

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the ninth meeting of Portobello Community Council held in Portobello High School on 13th June 1983 at 7.30pm.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Reports from Sub-Committees
6. Allocation of grant to Lights project
7. AOCB
8. Place and date of next meeting.

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL on TUESDAY, 13th JUNE 1983, at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN Mr. George Rendall

PRESENT:

Mr.G.Rendall, Mr.J.D.Hoste, Mr.W.McDonald, Mrs.S.M.Waugh, Ms.M.C.Amos, Mrs.B.Herron, Mr.D.Ford, Ms.S.Brown, Miss A.Bullen, Ms.H.Reid, Mrs.Jenkins-Thomas, Mr.R.Sinclair, Mrs.S.M.Westwood, Mr.W.Westwood, Mrs.J.Scott, Ms.C.Gay, Ms.H.Kirsopp, Mr.G.Cooper, Mrs.I.Thomson, Mr.C.Kilgour, Mr.R.R.Lang, Dr.N.Child, Mr.C.O'Brien, Mr.H.E.Fitzimmons, Mr.R.Aitken, Mrs.J.A.Hepburn.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Cllr. The Hon. Ian R. Hoy

APOLOGIES:

Mrs.M.Whitehead, Miss N.Smith, Mr.A.Brice, Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Ward, Mr.T.Kyle.

79. The minutes of the 9th meeting were approved after the following corrections:-

Section 74, item (ix) 2nd paragraph, last sentence, should read:-
"... to liaise with the Joppa Management Committee and be responsible for overall management of the courts." Item (x) should be deleted.

Section 75, item (i) ~~Mrs~~, Bullen agreed to act as promotor, not Mrs.Herron; item (ii) the prizes to be gift vouchers purchased from W.H.Smith or Menzies, not art materials.

Section 77, item (iv) accuracy of this item to be checked with Cllr. Berry.

80. MATTERS ARISING

A report from Gordon Cooper was circulated re the recent Community Council Joint Forum; the Pavilion has now been destroyed by fire, which obviates any need for action. The Council was asked to note that PADCA had not, in fact, received any correspondence concerning this matter.

81. Letters were prepared concerning solvent abuse and sent to Saltmans and the Police, also a letter was sent to the Police concerning illegal parking.

82. The District Council were contacted regarding the opening of the Portobello Baths on Sundays during the summer and stated that a reply had been sent to PADCA about this matter, however, this letter had not been received by PADCA. The District Council stated that they were unable to open the Baths on Sundays due to financial cutbacks.

83. Mrs. Sinclair was contacted regarding the Community Council grant and confirmed that this would be sent out this month. The letter sent to the District Council regarding premises in the Town Hall had not yet received a reply, therefore a meeting was arranged with Mrs. Sinclair for Friday, 24th June, to clear up the matter of premises and elections. It was pointed out that the Portobello and Corstonphine Community Council elections would require to be held in September.

84. Mr. Scott Morton was preparing plans for the Notice Board and, with planning approval, this would be installed shortly.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) A letter was received from Mrs. Sinclair of the District Council re the 2nd Community Council elections (this item was included in previous minutes in error).
- (ii) A letter was received from PAS regarding the public Notice Board, suggesting the Council contact Mr. Scott Morton regarding help with the design requirements.
- (iii) A letter was received from PAS re correspondence received from Mr. MacDonald of 72 Promenade objecting to the new lights, together with a copy of PAS's reply. Mr. MacDonald's letter of complaint was noted by the Community Council and it was understood that Cllr. Berry had taken the matter up direct with Mr. MacDonald, also Mr. Patterson of the Lighting Department.
- (iv) A letter was received from the Lothian Regional Council regarding the proposed action by the Secretary of State for Scotland, who is of the opinion that the rate determined by the Council should be reduced by 8p. They advised that the Community Council may make representations to the Secretary of State, but this was thought to be unconstitutional.
- (v) A letter was received from Miss Nora Smith tendering her resignation as Secretary to the Portobello Community Council. It was agreed to leave the appointment of a new Secretary in abeyance till the next meeting and a vote of thanks was given to Miss Smith for her work as Secretary.

86. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (i) Community Programme - report on progress circulated.
- (ii) Illuminations Sub-Committee - estimated cost of lighting the Promenade will be £6,909, of which the Community Council would be expected to find £3,454, the application for grant to the Scottish Tourist Board to be lodged by Friday, 24th June, and cash collected for raffle to be handed to Mrs. Bullen by that date. It was agreed that the lighting would be adjusted according to the amount of money raised for the purpose and raffle tickets would continue to be sold as it would be a further 14 days approximately before the Scottish Tourist Board Committee would sit to consider the application and funding could be adjusted before the final date. Funds would continue to be raised in respect of the transfer of lights to the High Street over the Christmas period.

The lighting would be switched on between 18th August and 10th October and it was hoped that the switching-on ceremony would be undertaken by some celebrity. A full report was requested for the next Council meeting and a vote of confidence was given to the lighting sub-committee, who were given the full backing of the Council.

- (iii) Poster Sub-Committee - it was reported that the exhibition opened on 26th May and prizes were presented by Mr. Rendall, but it was pointed out that very few Council members were present at the prize-giving. The exhibition closed on 10th June and posters were returned to the schools. The winning poster is at present in the hands of the printers and the cost was reported to be contained within the overall budget originally agreed.

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The poster on dogs and litter is in the hands of the designer and will be submitted for approval at the next Council meeting.

- (iv) It was reported that the Joppa Tennis Courts would be opened week commencing 13th June after obtaining nets from the District Council, suggested charges to be 60p per hour for adults and 30p per hour for children. It was decided to defer purchasing racquets until the next meeting, to find out how many racquets could be donated. It was further agreed that putters should be sought from the District Council and private sources rather than the purchase of new items.

It was agreed that the Community Council accept responsibility for Public Liability insurance, at a cost of £35 for £½ million cover.

87. A.O.C.B.

Allocation of grant to Lights Project - it was proposed to allocate £300 to the lighting project, provided this would not go into next year's funding and subject to the Treasurer's report: the proposal was carried unanimously.

It was noted that a Treasurer's Report should be given at every Council meeting in future.

88. Representation was made to the Community Council to give assistance to the Jessfield Bowling Club regarding additional playing time, as they required more time for championship matches, and it was agreed to write to the District Council regarding Friday opening of the bowling green.
89. It was agreed to try and arrange a meeting with the District Council regarding the opening of the Portobello Baths for several hours on Sundays during the summer months and Mr. & Mrs. Westwood, Miss Bullen, Mrs. Herron and Mr. Rendall agreed to attend this meeting. It was also agreed that some further research should be undertaken on this matter for later presentation to the District Council in the event of approval not being given to open the Baths.
90. It was agreed that the Community Council should be notified in advance of any commercial planning recommendations by sub-committees of the District Council before going to the full Committee, and to act as a distribution facility for information received.
91. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the District Council asking them to renovate the toilets at Kings Road and, as an interim measure, install a mobile toilet as soon as possible.
92. Mr. Child put forward request for any articles to be submitted for possible publication in the Portobello Reporter.
93. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th July, at 7.30 p.m.

*There was a correct
record of the proceedings
Rendall (Chairman)*