

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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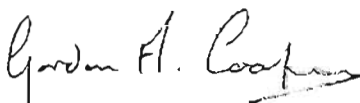
There will be a Meeting of Portobello Community Council in Portobello High School on Tuesday 25th September 1984 at 7.30pm. This Meeting will be the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Council. It will also be the 23rd Ordinary Meeting.

You are cordially invited

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 22nd Meeting held on 27 August 1984
- 3) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 4) Chairman's Report
- 5) Financial Report NOTE: The Draft Accounts were submitted to the Council on April 17th 1984 and the Certified Accounts circulated with the Agenda for the 19th Meeting held on May 22nd 1984.
- 6) Sub-Committee Reports:
 - a) Illuminations: including proposals for Christmas Lighting
 - b) Joppa Tennis Courts
 - c) Community Programme
- 7) Attendance at Community Council Joint Forum, 29th September 1984
- 8) Any Other Competent Business
- 9) Date and Place of next Meeting

13th September 1984


Secretary

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 23rd MEETING HELD IN PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 1984, at 7.30 pm.

Chair: Mr R. Sinclair

Present: Mrs M.C. Amos, Mrs S.S. Brown, Mr A. Bryce, Mr G.A. Cooper, Mr H.A. Dawson, Mr M. Grainger, Mrs J. Hepburn, Mr D.N. Herd, Mrs B.E. Heron, Mr J.D. Hosie, Mrs H. Kirsopp, Mrs C. Kilgour, Miss R.R. Lang, Mr C.J.A. O'Brien, Mrs J. Scott, Mr R.L. Sinclair, Mr J. Strand, Mrs I. Thomson, Miss L. Wardrope, Mrs S.M. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood, Mrs M. Whitehead, Chief Inspector Brown and three members of the public.

Apologies: Mr R.M. Aitken, Mr W. Davidson, Mrs M. Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs M.M. Shepherd, Mrs M. Waugh, Dr G. Strang, M.P., Cllrs I.J. Berry, D. Alexander, G. Kerevan, Mrs N. Sinclair.

200 MINUTES OF 22nd MEETING ON AUGUST 27th 1984

On the proposal of Mr Herd seconded by Mr Westwood these were approved as a true record.

201 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- 1) Para.194. It was reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to the Director of Highways and that a discussion paper on the attitude to be adopted by the Council would be prepared before the next Meeting.
 - 2) Para.195(a). The Secretary reported that Dr Strang had asked that his view be recorded that the majority of the Meeting was in favour of an underpass and that the Community Council should ask for a second opinion on its feasibility. After discussion the view of the Council appeared to be that as the roundabout had been passed by the full Lothian Region Council and approved by the Edinburgh District Council no action need be taken.
 - 3) Para.195(b). Regret was expressed that the environmental proposals for Portobello centre had not been sufficiently discussed. The Secretary reported that he had an assurance from Councillor Berry that an exhibition of drawings would be mounted in PADCA in October and that, if necessary, a further meeting would be called to discuss these proposals specifically.
 - 4) Para.197(1) The Secretary had written to POUCS about the Sub P.O. closures their reply had referred him to the local Post & Telecommunications Advisory Committee. They had now been written to.
 - 5) Para 197(2) Receipt of the letter about the DC Liaison Committee had been acknowledged 'without prejudice' by the Director of Administration.
 - 6) Para 197(4) The Chairman reported that repairs to the lights at the beginning of the summer had cost £190 - the problem seemed to be in the lights themselves and the account had been returned to Northern Lights. The discussion was still continuing. It was agreed that situation was most unsatisfactory. The lights had now been switched off for the season but alternative Contractors would be considered for the future.
 - 7) Para.198(b) The Chairman explained that the paperwork over the Notice Board appeared to have been lost between Police Headquarters and Linlithgow. Chief Inspector Brown agreed to look into the matter and report. The discussion covered other aspects of publicising the work of the Council including Notice Boards at Joppa and Craigentenny, items in the 'Evening News' and placing the Minutes in Portobello Public Library. It was agreed that the Officers would investigate all these suggestions.
- Para.198(c) The Secretary had requested a supply of Anti Dog Fouling posters from the Environmental, Health Dept.

