



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on 27th May 2013 in Portobello Baptist Church Hall

Present: Tom Ballantine, Sandra Blake, Archie Burns, Celia Butterworth, Diana Cairns, Dawson Currie, Maria Devoy, Caroline Hosking, Peter McColl, Ben McLeish, Brenda Molony (Portobello Reporter), David Scott (Portobello Community Centre), John Stewart (Portobello Amenity Society), Ros Sutherland (PPAG), Leon Thompson, Sean Watters (Towerbank School Council), Frances Wraith (Brightons & Rosefields Residents' Association).

Apologies: Nelson Johnstone, Lawrence Marshall (POPP), Nick Stroud, Anne Ward (PCATS),

In attendance: Cllr Michael Bridgman, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr David Walker, Malcolm Bett, Gillian Dunn, Sheila Gilmour MP, Stephen Hawkins, Lee Kindness, and other members of the public.

31.1 Chair's welcome

John Stewart welcomed everyone to the Community Council's 31st AGM.

31.2 Chair's Report

John Stewart's report covered a wide range of activities that had occupied the Community Council over the past year.

"We have had a busy year as a community council. We have organised several presentations at community council meetings, two by the City of Edinburgh Council, on planning and community councils and community engagement, while other presentations have been on places for people and the extension of Fort Kinnaird. We held a special meeting in January on the Portobello Park Private Bill at which the Council gave a short presentation which was followed by a question and answer session. We have written in support of planning applications for a new cinema at Fort Kinnaird and a new Toddlers Hut on the Promenade. We have also written to the Council supporting and commenting on the upgrade of the Straiton Park play area and the proposed resurfacing of Brighton Place. We submitted a response to the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill regarding the role of community councils. We discussed the current review of the scheme for community councils and sent in an account of our discussion to the Council.

We have continued to expand our web site and electronic copies of correspondence and sub-group minutes are now posted on the site. We have also set up a facebook page for the community council which is operated in conjunction with our Twitter account.

We again had a stall at the last village show to promote PCC while the joint sub-committee with Portobello Heritage Trust and Portobello Amenity Society to re-instate the Baptist Church Clock continues its efforts as does the signs and boards sub-committee which is currently organising a plaque which we intend to erect on the former home of the architect William Hay who lived in Brunstane Road North. I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered to work on these groups.

I would also like to thank Steve and Sarah Wheatley and their group of volunteers for all the hard work they have done to convert the old K6 telephone kiosk at the top of Bellfield Street into the new Porty Light Box. The repainting of the exterior has been carried out and the next step is to reglaze the sides.

It is impossible to mention all the issues that we have taken up in the past year. We have held several consultations with the Council concerning the new signage on the Promenade and the new surface markings

as well as the new seating which is soon to be installed at the Joppa gazebo. We continue to be involved with improvements to Rosefield, Brighton and Abercorn Parks, and with improvements and repairs to road and pavement surfaces throughout Portobello.

I would also like to thank several other people for all the help they have given us throughout the year. Katie Quinn from our Council's East Team has worked extremely hard in providing us with her regular environment update. I would also like to thank John Young and Barry Mercer for all the help that they have given us in their regular police reports.

Our three local councillors, Maureen Child, Mike Bridgman and David Walker have given us invaluable support throughout the year as have our MP and MSP, Sheila Gilmore and Kenny MacAskill.

I would also like to thank Peter McColl for representing us on the Neighbourhood Partnership and Dawson Currie for representing us on the EACC.

My final thanks go to your office bearers, Brenda Molony, Sean Watters, Diana Cairns and Leon Thompson for all their hard work throughout the year.”

31.3 Treasurer's Report

See appended. In addition Leon Thompson raised the issue of rising insurance premiums as something that may need to be considered in future.

31.4 AOB

Diana Cairns move a vote of thanks to John Stewart for all his hard work as Chair.

31.5 Next AGM

The 32nd AGM would be held on Monday 26th May 2014.

Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2013

	Income £	Expenditure £
Raised through voluntary contributions	1,804.32	
Sandpaper, sandpaper block, blades, red primer		20.35
Sanding sheets, sandpaper, wet/dry paper		7.78
Wire brushes, paint brush, sandpaper sheet		3.18
Sandpaper sheets, wet/dry paper		1.79
Security bolts, screwdriver bits		6.99
Safety glasses, dust masks, Hammerite primer, sealant		46.14
Brush set, wet / dry paper		5.36
5L red paint from Unicorn		99.61
Red spray paint for Christmas parcel wrap		3.99
Hobbycraft cellophane wrap for Christmas parcel wrapping		5.78
Bubble machines for installation experiment		15.98
Items from Unicorn: glass, glazing frames, pins, signs		<u>665.10</u>
		882.05
Closing balance at bank as at 31 March 2013		<u>992.27</u>
		1,804.32

**Joppa Tennis General Account
Year Ending 31 March 2013**

Expenditure £	Income £
Opening Balance	7,221.24
Subs from Members	<u>4,205.00</u>
	11,426.24
Transferred to Petty Cash	400.00
Scottish Power	193.21
Edinburgh Council (Waste)	153.63
Alexanders Plumbing (Toilet)	151.43
Lawn Tennis Assoc	400.00
Douglas Wood Painter (clubhouse)	760.00
Jewsons (Wood)	624.79
Coach - Open Day expenses	100.00
Salaries for Summer	1,521.00
Winder for net	87.00
Painting of clubhouse	365.41
Insurance	
159.00	
Rent	<u>50.00</u>
	4,965.47
Closing balance as at 31 March 2013	<u>6,460.77</u>
	11,426.24

**Joppa Tennis Petty Cash
For Year Ending 31 March 2013**

	Income £	Expenditure £
Opening balance	56.40	
Transferred from bank account	400.00	
Takings from Summer	<u>195.00</u>	
	651.40	
Bookers Cash and Carry		171.76
Woodwares		17.45
Expenses for Open Day		66.11
Straps for nets		45.95
Padlock		15.98
Jewsons (wood)		16.62
Espy Expenses		30.00
Junior Comp Expenses		60.00
Wires for Nets		26.00
Kings Manor (Using Court)		16.00
Joiner (Letter Box)		<u>80.00</u>
		545.87
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2013		<u>105.53</u> 651.40