

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for the Meeting of Portobello Community Council on the 24th October 1983 to be held in the Railwaymans Club, Bath St. at 7.30pm.

Mr.G.Cooper
Secretary
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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurers report
6. Reports from Sub-Committees
7. Cuts in Educational Services at Towerbank School.
Ms.J.Hepburn
8. AOCB
9. Place and date of future meetings

MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE RAILWAYMEN'S CLUB ON MONDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 1983 AT 7.30P.M.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. G. Rendall

PRESENT:

Mr.R.M.Aitken, Mrs.M.C.Amos, Mrs.S.S.Brown, Mr.A.Bryce, Dr.N. Childs,
Mr.G.A.Cooper, Mr.W.Davidson, Mr.P.D.Elliot, Mr.H.E.Fitzsimmons,
Mrs.J.Hepburn, Mr.D.N.Herd, Mrs.B.E.Herron, Mr.J.D.Hosie, Mrs.M.Jenkins-
Thomas, Mrs.C. Kilgour, Mr.W.S.McDonald, Mr.C.O'Brien, Mrs.M.Waugh,
Mrs.M.Whitehead, Mrs.M.Dickson.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Cllr. I.J. Berry, Cllr. P.C. Martin

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Sinclair, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Reid, Dr. Strang, M.P., Mrs.Scott,
Mrs. Thomson, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Rt. Hon. Hoy.

126. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2nd A.G.M. were approved after the following amendments:-

- (i) "Minutes of 13th meeting...." amended to read minutes of 2nd A.G.M.
- (ii) Section 122, line 3: should read, "it was agreed to ask the Illuminations Committee to investigate the possibility of Christmas lights."
- (iii) Section 123, (iv): should read, "it was noted that a draft of the Local Plan had been submitted to the District Council."
- (iv) Section 115, line 4, "Mr. Shepherd" should read "Mrs. Shepherd".
- (v) It was reported in a letter from Mrs. Thomson that Mrs. Heron, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Kilgour had arrived for the 2nd A.G.M. but had been informed by the janitor that he knew of no meeting that night and as a consequence had gone home. The Chairman stated that he had received a permit for the meeting one week before the date of the A.G.M. and would be writing to the Education Department asking why similar notification had not been given to the janitors.

127. MATTERS ARISING

The subject of casual vacancies was discussed and it was agreed that casual vacancies of elected representatives to the Community Council would be advertised locally. If the number of candidates was less than or equal to the number of vacancies the candidates would be deemed elected. If the number of candidates was greater than the number of vacancies a public meeting would be held and a vote taken, the candidates with the highest votes being elected.

128. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) A letter was received from the Chief Constable agreeing to the erection of a noticeboard outside the Police Station and suggested the Community Council liaise with the Architect regarding the positioning of the noticeboard and the quality of construction materials.
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- (ii) A letter was received from the Head Postmaster regarding the removal of the telephone kiosks from the Post Office at Windsor Place, pointing out that it was their practice to remove kiosks from inside Post Offices as this meant that they were only available to the public during working hours. It was pointed out at the meeting that many people had been asking that the kiosks be replaced and it was agreed to take this matter up with the Post Office Users Council.
- (iii) It was confirmed that Mr. Herd had been appointed to the Holyrood School Council.
- (iv) A letter was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau asking for assistance towards funding prizes for local schoolchildren designing a cover for the C.A.B.'s annual report and it was agreed to donate to the C.A.B. £10 for this purpose.

The subject of donations was fully discussed and it was agreed that there should be a ceiling of £100 in total in respect of donations to any and all groups not able to generate their own income.

- (v) A letter was received from Mrs. Thomson regarding the late arrival of the minutes and agenda and the Chairman stated that he hoped to send these out at least seven days before the meeting in future.

The Council agreed that apologies for absence at meetings should be intimated in writing or by 'phone to the Secretary in advance, or by notifying a Council member personally, with the proviso that if someone was ill in hospital their apologies could be recorded at the Secretary's discretion.

129. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the General account at the end of the month stood at £972, with £750 placed on deposit receipt, and the Illuminations account balance was stated to be £2,931.72, with £2,800 placed on deposit receipt. It was reported that an account had been received from Northern Lights and had been sent to the Scottish Tourist Board.

130. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (i) The Lighting Sub-Committee had not been able to meet and a report was deferred until November.
- (ii) The Community Programme Sub-Committee reported that the Surveyor's evaluation was still awaited from the District Council.
- (iii) The poster sub-Committee reported that the Environmental Health had been contacted, requesting that more copies of the dog posters be sent.
- (iv) Joppa Tennis Courts: Cllr. Martin reported that he had instructed the Director of Recreation to examine the costs involved to repair the fencing around the courts and then to carry out the repairs. Cllr. Martin confirmed that the cost, which would be in the region of £500 would be met by the District Council.

A report and accounts from the J.T.C. Sub-Committee were distributed.

130. CUTS IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AT TOWERBANK SCHOOL

Mrs. Hepburn described the effects of cuts in educational services at Towerbank School and it was agreed that the Council make a statement to the Education Committee that they view with alarm any recent and future cuts in the educational provision directly affecting the education of the children within the Portobello area and that the Council would like to hear further views from a representative of the Education Committee and from the Action Group at the next meeting.

It was reported that a meeting of the P.T.A. would be held in Towerbank School on Wednesday, 26th October, at 7.30 p.m. and an invitation was extended to two or three representatives of the Community Council to attend.

131. PORTOBELLO POOL SITE

It was reported that a meeting took place with the Director of Estates, who had been instructed to consult with P.C.C. regarding the Portobello Pool site. The views expressed were those agreed at a previous meeting referring to the Local Plan. It was reported that the Director of Estates agreed to recommend that a decision on the Pool site should be deferred for a period of six months. It was reported that the Scottish Tourist Board have indicated that a grant of up to 25% of the cost of a recreational project would be available, also that the Scottish Development Agency could possibly grant anything up to a further quarter million pounds if the project was a commercially viable proposition. It was also noted that the Manpower Services Commission might consider financing the services of 30 men, plus 3 supervisors, for a period of 26 weeks to clean up the site.

The Community Council agreed to form a sub-committee to consider proposed pool site projects and to make recommendations to the Community Council. The following persons were appointed: the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, ex-officio, Mr. Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Westwood, and to co-opt Mr. Hamish Shepherd and Mr. Stephen Whitehead to the sub-Committee.

It was also proposed and agreed that Mr. Bryce act as Chairman of the sub-Committee.

132. A.O.C.B.

- (i) It was noted that the Cllr. Ian Berry Trophy had been awarded to the Illuminations sub-Committee and that this would be competed for annually within the Community Council.
- (ii) It was suggested that the Community Council produce a newsletter every six months and this suggestion was noted.
- (iii) Members of the Community Council were asked for any comments or reports for inclusion in the Portobello Reporter.
- (iv) A list of organisations in Portobello in connection with the Portobello Festival would be drawn up and sent out with the minutes and it was requested that the names of additional organisations likely to be involved be added to the list.

133. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in the lesser Town Hall on Tuesday, 29th November, and it was suggested and agreed that a list of dates of future meetings be prepared for the next meeting.

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