police), Margaret Williamson (Portobello High School), T Graham, L Graham, L Plumb (Portobello CAB), Mary Dunbar (CEC), A Robertson, J Bendit, David Hamilton.

1. Chair's Report & Welcome

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and their support over the last year. Most of the meetings have had good attendance and we have a commendable history of tackling often difficult issues. In particular thanks should go to the joint secretaries Diana and Caroline who have done a sterling job, as well as the previous secretary Nick Stroud and also to Bob Jefferson from Portobello Online who both resigned over the last year. Thanks are also due to Celia, John and Peter who looked after the sub groups. We should also be grateful to the politicians who attended meetings and gave support when needed.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Kathleen Hart, Peter McColl, Margaret Munro, David Turner and William Wilson.

3. Minutes of AGM 2008

The minute of the 2008 AGM was noted as a correct record.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2008-2009

In the absence of Kathleen, Celia tabled the accounts for year ending 31st March 2009. She explained that it is basically income and expenditure for the year and noted that due to an error CEC had wrongly deposited monies into the PCC bank account and is also shown as being repaid. She also noted that the Interpretative Board does not have a bank account so the funding is held for them. There are now no ring fenced balances and it was noted that the Joppa Tennis Courts currently has a good balance. The website has £111 left after deductions but needs to have the cost of registering which is in the region of £300.

5. Election of Office Bearers

The chair noted that PCC has been advised by the Council that we can keep the status quo of office bearers until the first meeting of the new PCC after the election in October. It is really important that we get new members to join when we have the election later in the year as some people have indicated that they are standing down. It will also be necessary to tell interest groups that they need to register and that we are keen to get more involvement.

Margaret Munro had indicated that she would not be standing again as vice chair at the elections. Robert Gatliff and Caroline Hosking indicated that they would be standing down as chair and secretary respectively at the elections. Diana Cairns said she was prepared to remain as secretary beyond the elections, unless someone else comes forward.

6. AOB

6.1a Key-holder volunteer needed – A volunteer is needed to open and close this building for these meetings. These responsibilities include cleaning, checking heat/lights/water and security.

6.1b Portobello Older People's Project (POPP) – Currently Tom represents PCC on this committee by default as he was attending meetings anyway. The PCC is keen to keep the relationship with POP. Lawrence is already on this committee and he could be the rep if no one else wants to take this on. Brenda agreed to attend as PCC rep if the meetings are at a suitable time for her. Tom agreed to contact her re the meeting times.