

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Portobello  
Community Council on 20th September 1983 in Portobello  
High School at 7.30pm

Mr.G.Cooper  
Secretary  
669-4048

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Chairmans Report
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers Report
7. Reports from Sub-Committees
8. Christmas Lights
9. AOCB
10. Place and date of future meetings

2nd AGM

MINUTES OF THE ~~13TH MEETING~~ OF THE PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1983 at 7.30PM

Chairman: Mr. G. Rendall

Present:

Mr. R.M.Aitken, Ms.S.S.Brown, Mr.A.Bryce, Mr.A.Calder, Mr.N.Childs,  
Mr.G.A.Cooper, Mr.W.Davidson, Mr.H.E.Fitzsimmons, Mr.D.E.Herd, Mr.J.D.Hosie,  
Mrs.M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs.H.Kirsopp, Mr.W.S.McDonald, Mr.C.O'Brien,  
Mrs.J.Scott, Mrs.M.Shepherd, Mrs.M.Waugh, Mrs.S.Westwood, Mr.W.Westwood,  
Mrs.M.Whitehead, Mrs.M.Dickson.

Ex-Officio Members:

Cllr. I.S. Berry

Apologies:

Mrs.M. Amos, Mrs.B.E.Heron, Mr.J.Morrison, Mrs.I.Thomson, Mrs.C.Kilgour,  
Mr.P.Elliot, ~~Cllr.~~ G.Strang, M.P.

116. The minutes of the 11th and 12th meetings were approved after the following amendments:-

Mrs. S.S. Brown was present at the 11th meeting.

Mr. Shepherd and Mr.McDonald were present at the 12th meeting.

With regard to item 113(iv) it was agreed that any future decisions to write to the Chief Constable be clearly approved and, if necessary, put to the vote.

117. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman regretted to report the sad news of Miss Audrey Bullen's sudden death and pointed out that she would be greatly missed as a member of the Community Council, also by her friends and other organisations in Portobello that she was connected with.

The Chairman went on to evaluate the work done by the Community Council over the past year and spoke of the tremendous amount of work carried out by the various sub-Committees. He hoped that in future there would be increased communication with the public and further organising of groups within the Community Council.

118. MATTERS ARISING

A list was distributed at the meeting concerning the lottery, showing the prizes and prizewinners, and it was pointed out that very little publicity had been given to this item because of the recent murder in Portobello, however, a presentation had been made to the first prizewinner at Portobello Town Hall.

119. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) It was pointed out that in the event of any nominated representative ceasing to hold office on a Community Council, the vacancy shall be filled by a person appointed at a joint meeting of local interest groups called for that purpose. The meeting to be held in accordance with Appendix 11 to the Constitution. However, it was unanimously agreed to accept Mrs. Dickson as the representative.

(ii) A reply was received from the Chief Constable regarding the Community Council's concern over illegal parking in side streets, pointing out that it would not be practical to impose restrictions.

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- (iii) A reply was received from the Cleansing Department regarding the High Street cleansing and they pointed out that the unusual spell of fine weather had taxed their resources, but would be happy to receive any ideas regarding sites for additional litter bins, and suggestions for siting additional bins were requested. It was pointed out to the meeting that some time ago the District Council had turned down an offer by local traders to install bins. The Chairman asked the meeting to put forward suggestions for siting litter bins.
- (iv) A letter was received from the Director of Education concerning the School Council elections, saying that Portobello and Holyrood School Councils would be asked if they wished the Community Council to be represented. It was proposed, and agreed, that Mr. Cooper should continue as the representative on Portobello High School Council, also that Mr. Herd represent Holyrood School. It was also mentioned that representatives from the School Councils should be invited to attend Community Council meetings.
- (v) A letter was received from Mr. T. Kyle dated 28th August, submitting his resignation from the Community Council for health reasons.

#### 120. CASUAL VACANCIES

It was decided that a meeting of office-bearers be held within the next week or two to decide how to fill casual vacancies that occurred among elected members of the Council. It was suggested that people who had stood for the last election be given the opportunity and it was decided to produce alternatives for consideration.

