

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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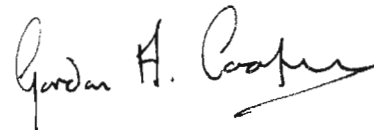
There will be a Meeting of Portobello Community Council in the P.A.D.C.A. Centre on Tuesday 23rd October 1984 at 7.30 pm.

You are cordially invited

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 23rd Meeting and 3rd AGM held on 25th September 1984
- 3) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 4) Report on the Portobello By-pass
- 5) Report on Christmas Illuminations
- 6) Civic Gala Week 1985
- 7) Ian Berry Trophy
- 8) Financial Statement
- 9) Any Other Competent Business including Correspondence
- 10) Date and Place of next Meeting

12 October 1984



Secretary

NOTE: Apologies should be intimated to the Secretary in writing or by telephone before the Meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN PADCA CENTRE ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1984 at 7.30 pm

Chair: In the absence, due to bereavement, of Mr Sinclair, Mr J.D. Hosie took the Chair

Present: Mr R.M. Aitken, Mrs M.C. Amos, Mrs S.S. Brown, Mr A. Bryce, Mr G.A. Cooper, Mr H.A. Dawson, Mrs J.A. Hepburn, Mrs B.E. Heron, Mr J.D. Hosie, Mrs H. Kirsopp, Mrs C. Kilgour, Mr C.J.A. O'Brien, Mrs M.M. Shepherd, Miss L. Wardrope, Mrs M. Waugh, Mrs M. Whitehead. Cllrs I.J. Berry, Hon. I.R. Hoy, G. Kerevan, P.C. Martin, K.F. Ward. Chief Inspector Brown and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Dr N. Child, Mr W. Davidson, Mrs M. Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs J. Scott, Mr R.L. Sinclair, Mrs I. Thomson, Mrs S.M. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood, Dr G. Strang, M.P., Cllrs D. Alexander, P.W. Nolan.

209 The members asked Mr Hosie to convey the condolences of the Meeting to Mr Sinclair on his loss.

210 MINUTES OF 23rd MEETING AND 3rd AGM on 25th SEPTEMBER 1984

On the proposal of Mrs Amos seconded by Mrs Shepherd these were approved as a true record.

211 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- 1) Para.201(4) The Secretary had now been notified that all closures of Sub P.O.s had been deferred until the DHSS strike was settled.
- 2) Para.201(6) The Treasurer reported that a cheque for £216.35 had now been issued to Messrs Northern Lights.
- 3) Para.201 (7) Chief Inspector Brown had provided correspondence to show that permission for the Notice Board at the Police Station had been given in 1983. The Vice-Chairman took the matter in hand. Permission to be sought for similar Notice Boards at Joppa and the top of Craigentenny Ave.
The Secretary reported receipt of a stock of Dog-fouling posters and asked those who could display them to take a supply. One had been erected at St Mark's Church Hall and another put in the Church grounds.
- 4) Para.201 (8) No reply had been received from Planning.
- 5) Para.202 2(c) The Chairman asked that the District Council, through Councillor Kerevan keep the Community Council apprised of any developments over the Pool site.
- 6) Para.202 2(d) Councillor Kerevan intimated that the Community Programme was no further forward than in April. The staff had been doubled to two and he had asked, in writing, for a report.
- 7) Para.202 2(e) The Secretary reported receipt of copies of correspondence from Mr Bryce to and from the Tourist Board. It was agreed that the Officers take the matter in hand and set up a liaison Sub-committee with the interested parties.
- 8) Para.207 2 It was reported that the District Council had again restored the protective coverings but had made it clear that this could not be an on-going commitment. After a heated discussion over the difficulties of a permanent solution, Councillor Kerevan agreed to receive a letter of protest from the CC and take the problem up in the appropriate quarter.

