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PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the 8th meeting of the Portobello Community Council on
Tuesday 10th May 1983 in Portobello High School.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Proposal that Mr.N.Child be accepted as the representative
of Portobello Reporter in place of Mr.H.Dawson.
5. Correspondence
6. Reports from Sub-Committees
7. Portobello Local Plan (preparatory comments circulated)
8. AOCB
9. Place and date of next meeting.

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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL on Tuesday, 10th May 1983, at 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN Mr. George Rendall

PRESENT:

Mr.G.Rendall, Mr.J.D.Hosie, Mr.R.Sinclair, Mr.D.Herd, Ms.S.S.Brown, Ms.C.Gay, Mrs.S.M.Westwood, Mr.W.Westwood, Mrs.S.M.Waugh, Ms.M.Shepherd, Mr.C.O'Brien, Mrs.M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs. M.Whitehead, Mr.R.Aitken, Mr.G.Cooper, Mr.M.Grainger, Mrs.J.Scott, Mr.W.Davidson, Ms.H.Kirsopp, Mr.A.Calder, Mr.T.Kyle, Mr.C.Kilgour, Mrs.J.Hepburn, Mrs.I.Thomson, Mrs.B.Herron, Miss A.Bullen

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS Cllr.I. Berry, Cllr.P. Martin

APOLOGIES:

Mr.A.Bryce, Mr. N. Childs, Miss N.Smith, Mr.J.Morrison, Mrs. M. Amos, Mrs. H. Reid

⁷⁰ The minutes of the 7th meeting were approved after the correction to minute 68, section 1, paragraph 2:-

delete..... " and did provide the pedestrians access to the beach."

71. MATTERS ARISING

Mrs. P. Mullen has been appointed Minute Secretary.

A letter has again been sent to Edinburgh District Council regarding re-election decision and next year's funding; it was agreed to carry this matter over until the next meeting when next year's expenditure can be approved.

72. A letter has been sent to Edinburgh District Council regarding the noticeboard under the CIVIC (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982.

73. A letter has been received from The Portobello Reporter intimating that Mr. Harry Dawson will no longer represent them at Community Council meetings and that Mr. Nick Child will be the future representative. This was agreed and Mr. Child sent apologies for his absence.

74. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) A report was received from Mr. Cooper dated 2nd May regarding the 2nd Joint Forum of Edinburgh Community Councils, which will be copied and circulated with the next set of minutes.

(ii) A letter was received from Mr. McDermott seeking the support of all Community Councils in Edinburgh re the Playhouse Theatre project, however, in the light of subsequent developments it was decided no further action was needed.

(iii) A postcard was received from the Edinburgh District Council Planning Department acknowledging High Street planning objection.

(iv) A letter was received from Lothian District Council Highways Department regarding the one-way system and reduction of speed limit, which pointed out that this would require the consent of the Secretary of State. After discussion it was agreed to pursue this matter, particularly with regard to road humps and it was decided to get in touch with the Highways Department again requesting a meeting between Mr. Rendall and someone from their department.

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- (v) A note was received from Mr. Nick Child enclosing copy letter submitted for publication in the Portobello Reporter, which was somewhat critical of the Community Council and the debate concerning the Portobello Anti-Nuclear Group.
- (vi) A letter was received from the Lord Lyon and Keeper of Records regarding the use of the Arms of the former Burgh of Portobello. A formal petition would require to be submitted and the cost would be £403!
- (vii) A reply was received from the Glasgow Community Resource Centre enclosing several papers of interest to the Council.
- (viii) A copy of the City of Edinburgh District Council Financial Report and Abstract of Accounts 1981/82 was received.
- (ix) A letter was received from the Estates Department regarding the Joppa Tennis Courts and Pavilion, offering these at a rent of £50, payable in advance, for a period of twelve months.

A letter was also received from Mr. Horsburgh relating to this subject (enclosing Duty Roster) and after some discussion it was agreed that the Community Council take over the running of the courts and accept financial responsibility as in the conditions of the let (the subject of rent in future years to be taken up with the District Council), with the proviso that the District Council accept public liability insurance costs. It was decided to elect a Management Sub-Committee from the Community Council (namely Mrs. Jenkins-Thomas, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Whitehead) to liaise with the residents of Joppa Management Committee.

- (x) A letter was received from the Edinburgh District Council on 12th May regarding the second Community Council Elections, which are to take place in September 1983, inviting up to five representatives to a "Teach-In" on Monday, 30th May.

75. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (i) It was reported that a meeting had been held with the Scottish Tourist Board, who state they would consider a grant for lighting the Promenade for an amount equal to that raised by the Community Council, which to date amounts to just over £1,000. A request for funds has been circulated to local businesses, also a raffle was proposed and Mrs. Herron agreed to act as promoter. The closing date for the grant is 20th June 1983.

It was reported that the Regional Council will start fitting the new lamp-posts on the Promenade in the next fortnight.

- (ii) It was reported that the closing date for the poster competition had been changed to 6th May and the six winners were announced. It was agreed after discussion that the prizes should be art materials purchased from Menzies, Princes Street, and winning posters will be on exhibition at the Library from 26th May. It was decided to ask the Evening News to publish details and to be present at the prize-giving, also ask Radio Forth to broadcast details.
- (iii) It was agreed that the Poster Sub-Committee go ahead with the preparation of posters re dogs and litter, at a cost of £12 for 500, and the subject will be continued at the next meeting.

76. The PORTOBELLO LOCAL PLAN was discussed and it was agreed to bring the following points to the attention of the District Council Planning Department:-

(i) Recreation

The swimming pool site should be used only for recreational facilities and the Council seeks assurance that it will not be used for retail trading etc., and wish to be kept fully informed of any future plans.

(ii) Office Buildings

That substantial encouragement is required for firms to establish offices in Portobello, e.g. low rates.

(iii) Traffic

It was agreed to ask Edinburgh District Council to advise Lothian Region Council Highways that traffic management is required for Portobello and seek assurance that traffic will be kept off the High Street, and in this respect press the need for public consultation prior to completion of the motorway. It was also agreed that consideration should be given to additional parking facilities for coaches and cars.

(iv) That the District Council be asked to implement Article 4 Directive as soon as possible to enable proposals to be formulated, also that open spaces should be more clearly marked on an up-to-date map.

(v) It was agreed to endorse the proposal to "maintain and improve Portobello as a tourist resort and support the recreational and tourist development."

77. A.O.C.B.

(i) The question of solvent abuse in Rosefield Park was again raised and it was agreed to approach the District Council and Police regarding the boarding-up or removal of the pavilion.

It was agreed to write to local shopkeepers asking them not to sell solvent to children.

(ii) The Council's attention was drawn to the problem of youths congregating outside "Saltman"s" window and harrassing elderly people. It was agreed to write to the Police regarding this and to Saltman, asking him to do something to try and stop youths converging there.

(iii) It was suggested that the Council write to the Police regarding illegal parking in certain streets in Portobello.

(iv) Councillor Berry invited Council members to next District Council meeting to address Council, if they wish, on topical matters in Portobello.

(v) It was agreed that the matter of the Portobello Baths being opened on Sundays during the summer months be followed up.

78. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed, after discussion, that the next meeting will be held in Portobello High School at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 13th June 1983, and that a possible change of venue be discussed at the next meeting, the date of the meeting to be posted in the Library.