



# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 31st May 2010 in Portobello Baptist Church Hall**

**Present:** Archie Burns, Celia Butterworth, Diana Cairns, Dawson Currie, Maria Devoy, David Hamilton, Caroline Hosking, Peter McColl, Brenda Molony (*Portobello Reporter*), Margaret Munro (Portobello History Society), David Scott (Portobello Community Centre), John Stewart (PAS), Nick Stroud, Ros Sutherland (PPAG), Leon Thomson, Anne Ward (PCATS), Sean Watters (Towerbank Parents Council), William Wilson, Frances Wraith (Brightons & Rosefield Residents).

**Apologies:** Tom Ballantine, Sandra Blake, Cathy Cherizard (CEC), Lilian Graham, Nelson Johnstone, Lawrence Marshall, Andrew Patterson (Portobello Council of Churches),

**In attendance:** Cllr Mike Bridgman, Cllr Maureen Child, Robert Gatliff, Sheila Gilmore M.P., Kathleen Hart, Cllr Stephen Hawkins, Kenny MacAskill (MSP), Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, C. Thomson, Catherine Thomson.

### **28.1 Chairman's Introduction**

John Stewart welcomed everyone to the Community Council's 28th AGM. He announced that amongst those apologising for missing tonight's meeting were Sandra Blake who was in the Infirmary but was expected home in the following few days; and Lilian Graham, who was back home and recovering well from her illness.

### **28.2 Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved at the June 2009 ordinary Community Council meeting. The Chairman invited additional comments, but there were none.

### **28.3 Chairman's Report**

John Stewart reviewed the past year. He thanked Robert Gatliff, Kathleen Hart and Caroline Hosking for their hard work as respectively Chair, Treasurer and joint-Secretary, and mentioned a few of the main issues that the Community Council had been involved with – mainly planning matters at such sites as the Freightliner terminal, Funpark, Scottish Power site, Newcraighall and for the new High School. He thanked PONGS and Diana Cairns for their campaign over the waste transfer site, Peter McColl for his presentation at the Viridor public enquiry, and PMAG and Caroline Hosking for their work on the North West Portobello development proposals. He also thanked Celia Butterworth and her sub-group for work on signs, plaques and the walking tour of Portobello; Peter McColl for representing the Community Council on the Neighbourhood Partnership; Dawson Currie for attending the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils for us; Sarah Potter for representing the police; our three City Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance; Cathy Cherizard of the City Council for her tireless efforts on our behalf; and various people who had organised our hustings event for the General Election.

In anticipating the coming year John was sure that further effort would be required over planning issues, and he looked forward to the reports from the Community Council's new sub-groups set up to consider local traffic problems and use of the Town Hall. He closed by thanking Margaret Munro, Sandra Blake, Diana Cairns and Nick Stroud as current office bearers.

### **28.4 Treasurer's Report**

With Sandra Blake in hospital, Kathleen Hart presented the accounts for 2009–2010, going over detailed summaries of income and expenditure for the Community Council, Joppa Tennis Courts, and Interpretive Boards and Plaques. The balance of £3,002.25 at the bank included £1,662 'ring-fenced' for the community noticeboard at Gilberstoun. Kathleen thanked Tom and Margaret Smith for auditing the accounts.

### **28.5 Election of officers for 2010–2011**

Stephen Hawkins took the chair for the election of the Community Council chairman. John Stewart was nominated, and with no other nominations he was elected and resumed the chair to fill the other posts. Nominations were as follows:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	<b>John Stewart</b>	Diana Cairns	Dawson Currie
Vice Chair	<b>Margaret Munro</b>	John Stewart	Franny Wraith
Treasurer	<b>Sandra Blake</b>	Diana Cairns	Brenda Molony
Joint Secretary	<b>Diana Cairns</b>	Anne Ward	Ros Sutherland
Joint Secretary	<b>Nick Stroud</b>	Maria Devoy	Archie Burns

All nominations were accepted and confirmed. Diana Cairns moved a vote of thanks to John Stewart.

### **28.6 Any Other Business**

There was none.

### **28.7 Next AGM**

The next AGM is due to be held on Monday 30th May 2011.