REPORT ON THE PORTOBELLO BY-PASS

The Chairman reported that the Officers had deferred preparation of a Discussion Paper in the light of recent Meetings and to be sure that they would reflect the view of the Council. The personal view of Mr Hosie was that Portobello could not afford the delay that would be inevitable if a roundabout at Kings Rd was deferred for further consideration of an underpass. Mr Bryce proposed that the Regional Council be written to setting out the views expressed in Para.201 2, and asking that, if obvious difficulties arose once the By-pass was opened over traffic flow, the Regional Council would face up to their obligations and take whatever steps were necessary. It was also emphasised that the Community Council asked to be kept in touch with all developments and consulted as necessary. It was also emphasised that further discussion was required over the proposals for the centre of Portobello and that the large contribution from PAS should be acknowledged. Mrs Shepherd seconded Mr Bryce's proposal expressing her disquiet over what had happened at the Open Meeting. There being no further discussion the proposal was agreed. Councillor Berry promised that once the letter was received an Exhibition would be mounted in PADCA.

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Mr Bryce explained that it had been, as yet, impossible to produce written proposals or costings. Messrs E.D.Wood of Burnley had received a provision~~al~~ and personal order from Mr Westwood, in the name of the Bath St Residents Association, for 44 units at a cost of £2186. Cost of the necessary adaptations to the lamp posts in the High St had been estimated by the Region to be less than £2000. Letters were in process of being delivered to all Traders in Portobello but so far only 865 had been deposited in the Fund. Holyrood and Portobello High Schools had agreed to co-operate over tableaux. The District Council would provide a Christmas tree on the usual site but it was unlikely that trees would be allowed on the Town Hall balcony. Enquiries were being made about floodlighting the Town Hall and the Police Station. Mr Bryce asked that the Community Council authorise expenditure up to 80% of the sums in hand. Mr Dawson disagreed and proposed that the Council authorised the ordering of the goods as an act of faith, if necessary, using all sums available in all accounts of the Community Council.

The Chairman, supported by a legal opinion from Mr Bryce, said that the Council could not accept the proposal as it would render them jointly and separately responsible for any financial shortfall. Mrs Heron drew attention to the entertainment planned for December 6th, 7th and 8th which should raise considerable funds. Mrs Shepherd expressed doubts over the co-operation of the traders after the promises made in 1983 that had not been implemented.

After further discussion, Mr Dawson's proposal found no seconder and it was agreed that the discussion be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held in PADCA on Tuesday 13th November to receive a progress report from Mr Bryce and written proposals. A decision would have to be reached at that Meeting.

CIVIC GALA WEEK 1985

Mr Dawson produced proposals, which are attached as an Appendix, for a number of events to involve as many members of the Community as possible. He suggested the last week in June which would coincide with the Victorian week-end. After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council did not have sufficient expertise on its own and that the list of proposals be circulated to all relevant organisations for their comments. It was also noted that PADCA had considerable experience in this field.

IAN BERRY TROPHY

The Chairman drew attention to the existence of this trophy which had been held by the Illuminations Sub-committee for 1983-84 and called on Councillor Berry to nominate the recipient for 1984-85. Councillor Berry said that he was very happy to present it to Joppa Tennis Courts in recognition of their public spirited efforts. Mrs Whitehead thanked the Councillor and expressed the gratitude of the Management Committee.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer reported a balance in the General Account of £1160.95, Illuminations Account £468.72 and Joppa Tennis Courts Account £398.40. As much as possible of each Account was held on Deposit.

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ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Letter from Councillor Cramond, Vice Convener LRC

The Secretary read extracts from this letter expressing fears over the road safety of young children and urging 'mind a child to and from school' and 'car pools' schemes. It was agreed that Towerbank Primary had few problems in this respect, although there were other worries about road safety. Mrs Hepburn agreed to bring the letter to the attention of the PTA. The letter to be copied to all HTs of Primary Schools in the area (including Craigentenny) with a request for comments. To be placed on the Agenda when replies received.

- 2) Letter from Mrs Jenkins-Thomas

This asked that the Community Council gave serious consideration to the production of a Community Council News Letter. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Officers for consideration.

- 3) Letter from Dept Economic Development and Estates (EDC)

This reported that the Director of Recreation was unable to do the repairs at Rosefield during the present financial year. It was suggested that the application be renewed in Spring 1985 when the situation might have been resolved. It was agreed that the tenancy be applied for from 1 April 1985.

- 4) Abercorn Park

It was reported that a letter from Edinburgh District Council recorded that they were looking into the present and future use of Abercorn Park in discussion with the SDA. PAS to be informed and Secretary to write and ask - what proposals?

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DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting was fixed for 11th December 1984 at 7.30 pm in the Servery, PADCA Centre.