

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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There will be a Meeting of Portobello Community Council on Tuesday March 20th '84 in Portobello High School at 7.30pm. You are cordially invited.

Please note that we were unable to obtain a booking for the W.M. Ramsay Annexe

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of Meeting on 20th February 1984
- 3) Matters arising from Minutes not covered elsewhere *N.A. Computer Tax*
- 4) Correspondence *a) Letter Thanks of Recreational Services*
- 5) Treasurer's Report *b) Letter Green & Gray*
c) No reply Region on Road.
- 6) Sub-committees: Organisation and Reports
- 7) Detailed timetable for By-Elections (see below) *? planning.*
- 8) Any Other Competent Business
a) Encouragement of local interest groups to register with Edinburgh District Council
- 9) Next Meeting *Ch.*

TIME TABLE FOR ELECTIONS

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| a) | <u>Notice of Election</u> | Portobello Reporter & Evening News
Local Posters. ? Advertiser | <u>7th April</u> |
| b) | <u>Last day for delivery of Nomination papers</u> | to Secretary | <u>28th April</u> |
| c) | <u>Notice of Poll if necessary</u> | Evening News, Posters | <u>11th May</u> |
| d) | <u>Public Meeting for elections</u> | | <u>18th May</u> |

As we are committed to a secret ballot for election of representatives I think that it would be far more democratic if instead of holding a Public Meeting, which is likely to be poorly attended, we arranged a centrally situated Polling Station open on the 19th May for 2 hours in the afternoon and 2 hours in the evening. The result could then be declared at the Meeting on May 22nd.

*PADCA ?
Taron Hill ?*

Gordon A. Cooper

MINUTES OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT PORTOBELLO

HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 20th MARCH 1984 at 7.30pm

Chairman: Mr R.Sinclair

Present: Mr R.M.Aitken, Mrs M.C.Amos, Mrs S.S.Brown, Mr A.Bryce, Dr N.Child, Mr G.A.Cooper, Mr H.E.Fitzsimmons, Mr M.Grainger, Mrs J.Heburn, Mr J.D.Hosie, Mrs M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mr W.S.McDonald, Mr C.J.A.O'Brien, Mrs H.Reid, Mrs Jean Scott, Mrs M.Waugh, Mrs S.M.Westwood, Mr W.Westwood, Mrs M.Whitehead.
Chief Inspector B.R.Day. Two members of the Public were present.

Apologies: Mr W.Davidson, Mr P.D.Elliot, Mrs B.E.Heron, Mrs C.Kilgour, Mrs M.Sherherd, Mrs I.Thomson, Dr G.Strang M.P., Cllr I.J.Berry, Cllr Hon.I.R.Hoy, Cllr P.C.Martin.

152: MINUTES OF 16th MEETING, 20th FEBRUARY 1984

On the proposal of Mr Westwood, seconded by Mrs Westwood the Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

153 MATTERS ARISING

Chief Inspector Day clarified the position of the Police Point within the Baths. It was a place where local residents had an opportunity of meeting the local policeman. A policeman would only be there at irregular intervals during the day. Non urgent messages could be left there for the officer on duty but it was no substitute for a 999 call in an emergency and was not intended to be so.

- (1) Para.144(1) No summary had been received from Mrs Davidson and the item was DISCHARGED.
- (2) Para.148(ii) The Chairman welcomed Mr Bryce back to the Council after his illness.
- (3) Para.150(ii) In Mrs Heron's absence it was reported that she had certain proposals in hand and asked other Representatives willing to help to get into touch with her.
- (4) Para.151 The Secretary reported that a reply from Stevenson College and a subsequent telephone call had made it reasonably clear that it was unlikely that a booking could be made available now or in the future.
- (5) Para.145(iv) In the absence of Mr Herd this was continued to the next Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) A letter had been received from the Post Office reporting that the installation of a Public Telephone had been completed at Portobello Post Office.
- (ii) In response to a letter to Councillor Martin a reply had been received from the Manager of Recreational Services
 - a) There are no objections to the renewal of the lease of Joppa Tennis Courts and the Director of Estates will be in touch.
 - b) Sunday opening of Jessfield Bowling Green is being investigated to see if this is possible.
 - c) A notice about Sunday opening may be displayed in Portobello Baths.
Dr Child agreed to publicise the matter in the 'Reporter', Portobello CAB to be asked to take a notice and the Secretary to write to Mr Jackson, H.T. Towerbank Primary, asking him to raise matter at meeting of Primary H.Ts in April.
- (iii) A letter had been received from Gavin Strang, M.P. enclosing a letter from the Director of Administration, EDC, intimating that the Kings Rd Roundabout had been approved. There had been no response to the letter on Traffic Management to the Region. Secretary to write again urging a reply.

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(iv) A letter had been received from Dr A.G.Reid, 19A Bath St drawing attention to the difficulty of access for emergency purposes for vehicles at the bottom of Figgate St. After discussion of the result of the Survey reported at 144(3) it was agreed that the Secretary write to the Region and District attempting to clarify the position over the walls and give the result of the Survey. As a peripheral matter it was agreed to Minute concern over the turning of articulated vehicles in Bath St and the precise terms of Planning Permission for the Co-Op Superstore. Secretary to visit Planning Dept.

