

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the 10th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council on Tuesday 12th July 1983 in Portobello High School at 7.30pm.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Address by Chief Inspector Day on 'Policing and Policing Problems in Portobello'.
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Election of Secretary
7. Treasurers Report
8. Report from sub-committees
9. Proposal that section 5(A) of the Community Council Constitution be altered to read: '..office until the day of the second ordinary election of representatives in 1986.'
10. Proposal that a Planning sub-committee be set up.
11. AOCB
12. Lottery draw.
13. Date and place of next meeting

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL on TUESDAY, 12th JULY 1983, at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN Mr. George Rendall

PRESENT:

Mr.G.Rendall, Mrs.S.M.Waugh, Mr.P.Elliot, Mrs.M.Whitehead, Mr.A.Reid, Mr.A.Bryce, Mrs.I.Thomson, Ms.H.Kirsopp, Mr.A.Hunter, Mrs.M.Shepherd, Mr.M.Anderson, Mr.R.A.Thomson, Ms.S.Brown, Mr.W.McDonald, Mr.R.Aitken, Mrs.C.Kilgour, Mrs.J.A.Hepburn, Mr.H.E.Fitzsimmons, Mr.R.Sinclair, Mr.A.Calder, Mrs.B.E.Heron, Mr.T.Kyle, Mr.J.D.Hosie, Mrs.J.Scott, Mr.M.Grainger, Mr.C.O'Brien.

APOLOGIES:

Mr.W.Davidson, Mr.R.Lang, Cllr. Berry, Mr.G.Cooper.

94. The minutes of the 9th meeting were approved.

95. Chief Inspector Day was unable to attend the meeting but will arrange to come at a later date.

96. MATTERS ARISING

A letter was sent to the District Council regarding a mobile toilet at Kings Road; this has now been installed.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) A letter was received from the Lothian Regional Council Highways Department regarding the temporary closure of Baileyfield Road to traffic for a period of three months from 11th July 1983.

(ii) A reply was received from the District Council Department of Recreation in respect of our enquiry regarding the opening of Portobello Baths for Sunday use, stating that it would not be possible for this summer and would result in a deficit in the region of £3,000, but that consideration would be given to this request for 1984.

It was decided to press for the opening of the Baths this year and to make a survey of present users of the Baths for Sunday opening.

(iii) A letter of complaint was received from Cllr. Macfarlane of the Joint Purposes Committee regarding Mr. Cooper's report on the second Forum meeting on 23rd April. As Mr. Cooper was not at the Community Council meeting on 12th July it was agreed to postpone this matter until the next meeting.

98. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

No names were put forward at the meeting for this position, but Mr. Rendall stated that Mr. Gordon Cooper had offered to act as Secretary for a period and he was unanimously elected by the Council.

99. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer apologised for his departure at the last meeting and stated that the accounts for the year 4th October 1982 to 31st March 1983 would be presented at the next meeting for formal approval.

The District Council grant of £943.76 for the year to 31/3/84 had been received and the balance in the general account was stated to be £1,164; in the illuminations account the balance was £2,078.02, plus a further two lottery accounts, making a total of almost £3,000. (It was requested that a list of people who had given donations to the illuminations be drawn up.)

It was agreed to ask the District Council for clarification in writing as to how the Community Council should use the funds.

100. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (i) **Joppa Tennis Courts:** It was reported that the management group had been officially elected and all meetings held would be open to the public, finances standing at around £160. The Tennis Courts rota requires 60 volunteers a week (at present there are 42 and extra volunteers were requested.)
- (ii) **Poster Sub-Committee:** A report was presented by the sub-Committee Chairman, stating that 98 posters were received and winners chosen by Mr. Leslie Kay of Ross High School, Tranent. All the posters were exhibited in Portobello Junior Library from 25th May to 10th June and on 25th May the prizewinners were presented with gift vouchers by Mr. Rendall. The winning poster has since been printed for general advertising purposes (the colour having been slightly changed at no extra cost.)

The total cost was as follows:-

Prizes	£36.00
Printing Costs	£47.15
Gift Voucher to judge	£ 5.00
	<u>£88.15</u>

- (iii) **Lighting Sub-Committee:** It was reported that the application to the Scottish Tourist Board had been approved for a grant of 50% of the project, to a maximum of £3,215, and a number of conditions were attached to the grant which would be discussed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was stated that sufficient money was available to complete almost the whole project as a first stage and that the Scottish Tourist Board would probably approve a further grant at a later date, if requested, to extend the lighting on the Promenade. The total account was reported to stand at just under £3000 and could fund the first complete project from Harbour Road to Bellfield Street. The District Council are being approached regarding the cost of the electricity, at around £250 for the summer season.

The Community Council agreed to postpone submission of a full report, for circulation at the next Council meeting.

It was agreed to postpone the lottery draw until the next meeting to enable all counterfoils and books to be returned; it was confirmed by the Police Licencing Board that this was in order.

- (iv) **Community Programme Sub-Committee Report:** The Council were very favourably impressed with the presentation of this report and it was pointed out that it was drawn up with a great deal of help from PAS; the proposals contained therein were given the full approval of the Council, for subsequent submission to the M.S.C. and a vote of thanks was given to PAS and the sub-Committee.

Authority was given for an increase in costs from £50 to £75.

101. PROPOSAL TO ALTER SECTION 5(A) OF THE CONSTITUTION

It was agreed that section 5(A) of the Community Council Constitution be altered to read as follows:-

"..... office until the day of the 2nd ordinary election of representatives in 1986." It was pointed out that this would be in line with all the other Community Councils and that the District Council should confirm their agreement to this alteration in writing.

102. PROPOSAL TO SET UP PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to include representatives from the Community Council, PADCA and PAS, to check planning applications and lodge objections on behalf of the Council. It was agreed to postpone a decision on this matter until other groups had been contacted, e.g. Dalry Community Council who successfully operate a planning sub-committee.

103. A.O.C.B.

- (i) It was requested that the Community Council press the Regional Council for the lights on the Promenade to be extended to Esplanade Terrace and that this be implemented before the winter and the Council agreed to take this matter up with the Regional Council. It was also requested that an enquiry be made regarding the dog notices for the new lamp-posts.
- (ii) It was suggested that the Regional Council be approached regarding the resurfacing of the Promenade, which appears to have been temporarily patched up at present.
- (iii) Planning application has been made to convert the toilet and shop at Kings Place to a dwelling house and it was agreed that the Community Council should object to this application and press for the toilets to be reopened. It was pointed out that disabled people in wheelchairs could not use the mobile toilet.
- (iv) It was agreed that Mr. Rendall should request a further meeting with the District Council to press for Sunday opening of Portobello Baths.
- (v) A letter has been sent to the District Council concerning the Jessfield Bowling Club and Mr. Rendall confirmed he would follow this up.
- (vi) It was pointed out that this year Portobello beach had fallen below the standards of a "Euro" beach and it was agreed that the Council contact the Forth Purification Board regarding the pollution of the water and see if anything could be done about it.

104. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to have a special general meeting on Tuesday, 19th July, at Portobello High School for the purpose of holding the lottery draw and to discuss the lighting tenders.

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of the proceedings
Rendall (Chairman)*