

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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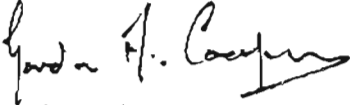
There will be a Meeting of Portobello Community Council on Tuesday May 22nd
1984 in Portobello High School at 7.30pm. You are cordially invited

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Election Results
There being four Candidates for the By Election vacancies the undernoted were declared elected without a Poll:-
Henry Alexander DAWSON
Solomon MACINTOSH
John STRAND
Lindsay WARDROPE
- 3) Minutes of Meeting on April 17th 1984
- 4) Matters arising from Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Pool Site Report and recommended action
- 8) BMX track
- 9) Sub-committee Reports
- 10) Any Other Competent Business
- 11) Date and Place of Next Meeting:

Portobello High School, 18th June 1984

11th May 1984


Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 19th MEETING OF THE FORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT FORTOBELLO
HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY MAY 22nd at 7.30pm

Chairman: Mr J.D.Hosie. The Vice-Chairman presided in the absence of Mr Sinclair.

Present: Mr R.M.Aitken, Mr A. Bryce, Mr A. Calder, Mr G. Cooper, Mr H. Dawson, Mr H. Fitzsimmons, Mrs J. Hepburn, Mr D. Herd, Mrs B. Heron, Mrs M. Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs H. Kirsopp, Mrs C. Kilgour, Mr W.S. McDonald, Mr C.O'Brien, Mrs M. Shepherd, Mrs I. Thomson, Miss L. Wardrope, Mrs S. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood, Inspector J. Harkes.
Councillors K. Ward, D. Alexander, G. Kerevan. 2 members of the public

Apologies: Dr N. Child, Mr W. Davidson, Mrs J. Scott, Mr R. Sinclair, Mrs M. Waugh, Mrs M. Whitehead, Dr G. Strang, M.P., Councillors I. Berry, P. Nolan, Mr S. Macintosh, Mr J. Strand.

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors, Mr Alexander and Mr Kerevan to the Meeting.

169 ELECTION RESULTS

The Chairman reported that there had been 4 candidates for the 4 vacancies and that therefore Mr H.A. Dawson, Mr S. Macintosh, Mr J. Strand and Miss L. Wardrope had been duly elected without the need for a poll.

He welcomed the new members of Council who were present.

170 CO-OPTION

Mr George Rendall would not now be moving to London as rapidly as had been anticipated. The Officers felt that his expertise and experience would be of great value to the Council and therefore proposed that he be co-opted. This was approved by the Meeting without dissent.

171 MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 17th 1984 (18th)

These were amended by deleting the name of Mrs C. Gay from those present and adding that of Mr G. Cooper, with these changes Mr Westwood proposed and Mr McDonald seconded their approval and signing as a true record.

172 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- 1) Para. 161 (4) Mr Westwood reported that as far as he knew no correspondence had taken place. Cllr Kerevan believed that the only obstacle to opening on Sundays was the need to negotiate with the Trade Unions involved. He understood that if the negotiation was successful there would be no opposition from those who worked at Jessfield Bowling Club.
- 2) Para. 163 The Auditor had now approved the Accounts for 1983-84 and these had been circulated with the Minutes and Agenda.
- 3) Para. 166 b) The Illuminations Sub-committee had not yet met to appoint a new Chairman. It was agreed that Mr Sinclair be asked to convene a meeting, before the Community Council next met, to appoint a Chairman. It was also agreed to suggest that the membership of the Committee be reviewed at that meeting.
- 4) Para. 167 d) The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with the Head Postmaster and had been assured that, provided it was well patronised, there was no threat of closure of Joppa Post Office. It was agreed that the Secretary should write making it clear that the Community Council was also opposed to any threat of closure of Sub Post Offices at Craighinty Avenue, Eastfield, Kings Road, Milton Road W. and Southfield Place.

173 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Rosefield Park: The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the Estates Dept stating that the consent of the appropriate Committee of Edinburgh District Council would be required. Councillor Kerevan explained that his personal view was in favour of the Community Council taking over the courts and Mr Westwood asked him to look into the question of a grant for equipment, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- (ii) By-Pass: The Secretary had sent a letter expressing alarm at the lack of positive proposals for Traffic Management and suggesting that the Highways Dept might be willing to meet the Community Council on June 18th to explain their plans. The letter had been acknowledged. Inspector Harkes spoke of proposals to close Brighton Place during bridge reconstruction and the traffic difficulties that this would cause. Councillor Ward agreed to follow up the questions raised, in the absence of Councillor Berry.
- (iii) Walls at Figgate St & Pipe St: The Planning Dept had now replied that they had received no complaints from the Emergency Services and no petitions or representations from the residents about the difficulties caused by the walls. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary write again drawing attention to the lack of adequate signposting and asking about pedestrian access through the walls.
- (iv) Community Programme: The Secretary reported correspondence with the Manager of Recreational Services. It was hoped to start the Marlborough St and Mount Lodge Place projects in late summer. No suggestion had been forthcoming from the Manager about the BMX track and a letter had been sent suggesting temporary use of the crazy golf course. A letter drawing attention to the dangers of using the golf course had been received from Mrs Whitehead and these reservations had been recorded in the letter to the Manager. The fact of Mrs Whitehead's strong objections was noted.
- (v) Letter on behalf of Portobello Baptist Church: The proposals for utilising a grant from the Carnegie Trust to help the unemployed in Portobello were discussed. Attention was drawn to the existence of the Unemployed Centre in Picardy Place and the possibility that unemployed people taking part might endanger their 'benefits'. A proposal of 'no action' was put to the vote and defeated and it was agreed that the Secretary write applauding the scheme but drawing attention to the reservations that had been expressed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the General Account totalled £733.04, £17.48 on Current Account and £715.56 on Deposit. The Illuminations Account totalled £530.29 and the Joppa Tennis Courts Account £207.90. Mr O'Brien was thanked for his exposition.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS(a) Joppa Tennis Courts Sub-committee

