

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the 6th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council on
Tuesday 8th March 1983 in Portobello High School at 7.30pm.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Proposal that Ms.H.Kirson be accepted as the representative of
PAS in place of Ms.L.Davidson.
5. Correspondence
6. Reports from Sub-Committees
7. Proposal that the Community Council employ a minute secretary.
8. Community Council premises...Mr.H.Dawson
9. Deputation of Mr.Alan Walker and Mr.Dickie Alexander on
Community Councils and nuclear war related Civil Defense
preparations.
10. AQCB
11. Date of next meeting.

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Minutes of the sixth Meeting of Portobello Community Council held at Portobello High School on Tuesday 8th March 1983 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

Mr. George Rendall

Present

Mr. G. Rendall, Mr. J. D. Hosie, Ms. S. M. Waugh, Mr. D. Herd, Ms. B. Heron, Ms. S. M. Westwood, Mr. W. Westwood, Ms. R. A. Bullen, Ms. M. Shepherd, Mr. W. McDonald, Mr. A. Calder, Mr. H. E. Fitzsimmons, Ms. C. Gay, Ms. J. Scott, Ms. C. Kilgour, Ms. I. Thomson, Mr. H. A. Dawson, Mr. A. Bryce, Mr. A. Hunter, Mr. G. Cooper, Mr. J. Morrison, Ms. J. A. Hepburn, Ms. E. Cairns, Mr. W. Davidson.

Ex Officio Members

Cllr. Rt. Hon. I. R. Hoy, Cllr. P. C. Martin, Cllr. K. Ward, Cllr. I. Berry.

Apologies

Mr. J. Dykes, Ms. S. S. Brown, Mr. R. Sinclair, Ms. N. Smith, Ms. R. Long, Mr. R. Aitken, Mr. M. Grainger, Dr. G. Strang MP, Ms. M. Amos, Ms. M. Whitehead, Ms. M. Jenkins-Thomas, Ms. H. Reid, Mr. P. Elliot.

51. The minutes of the fifth Meeting were discussed and under item 44 it was felt by some members that a more detailed note of the correspondence should be recorded in the minutes whilst others felt that members could get the information required by request from the Secretary. It was agreed to include detail of correspondence which was the result of a decision of the Council but otherwise simply to note the existence of communications.

It was noted that the minute under item 48 was wrong in that Ms. Heron only raised the question under discussion and did not make any proposal. The words 'Ms. Heron and several other...' were deleted and the sentence altered to 'Several members felt that...'.
The words 'was defeated' were inserted after Portobello Festival in line 10 of the same item.

Section 44 line 4 was altered by the insertion of 'from' between 'and' and 'a'.

The minutes were otherwise approved.

52. Matters Arising

It was reported that a letter had been sent to Moray House regarding the proposed survey of the area. A letter had also gone to PADCA giving the Council's decision on organising this year's Portobello Festival. The cost of employing a minute secretary as to be discussed under item 7 of the agenda. It was reported that the EDC had agreed at sub-committee level, to give responsibility for Jonna Courts to the Community Council. It was reported that the EDC had decided that all/

all Community Councils would require to be re-elected in September 1983.

Discussion took place regarding the position of the Community Programme Sub-Committee in relation to the Johna Tennis Courts and reference was made to minute 28 on this subject

Discussion took place regarding the conduct of future meetings of the Council and it was agreed that speakers should identify themselves.

With reference to item 49 Cllr. Berry reported that he had received a letter from the deputy Chief Constable on the level of vandalism in Portobello and that steps were being taken to contain the problem. During discussions it was suggested that the Police might be approached to send a representative to address the Community Council at a future meeting.

53. Item 4, that Ms. H. Kirson be accepted as the new representative of PAS, was agreed.

54. Correspondence

Letters had been received from Towerbank School and St. Johns School accepting the Community Council's invitation to take part in the Poster competition.

A letter had been received from the Regional Council confirming that the Play-Area at Towerbank Primary School would be refenced (minute 37).

A letter had been sent by a member asking that an approach be made to EDC to have Portobello Baths opened on Sundays during the Summer. It was agreed that the Secretary should write accordingly.

A letter from PADCA had been received on the subject of a Portobello Festival (minute 48).

A letter had been received from the EDC stating that legislation was to be introduced shortly to cover repairs grants for shops (minute 31).

A letter was received from the Lothian and Borders Police regarding the use of Police vehicles on the Promenade. It was confirmed that instructions had been issued to restrict the use of vehicles as much as possible (minute 29).

55. Reports From Sub-Committees.

Mr. Herd, Chairman of the Poster Sub-Committee, reported that all primary and secondary schools had agreed to participate. He gave details of the basis of design and the associated costs which were accepted and approved by the Council. The closing date for the competition was noted as 28th April 1983 and it was proposed that the prizes be presented by the Chairman of the Community Council. The Chairman of the Lights Sub-Committee felt that there was some restriction on his Committee in asking for donations from traders etc.. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee have authority to seek funds.

56. Proposal that the Community Council Employ a Minute Secretary.

The proposal to employ a minute secretary was approved and it was agreed to advertise the vacancy at the Job Centre. It was thought that the cost would be approximately £10 each meeting.

57. Community Council Premises

This subject was fully discussed and it was noted that the approximate cost to rent suitable premises might be in the order of £1500 per annum. It was agreed that all avenues should be explored and in particular we should write to EPC on grant aid or suitable premises which might be available and also to write to Glasgow for information on the extent to which they assist Community Councils.

58. AOCB

AOCB was taken at this point and it was noted that the Portobello Local Plan had been published and the Chairman had a limited number of copies available.

59. Deputation of Mr. Alan Walker and Mr. Dickie Alexander on Community Councils and Nuclear War Related Civil Defense Preparations.

Discussion took place on a point of order regarding the hearing of deputations. It was argued that deputations should not be heard without approval of the Council. It was agreed that in future the hearing of deputations would be agreed ^{in advance} by the Community Council and a majority voted to hear the deputation under item 9 of the agenda. At this point six members withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Dickie Alexander had to leave the meeting earlier so the Community Council was addressed by Mr. Alan Walker on the subject noted on the agenda.

Mr. Alan Walker, a lecturer in physics since 1969 and a resident of Portobello, gave a number of statistics associated with nuclear explosions and their effects over given radii.

60. Place and Date of Next Meeting

This was agreed to be held in Portobello High School at 7.30pm on the 11th April 1983.

These are a correct
record of the proceedings
R. Rendall
(Chairman)