


PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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There will be a Meeting of Portobello Community Council on Tuesday
April 17th 1984 in Portobello High School at 7.30pm. You are cordially invited.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of Meeting on March 20th 1984
- 3) Matters arising from Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 4) Nomination for Treasurer
- 5) Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Annual Accounts
- 6) Election of new Treasurer
- 7) Correspondence
- 8) Sub-committee Reports and Notice Board
- 9) Any Other Competent Business
 - a) Matters referred by Dr Child not covered elsewhere.
- 10) Date and Place of next Meeting
Portobello High School, 22nd May



Secretary

6th April 1984

MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY APRIL 17th 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 H.Fitzsimmons, Mr D.N.Herd, Mrs B.E.Heron, Mr J.D.Hosie, Mrs M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs C.Gay, Mr G.Cooper, Mrs C.Kilgour, Mr W.S.McDonald, Mr C.J.A.O'Brien, Mrs J.Scott, Mrs M.M.Shepherd, Mrs I.Thomson, Mrs M.Waugh, Mrs S.Westwood, Mr W.Westwood, Mrs M.Whitehead.
Councillor I.J.Berry 4 members of the public were present.

Apologies: Mrs H.Kirsop, Mrs H.Reid, Dr G.Strang M.P., Chief Inspector B.R.Day.

Chairman: The Chairman thanked Dr Child for the superb publicity given to the Community Council in the latest issue of the 'Portobello Reporter' and thanked the Joppa Tennis Courts Committee and Mr Westwood for the publicity given in the 'Edinburgh Evening News' to the opening of the Joppa Tennis Courts. Regret was expressed that Chief Inspector Day had been transferred from Portobello Police Station, and best wishes expressed for his future career.

160 MINUTES OF 17th MEETING, 20th MARCH 1984

The Minutes were amended by recording the Apologies of Mr D.N.Herd and on the proposal of Mr Fitzsimmons, seconded by Mr Hosie the Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

1 MATTERS ARISING

- (1) Para.153 (3) Mrs Heron expressed her regret about the lack of response from the Community Council to her plea for help. She had made her own contribution and asked that her remarks about the lack of involvement of the Community Council be recorded in the Minutes.
- (2) Para.153 (5) Mr Herd reported that he had verified that the Council were liable to pay Corporation Tax at 30% on the ~~interest~~ ^{received} on Bank Interest. The Inland Revenue had given a verbal assurance that it was not their practice to charge Corporation Tax if the sum involved was less than £25. However, there was a requirement to submit Accounts annually. As Auditor, and having just dealt with the Accounts for 1983-84, he recommended that more money be spent. The Chairman explained that due to a change in the arrangements at Mr Hosie's office it was likely that administrative costs would increase considerably in the coming year.
- (3) Para.154(ii)a) The Secretary reported that he had now heard from the Director of Estates about Joppa Tennis Courts and had written back confirming that the Community Council wished to renew the lease.
- (4) Para.154(ii)b) It was reported that a letter from the Manager of Recreational Services estimated the cost of opening Jessfield Bowling Green on Sundays would be about £1000. This figure seemed to ignore takings and it was agreed that the recipient of the letter write again drawing attention to these facts.
- (5) Para.154(iii) The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the Director of Highways, dated 4 April recording that:-
 - a) the major step to prevent through vehicles using Portobello is the building of the Bypass.
 - b) Advisory signing will be the major method of segregation.
 - c) A reduction of width is proposed for Portobello High St and more Pelican Crossings.

MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

- (5) Para 154(iii) It was reported that a Meeting of Brighton Residents Ass. had been shown plans. It was agreed that the reply was unsatisfactory and the Secretary should request a detailed timetable. Councillor Berry regretted that the reply had taken so long and suggested that in future letters being sent to the Region should be copied to him so that a reply could be sought. He also suggested that it might be possible to mount a display later in the summer in Portobello. The Chairman thanked him for the offer.
- (6) Para 154(iv) The Secretary reported that no reply had been received about the Pipe St walls. Attention was drawn to the lack of signposts for traffic. The Secretary to write drawing attention to this and to enquire into the stipulations over access to the Co-Op site in Bath St in the Planning Permission.
- (7) Para 157 It was agreed that the Chairman act as Returning Officer. Mrs Amos volunteered to help man the Polling Station if required.

NOMINATION FOR TREASURER

The Secretary reported that one nomination had been received by the closing date: Mr C.J.A. O'Brien nominated by Mr Hosie and seconded by Mr Cooper.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer regretted that the Accounts had not yet been approved by the Auditor due to the absence of certain vouchers. Mr McDonald then went through the Draft Accounts explaining various features. The Income totalled £943.76 and Interest credited totalled £41. The Illuminations Accounts showed a very wonderful effort but it was a continuing expense. Congratulations were also due to Joppa Tennis Courts. Mrs Shepherd reported the gift of £50 from the Portobello Traders and Hoteliers and Mrs Westwood intimated the handing over of £30.50 as a result of the Pancake Race Raffle.