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Para.198(d) The Secretary reported that the Planning Dept had nothing to add to their previous statement that no petitions or complaints had been received about access. Secretary to write again making clear that a majority of residents had said they were in favour of pedestrian access.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1) The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Alan Shanks from Portobello Police Station and assured Chief Inspector Brown that he was at liberty to bring local officers along as he wished or as a substitute when he was unable to be present.
- 2) In his Report the Chairman reviewed the events of the year since 20th September 1983.
 - a) The illuminations along the promenade were an on-going commitment, progress had not been as spectacular as during the first year of the Community Council's existence but he understood that the Illuminations Sub-committee had new and exciting proposals for the future.
 - b) Joppa Tennis Courts had again had a good season and been even more successful than in the previous year - entirely due to the efforts of the local residents.
 - c) The highlight of the year had been the very full and comprehensive proposals put forward by the Pool Site Sub-committee to the District Council. It had been a pity that the Community Council had been in no position to back the proposals financially or otherwise but it was to be hoped that the District Council would reach some decision before long.
Mr Westwood urged that the Community Council write to the District Council asking them to make it clear that they were at least looking at the position.
 - d) The Community Programme appeared to have been lost in the bureaucracy but the Chairman understood that the relevant papers had been sent to Councillor Kerevan who had agreed to find out the latest position.
 - e) The Chairman felt that the meeting about the Portobello By-pass had had considerable impact on the community and that another, perhaps less political meeting, would need to be held early in 1985 to discuss the proposals for the High St. He drew attention to the considerable input to those proposals by the Portobello Amenity Society. Mr Bryce reported that the Portobello Tourism Development Association had been sent a letter from the Director of Highways to the Scottish Tourist Board about signposting - a copy would be sent to the Secretary.
 - f) The Chairman concluded by hoping that the newly elected members had settled in and noted the way that they had already contributed to the Council discussions. He expressed his sincere thanks to Messrs Cooper, Hosie and O'Brien for the way that they had assisted him during the year. If any members of Council had suggestions for future activities of the Council he would be grateful if these could be handed to any of the Officers as soon as might be.

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The Chairman proposed the re-election of Mr Herd as Auditor for the coming year and thanked him for his help in 1983-4. Mr Hosie seconded the proposal and all present agreed.

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The Secretary asked if it was the wish of members that the attendances of members be circulated with the Minutes and this was agreed. Mr Dawson asked that consideration be given to altering the Constitution to lay down minimum standards of attendance and the Chairman agreed to consider, with the other Officers, whether this should be recommended.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) The Treasurer pointed out that the Constitution required that the financial year of the Community Council should coincide with that of the District Council which was from 1 April to 31 March. The draft accounts for the year to 31st March 1984 were submitted to the Community Council at the April 17th Meeting and the audited Accounts were presented and circulated at the Meeting on May 22nd. Extra copies of those Accounts were available to members. Mr O'Brien paid tribute to the work of the Auditor, Mr Herd.

- b) The present position was that the balances held in the respective accounts were: General Account £1,193.96 of which £1,100 was on Deposit Receipt. This figure includes the sum of £700 being the lump sum payment of grant for the year 1984/85. A further sum is due being a levy of 2 pence per head of the electorate in the area and this will be forwarded in due course. The electorate for 1983/4 was 12,188 producing the sum of £243.76. It was understood that there would be little change in 1984/5. The Illuminations Account was £605.29 of which £500 was on Deposit Receipt. The Treasurer highlighted the donation of £100 from Mr John Strand and thanked him on behalf of the Council. The balance held in the Joppa Tennis Courts Deposit Account was £398.40 meaning that during the current season the sum of £265.50 had been added. The Treasurer drew attention to those sums which the Council were committed to pay in the future. At the May Meeting it was agreed to meet two-thirds of the cost of the exterior paintwork at the Joppa pavilion from General Funds and an invoice from Northern Light for repairs undertaken in July, of £216.35, was awaiting confirmation that the work had been carried out satisfactorily. Copies of the Audited Accounts had been sent to the District Council and to the Inland Revenue for their advices about Corporation Tax. The Chairman thanked Mr O'Brien for his hard work and for the very clear explanation of the present position.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTSa) ILLUMINATIONS

Mr Bryce thanked the Council for the decisions reached at the last Meeting and agreed that it was not possible to organise and carry out a Door to Door collection. After enquiry it was felt by the Sub-committee that it was impossible to raise enough money to carry out the scheme propounded by Northern Light. However, another firm from Burnley appeared to have moulded fittings suitable for lamp posts at a more reasonable price - prices ranged from £39 to £81 plus VAT. The local schools had been approached to produce a tableau scene for the Town Hall and cut-outs suitable for flood-lighting. An application had been made for a grant to cover the cost of flood-lighting the Police Station and letters to the local Traders and Merchants were being prepared. The Chairman asked that written costed proposals be produced for circulation before the next Meeting and that consideration be given to the question of illuminated Christmas trees. It was also reported that a Music Hall would be held on 3 nights in December to raise funds for the lights. It was hoped to involve a celebrity.