In the absence of Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Jenkins-Thomas reported that four estimates had been received for external paintwork ranging from £717.60 to £350, all including VAT. She gave her personal recommendation to the lowest tender having seen his work. Mrs Jenkins-Thomas proposed and Mrs Shepherd seconded that the lowest tender be accepted and the Tennis Court account be debited by one third of the cost. This was agreed with the proviso that all tenders should be received in writing. It was approved that the EDC Recreation Committee be asked if they were prepared to make a grant but that the work should go ahead as soon as possible.

(b) Illuminations Sub-committee

Discussed at 172 (3).

(c) Community Programme Sub-committee

Discussed at 173 (iv).

POOL SITE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mr Bryce explained that, due to his illness, the feasibility study was really the result of Mr Shepherd's efforts and suggested that Mr Shepherd explain the Report produced by the Sub-committee. This was agreed.

Mr Shepherd outlined the plan to be put forward to the District Council, and explained that the report from the Sub-committee needed certain amendments before it was submitted. A copy of the plans, report and financial estimates was circulated. The total cost was estimated at £1,900,000 of which £250,000 would need to be raised by local subscription. The remainder would be available as grants and loans if the Edinburgh District Council gave the go-ahead. At least four other proposals were known to be going to the EDC before the closing date in June.

After considerable discussion and a plea by a member of the public that the site should be retained as a covered Pool with the original facade the Chairman congratulated Mr Shepherd and explained the Community Council position.

The Community Council could obviously take no financial responsibility but would wish to forward the completed Report to the Edinburgh District Council as an alternative to the other options. Once these options were known the Community Council must be in a position to reflect the views of the people of Portobello and therefore the initiative in promoting the proposals of the Sub-committee must lie with the original Working Party that had been brought under the Community Council umbrella.

Councillor Kerevan made it clear that he had a personal commitment to his manifesto statement about consultation and safeguarding the environment but said that the final decision on the proposals would lie with Edinburgh District Council and that there would be widespread consultation in Portobello and possibly an exhibition of the plans.

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ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESSa) Waste Paper Collections

Mrs Kersopp drew attention to the suspension of Waste Paper collections by the District Council. It was reported that Friends of the Earth and some Churches were willing to receive waste paper. Councillor Alexander hoped that the service might be introduced again. It was agreed to defer action until the District Council position was known.

b) Car Park at old ~~General~~ Cinema (Bingo)

It was reported that the owner had now fenced in the Car Park taking in the cobbles in Mentone Avenue. It was claimed that there had always been pedestrian access through the car park and that the danger to children from Towerbank Primary had been increased. Mrs Hepburn to raise problem with Towerbank PTA and report back.

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DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as June 18th in Portobello High School at 7.30pm.

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Record of Receipts and Payments for the year 1 April 1983 to 31 March 1984

GENERAL ACCOUNT

To interest on Deposits	£ 41.18	Grants Paid: Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 10.00	
Grant Edinburgh District	<u>943.76</u>	Illuminations	300.00	
	984.94	Poster Competition	88.15	
Balance at 1 April 1983	613.87	Amenity Report	49.81	
		Prizes-School etc.	<u>10.00</u>	
		Joint Forum C.Cs	10.00	
		Postage and Stationery	110.88	
		Rents for Meetings	87.00	
		Minute Secretary	60.00	
		Insurance	15.00	
		<u>289.24</u>	Sundries	<u>6.36</u>
				747.20
				<u>851.61</u>
		Balance at 31.3.84		£ <u>1598.81</u>
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ILLUMINATIONS ACCOUNT

To Donations	£ 2126.84	Lottery Costs	£ 379.87	
Grant from Community Council	300.00	Messrs Northern Lights	5183.66	
Scottish Tourist Board	2592.00	Bank Charges	2.86	
Lottery Receipts	1126.60			
Interest on Deposits	<u>27.22</u>			
	6172.66			<u>5566.39</u>
Balance at Beginning	<u>29.05</u>			<u>635.32</u>
		Balance at End		
		Current A/C	£ 78.42	
	£ <u>6201.71</u>	Deposits	<u>556.90</u>	£ <u>6201.71</u>

JOPPA TENNIS COURTS ACCOUNT

To Fees charged	£ 371.00	Rackets, etc.	£ 57.03	
Interest on Bank Account	2.50	Insurance	35.00	
		Rent to Edinburgh D.C.	<u>50.00</u>	
			142.03	
		Balance at End	<u>231.47</u>	
		Bank	£ 207.90	
	£ <u>373.50</u>	Cash	<u>23.57</u>	£ <u>373.50</u>

I have examined the books and records of the Portobello Community Council and certify that the foregoing records of Receipts and Payments have been prepared in accordance herewith.

(signed) David Herd

D.N.HERD AUDITOR

28 April 1984