Mr Herd explained that the hold-up in certifying the accounts arose from the lack of certain vouchers for expenditure incurred by Joppa Tennis Courts. Mrs Whitehead agreed to make enquiries from Mr Crighton.

The Chairman thanked Mr McDonald for his clear exposition, congratulated Joppa Tennis Courts for their efforts and thanked Mr Herd for his work as Auditor.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

The Meeting approved the election of Mr O'Brien as new Treasurer and expressed their thanks to Mr McDonald for all his efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs C. Gay resigning as Representative of PADCA Senior Social Club, from the Community Council, due to indifferent health. The Chairman thanked Mrs Gay for all her help to the Council and reported that the Officers were considering a draft letter to all organisations who were members of Council as there were a number of vacancies. The method of replacing them as laid down in the Constitution was being studied.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

(ii) A letter from Mr Robb, Secretary of Fortobello Anti Nuclear Group was read. It requested consultation in the event of the Community Council being asked to be involved in a scheme by LAC for the training of community based, civil defence volunteers. Councillor Berry reported that no such scheme had been brought to the Regional Council. After discussion it was agreed that at this time there was no topic to discuss.

(iii) The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from Miss Potts enclosing a petition signed by 26 residents of the Tower Station site, three letters from residents and various telephone calls all urging that the Pool Site be used for housing. This was apparently the result of reports appearing in the public press that unfortunately had not been seen by the Officers. Mr Bryce explained that the use of the Pool Site for recreation had been urged and approved at various public meetings and that the Pools Sub-committee, originally set up by the Tourist Development Association had tried to give effect to that wish. It was particularly fortunate that the apprehensions of the local residents had been made known at this stage before a full plan was considered by the Pool Sub-committee. The members of the public present, who were all from the area were allowed to address the Council and express their fears over the use of the site. The Chairman thanked them for their views and made it quite clear that the Community Council would take those views into full account. It was agreed that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Sub-committee and put on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council. Although a decision was due to be reached by the District Council in June it would be up to the local residents to protest about any change of use. Mr Westwood pointed out that there had been 5000 signatures on a petition asking that the Pool Site be used for leisure.

(iv) The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Lothian Regional Council on a scheme proposed for Combined Heat and Power/District Heating Scheme for Edinburgh. The matter was not urgent and he suggested that it be looked at at some future date. In view of the time this was agreed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTSa) Joppa Tennis Courts

Mrs Whitehead reported that she was the new Chairman of the Sub-committee. An open meeting had been held on March 26th and 7 members elected to the Committee. It was hoped that the Courts would be open from 10am to 4 or 5pm. There was an urgent need for more volunteers. Amongst other things there had been some damage during the winter from a burst pipe and there was an urgent need for external painting. A Notice Board recording the Community Council sponsorship had been erected. Mr Bryce proposed that in view of the successful 1983 season the Community Council be responsible for the upkeep and as a first step estimates be obtained for external painting. This was agreed.

b) Illuminations Sub-committee

There was nothing to report and the appointment of a new Chairman was still outstanding.

SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont)c) Pool Site Sub-committee

The Chairman explained that some confusion had arisen over the Chairmanship of the Sub-committee. Mr Bryce had been appointed by the Community Council but, during his illness, Mr Rendall (Ex Chairman of the Council) had asked Mr Shepherd to act as Chairman pro-tem. It was agreed to remit the matter to the Officers to try and reach a solution which while being within the Rules recognised the sterling work that had been done by Mr Shepherd. The Sub-committee would meet on April 26th to receive a full report from the Architects and would then table an action for discussion at the Council Meeting on May 22nd.

d) Community Programme Sub-committee

In the absence of Mrs Reid there was no report. The Secretary said that he had written to the Edinburgh District Council but as yet had no reply.

e) Notice Board

The Chairman reported that this was in the hands of the Police Architects who were about to issue specifications and plans.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESSa) Matters referred by Dr Child

It was agreed that consideration of these items be deferred. The Office Bearers to put items on the Agenda as time permitted.

b) Volunteers for Rosefield Tennis Courts

The Chairman appealed for volunteers to help those who were trying to run these courts. It was agreed that the Council should give backing to the project.

c) Toilets

Mr Westwood drew attention to the fact that only Joppa Public Toilets were open during the Spring Holiday. Secretary to write and complain.

d) Sub Post Offices

Attention was drawn to the new Post Office policy that Sub Post Offices be at least one mile apart and the threat that this posed to Joppa Post Office. Secretary to write to find out the position.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as May 22nd in Portobello High School at 7.30pm