(v) A letter had been received from Mr McDonald stating that due to various commitments he wished to resign as Treasurer after the 1983/84 Audit. The Chairman thanked Mr McDonald for his services and for coping so well with the complexities of the Illuminations Account. The Council were relieved to hear that Mr McDonald would continue as a Representative.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a balance on General Account of £853.46 and in the Illuminations Account of £623.42. Most of this money was held on Deposit Receipt and these would be uplifted at the appropriate time and re-invested together with accrued interest.

The Treasurer was thanked for his report.

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SUB-COMMITTEES: ORGANISATION AND REPORTSa) Pool Site Sub-committee

Mr A. Bryce (Chair), Mr Cooper, Mr Hosie, Mr McDonald, Mr Sinclair, Mrs S. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood. Co-opted: Mr H. Shepherd, Mr S. Whitehead, Miss Dunlop.

The Chairman circulated copies of the Architects proposals. A full report had been promised by April 30th. The Chairman explained that he had made it clear that the Community Council had no access to funds of the order of £3 million, the Report was designed to be offered to the District Council if the Community Council, as a whole, considered it to be a valuable input. A considerable discussion took place during which it emerged that Butlins had proposals for a Theme Park and that Whelmar had their own proposals.

It was agreed that:-

- a) the Sub-committee look at the plan presented and decide if it represented the views of the Community Council.
- b) That Mr Westwood urge Mr McDonald to write to the Community Council asking them to comment on the proposals that he had received.
- c) Secretary to write to Whelmar asking if they had any proposals for the site.

b) Jonna Tennis Courts Sub-committee

Mrs Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs Whitehead, Mr Cooper.

Mrs Jenkins-Thomas reported that a Meeting to elect a Management Committee would be held on 26th March. The Courts would open on April 7th and this would be publicised in Church magazines. It was agreed a permanent notice be erected making it clear that the Courts were under the auspices of the Community Council. Volunteers to help 'man' the Courts would be welcome. A proposal for Chairman to be brought to the next Meeting.

c) Illuminations Sub-committee

Mr R. Sinclair (Chair), Cllr I. Berry, Mr W. McDonald, Mrs M. Shepherd, Mrs S. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Kirsop.

The Chairman explained that he would be demitting office as Sub-committee Chairman and suggested that the Sub-committee consider 4 themes a) what should be the next step. b) maintenance of the present lights. c) what forms of Insurance were required d) disposal of the balance of grant from the Tourist Board.

156(cont) It was agreed these matters be considered together with any proposals for co-option to the Sub-committee. The name of a new Chairman to be suggested to the next Meeting.

Arising out of the deliberations over the above three Sub-committees it was agreed that the Officers review the whole position over Third Party, Public Liability and Damage/Theft Insurances.

d) Community Programme Sub-committee

Mrs H. Reid (Chair), Mr J. D. Hosie, Cllr Paul Martin, Mr R. Sinclair, Mrs S. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood. *Mrs M. Jenkins - Thomas Mrs M. Whitehead*

Mrs Reid spoke of her frustration over the lack of progress over the funding and implementation of the Programme. 'Joppa Kids' had proposals for doing something themselves about Joppa Paddling Pool which had been part of the Programme and if no other resources were available this should be encouraged. The problems of providing a purpose built BMX track seemed insuperable. Three sites were suggested - all with difficulties - the crazy golf site, Lothian Region Bus Depot and a small area at the Cat and Dog Home. The feasibility of a cycle-track along the Promenade or part of it was also raised. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Secretary, on behalf of the Council, should write to the Director of Recreational Services copied to the Estates Department expressing the frustration of the Council and asking what was being done and what the reactions of the Departments were to the various projects outlined. The Police to be asked for comments on any suggestions for the BMX track.

There being insufficient time, consideration of the other Sub-committees was deferred until the next Meeting.

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DETAILED TIMETABLE FOR BY-ELECTIONS

The time-table as set out on the Agenda was approved, four vacancies to be advertised. The Secretary reported that he had the agreement of CAB and Portobello Public Library to give out Nomination Papers.

On the proposal of Mr Bryce it was agreed that, if necessary, a Polling Station would be opened for four hours on Saturday 19th May to be manned by volunteers from the Community Council. The Chairman of PADCA had agreed to make the small telephone room available. The appointment of a Returning Officer to be considered at the next Meeting.

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ANY OTHER COMPLETENT BUSINESS

- (i) The Secretary drew attention to the fact that only Local Interest Groups registered with Edinburgh District Council were eligible to take part in elections of nominated Representatives. There was one vacancy for a nominated Representative and the attendance record of others was very poor. It was agreed that a letter be sent to all known organisations suggesting that they consider registration and asking that if they had complaints, causes, or any items that they would like considered by the Community Council. The letter to make it clear that this was an on-going suggestion. A similar letter to go to Groups already represented giving the same invitation and setting out the attendance record of their Representative.
- (ii) The Chairman invited Nominations for the position of Treasurer. Nominations, in writing, with the consent of the Nominee to reach the Secretary by March 31st.

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NEXT MEETING

To be arranged for April 17th. On the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed the Secretary book a room at Portobello High School for April 17th, May 22nd, June 18th.