b) JOPPA TENNIS COURTS

Mrs Whitehead amplified the written report from the Joppa Tennis Courts Management Group and, in particular, the generosity of the Estates Dept of the District Council in repairing the fencing and agreeing to do the external paint-work. In view of the financial situation it was hoped that a part-timer might be employed to help with manning the courts in the 1985 season but proposals would be laid before the Council later. Mrs Whitehead was asked to convey the gratitude of the Community Council to the volunteers and the Management Group for all their work. Mr Cooper pointed out that the Financial Statement was merely for information and the Accounts would be produced by the Treasurer in due course. He proposed that the Management Report be accepted as a Report from the Sub-committee and circulated as an Appendix to the Minutes. Mr Bryce seconded this and it was approved.

c) COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

The position over this was covered in the Chairman's Report 202.2 (d). The Sub-committee would be activated when there were some developments.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL JOINT FORUM

Mr Hosie proposed that the Officers and Mrs Jenkins-Thomas attend. There was no volunteer for the remaining vacancy.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 1) Late Licences: It was reported that the late licence for Misty's had been reduced from 3.30am to 12.30am. However, the decision was subject to appeal and if there was an appeal the present hours would continue until the matter had been determined.
- 2) Shops at 186/188 Portobello High St: Mrs Scott drew attention to the state of these shops and the way that the protective covering had again been destroyed. It was agreed that the District Council be written to
- 3) Fouling of the pavements: Mrs ~~Whitehead~~ drew attention to the increased dog-fouling on the pavements. The Chairman agreed to consult with the other officers on the composition of a Sub-committee to consider the whole matter. To be raised at the next Meeting. It was agreed that the problems of lorries at Eastfield be also considered. Secretary to write to Cleansing Dept and congratulate them on the new litter bins and their efforts over the beach this summer.
- 4) Drinking on Promenade: The Chairman asked Chief Inspector Brown to clarify the law over glasses being taken out of Hotels on the Promenade. Chief Inspector Brown said that the present Licensing(Scotland)Act did not prohibit doing this, however, he would have thought that in their own interests licensees would see that glasses were collected before they were broken.
- 5) Civic Gala Week 1985: Mr Dawson proposed that the Community Council, organise, administer and run a Civic Gala Week during the 1985 summer season. He agreed to bring detailed proposals to the next Meeting of the Council.
- 6) Flemings Garage: Mrs Whitehead proposed that the Council write to the Regional Council urging them to buy this empty site as a Car Park. It was agreed that the Secretary do this.
- 7) Lothian Region Children's Panel: The Secretary reported a request for new members and asked those interested to collect information after the Meeting.
- 8) RNIB House to House Collection: The Secretary reported a request for assistance in this collection in the week beginning 1st October. Volunteers to collect information after the Meeting.
- 9) Report on the Constitutional and Management Problems of PADCA: The Secretary reported that it had come to his attention that a Steering Group of PADCA had been set up in April 1983 with the terms of reference 'to investigate all avenues in an attempt to make PADCA a fully integrated "Community Unit" which had been its original aim'. It was believed that the Group had now reported. Surprise was expressed that the Community Council had not been consulted.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date was agreed as Tuesday October 23rd but the Council were divided on the venue. Portobello High School, High School Annexe, Towerbank Annexe and the Town Hall were all suggested and objected to. The venue was remitted to the Officers to take a decision in the view of the arguments advanced.

NOTE:

It was subsequently arranged that the Community Council would meet in the P.A.D.C.A. Servery at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 23rd.

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

The Second Annual General Meeting was held on 20th September 1983 and since that date there have been 10 Meetings. Where members have been elected or resigned the number in brackets after their attendance gives the maximum possible.