#### 121. TREASURER'S REPORT

It was noted that the general account had been audited and approved by Mr. Herd. Mr. McDonald pointed out that due to Miss Bullen's death the lottery account had been frozen and the amount of £175 would be held until her estate had been wound up. It was agreed that the prize money should be paid from the Illuminations account.

It was agreed that the accounts were accurate.

It was also agreed that the balance in the Illuminations account (around £2,700) be placed on deposit receipt immediately in order to accrue interest.

#### 122. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (i) The lighting sub-Committee reported that the promenade illuminations had been switched on by Cllr. Berry and had been successfully operated for the past six weeks, apart from reports that some of the lights had been damaged by air rifles. The illuminations period would end on 24th September and the sub-Committee were negotiating whether to leave the fittings up during the winter, or take the electrical parts down and leave the structure.
- (ii) The Community programme sub-Committee had been in touch with the District Council and an evaluation had to be carried out, which was still awaited.
- (iii) The Poster sub-Committee - the anti-litter poster was still awaited and it was decided to place this in abeyance until 1984.
- (iv) Joppa Tennis Courts sub-Committee - it was reported that the tennis courts were closed for the winter after a very successful first season and the account was reported to stand at £205.40. The volunteers were very keen to continue next year on the same lines and would reapply in January for the new lease. It was reported that the sub-Committee had contacted Cllr. Martin to find out what could be done about the problem of the fencing and were awaiting a response, also /

also that they would be applying for a further grant for equipment.

123. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

*Amend 1*  
The subject of Christmas lights was discussed at length and it was pointed out that street lighting could be expensive and run into problems with the Planning Department and Regional Council. It was agreed to ~~form a~~ <sup>ask</sup> Sub-Committee to investigate the possibility of Christmas lights and a Christmas tree, and perhaps have the Town Hall decorated and ascertain the estimated ~~cost~~ <sup>cost</sup> etc. Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Kirsopp agreed to join this sub-Committee. Cllr. Berry offered to set up a meeting with Traffic Management and officials from the Highways Lighting Department to look into the matter. It was pointed out that any suggestions would have to be approved by November at the latest and an outline plan would have to be ready by October. It was agreed to write to the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee requesting a Christmas tree this year. *the illuminated*

124. A.O.C.B.

- Amend 2*
- (i) It was suggested that posters be printed to advise the public of Community Council meetings and have these distributed prior to meetings, also ask local shopkeepers if they would accept the posters by post, and that the Agenda be displayed on the posters.
  - (ii) It was reported that plans had been submitted to the Architectural Services regarding the erection of a notice-board outside the Police Station.
  - (iii) It was reported that a District Council meeting had been held to discuss the Portobello Pool site, with the intention of using this for housing, but a decision was deferred. It was suggested that the building was unsafe and the pool should be filled in meantime with suitable material. It was agreed that the Community Council press for the site to be used for recreational purposes only.
  - (iv) It was noted that a draft of the <sup>local</sup> ~~Community~~ Plan had been submitted to the District Council, which would then be sent to the Secretary of State for approval.
  - (v) Dr. Child reported that the Portobello Reporter and P.A.S. had been approached by Ms. Iris Huggan concerning the production of a Portobello Year Book, giving details of organisations, etc. and containing information about the history of Portobello. Local elderly people with experience of life in Portobello could contact her through the Reporter.
  - (vi) It was noted that the Chairman wished to be advised of all the organisations in Portobello in order that he could contact each one regarding the Portobello Festival.

125. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

After debate it was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, 24th October, at the Railwaymen's Club, Bath Street, if available, or alternatively the Town Hall or Portobello High School, the venue to be confirmed. It was also decided to make enquiries regarding a block booking for future meetings to be held in Portobello Town Hall.

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

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Accountt

Year 1982/83

1982

Sept	EDC Grant	780.87	Stamps	62.50
			Stationary	36.52
			Hall Rentals	31.00
			Christmas Tree	25.30
			Illuminations	<u>11.68</u>
			B	167.00
		<u>780.87</u>	Balance	<u>613.87</u>
				<u>780.87</u>

I have examined the books of Portobello Community Council and have found that they have been prepared in accordance with the vouchers exhibited and the records maintained.

D.N.Herd.  
(Auditor)