<u>Elected Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Nominated Members</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
AMOS Mrs M.C.	5	AITKEN R.M.	St Philip's	9
BROWN Mrs S.S.	8	BRYCE A.	P.Tourism	6
CALDER A.	2	CHILD Dr N.	P.Reporter	5
ELLIOT P.D.	2	COOPER G.A.	St Mark's	9
HERD D.N.	7	DAVIDSON W.	James St Residents	4
DAWSON H.A.	3 (4)	DICKSON Mrs M.	Promenade Assoc.	3
HERON Mrs B.E.	8	FITZSIMMONS H.E.	P.Hot. & Merch.Ass	9
HOSIE J.D.	9	GAY Mrs C.	PADCA Senior Soc.	0 (5)R.
JENKINS-THOMAS Mrs M.	10	GRAINGER M.	3rd P.Cubs & Scouts	2
MCDONALD W.S.	7	HEPBURN Mrs J.	Towerbank PTA	7
MACINTOSH S.	2 (4)	HUNTER A.	1143(Port.)ATC	1
BEID Mrs H.	2 (8) R	KIRSOPP Mrs H.	P.A.S.	6
RENDALL G.W.	4 (4) R	KILGOUR Mrs C.	Bath St Residents	8
SHEPHERD Mrs M.M.	7	LANG Miss R.P.	P.Old & Windsor P.Ch.1	
SINCLAIR R.	6	MORRISON J.S.	P.A.D.C.A.	0
SMITH Miss N.F.	0 (4) R	O'BRIEN C.J.A.	St John's	10
STRAND J.	2 (4)	SCOTT Mrs J.	P.Inner Wheel	7
WARDROPE Miss L.	1 (4)	THIRD D.	P.Baptists Church	0
WAUGH Mrs M.	8			
WESTWOOD Mrs S.M.	8	<u>EX-OFFICIO</u>		
WESTWOOD W.	9	STRANG Dr G. M.P.		1
WHITEHEAD Mrs M.	7	BERRY I.J.	Councillor	6
		HOY Hon.I.R.	..	2
		NOLAN P.W.	..	0
		WARD K.F.	..	5
		ALEXANDER D.	..	2 (4)
		BROWN D.H.	..	0
		BURKE T.	..	0
		CAVAYE J.S.	..	0
		COUTTS G.J.	..	0 (4)
		KEREVAN G.	..	4 (4)
		MARTIN P.C.	..	3
		OLIVER Mrs V.	..	0
<u>CO-OPTED</u>				
RENDALL G.W.	0 (4)			
LOTHIANS & BORDER POLICE	4 (6)			

On Open Meeting was held in St Philip's Church on March 26th 1984, to elect six members of the Joppa Tennis Courts Management Group.

The courts and putting green were opened for use on Saturday 7th April, at first on Saturdays only, then six days per week 10 am to 8 pm from June 30th to September 8th.

Immediate repair work was carried out by volunteers, including securing the balustrades, replacing rotten boards, puttying cills and drain clearing. A Notice Board was fixed up stating 'Joppa Tennis Courts/Open to the Public/run by volunteers/with the help of Portobello Community Council.'

The court fencing was generously repaired by the District Council and the exterior paint work is also to be done by the District Council before the end of October.

Internal improvements include cupboards for storage and first aid materials. A large counter was placed in the main room of the pavilion for the very popular sale of juice and crisps (non-profit making).

New equipment purchased includes putters and balls. The Management Group decided to loan all equipment, without deposit, for ease of management. With the exception of wear and tear no losses were reported. Some new tennis racquets will however be needed for the 1985 season. Maintenance equipment purchased includes court brooms, mops and cleaning materials.

An American Tournament was organised and held at the start of the season and attracted 32 entries of all ages. A children's Putting Competition was run at the same time. Both were a huge success and resulted in a repeat Tournament being held at the end of the season. A Challenge Trophy was presented to J.T.C. by Mr G. Spencer through 'Joppa Kids' and an Open Competition resulted in inscribing the name of the first winner on the shield.

Though in terms of court and putting-green usage 1984 has been a great success and improvement over 1983, the major difficulty has been in the lack of volunteers to supervise play. A mail-drop of some 200 slips resulted in no response and finally the Management Group had to physically contact previous volunteers to get their commitment. The everyday maintenance and opening of the courts (particularly during the second half of the school summer holidays) fell on the shoulders of the hard-pressed Management Group. Little time was left to devote to other ideas or improvement schemes.

The Management Group feel that it is now time to seek an alternative method of operation. An Open Meeting is to be held on Sunday 23rd September and should result in suggestions. These ideas will be discussed by the Management Group and submitted to the Community Council for approval, with a view to the 1985 season.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash brought forward from 1983	£23.57	<u>Expenditure</u> First Aid Kit	13.66
Income from Charges 13.4.84-3.9.84	375.55	Mop, Chain, balls	7.69
	399.12	Cleaning equipment	15.07
		Plywood	5.61
		Timber, photocop. etc.	16.81
		Gift tokens	24.00
		24 tennis balls	9.54
		Engraving	4.83
		Competition prizes	21.90
		Small items, sundries	6.35
			<u>125.46</u>
		Banked in 1984	265.50
		Cash in hand 1984	8.16
			<u>399.12</u>

Treasurer: Joppa Tennis Courts - Dennis Crichton.