

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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There will be a Meeting of the Community Council in the P.A.D.C.A. Centre on Tuesday 11th December 1984 at 7.30 pm.

You are cordially invited

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 24th Meeting held on 23rd October and of the 25th (Special) Meeting held on 13th November.
- 3) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 4) Report on Christmas Illuminations subsequent to 25th Meeting
- 5) * Proposals for Environmental Management in Portobello
- 6) Financial Statement
- 7) Eyesores 186-188 Portobello High St
 Windsor Place Lodge
 Bellfield St
 Prospective problems
- 8) Presentation of Ian Berry Trophy
- 9) Any Other Competent Business
- 10) Date and Place of next Meeting - proposed PADCA Centre, 15 January 1985

24 November 1984



Secretary

* NOTE: It is understood that the Regional Exhibition on Environmental Management in Portobello will open in P.A.D.C.A. Centre on December 7th. It will run for approximately one month. We must, therefore, be ready to discuss the final form of our submission at the Meeting on January 15th.

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PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN PADCA CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 1984 at 7.30 pm

Chair: Mr R.L.Sinclair

Present: Mr R.M.Aitken, Mrs M.C.Amos, Mrs S.S.Brown, Mr A.Bryce, Mr G.Cooper, Mr H.Dawson, Mr H.E.Fitzsimmons, Mr M.Grainger, Mrs J.Hepburn, Mr J.D.Hosie, Mrs H.Kirsopp, Mr C.J.A.O'Brien, Mrs J.Scott, Mrs M.M.Shepherd, Mr R.L.Sinclair, Mrs S.Westwood, Mr W.Westwood, Mrs M.Whitehead. Cllrs I.J.Berry, G.Kerevan, Chief Insp.Patterson. Mrs M.Jenkins-Thomas.

Apologies: Dr N.Child, Mrs B.E.Heron, Mrs C.Kilgour, Miss R.R.Lang, Mrs I.Thomson, Mrs M.Waugh, Dr G.Strang M.P., Cllrs Alexander, Dodds, Hoy, Martin, Ward.

227 MINUTES OF 24th MEETING

With the addition of the attendance of Mr A.Calder and the apologies of Miss R.R.Lang, Mr Hosie proposed and Mr Dawson seconded their approval. This was agreed as a true record.

8 MINUTES OF 25th (SPECIAL) MEETING

With the deletion of the word 'substantial' in the 18th line of Para.220, Mr Bryce proposed and Mrs Westwood seconded their adoption as a true record and this was approved.

229 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- 1) Para.211 (1) No progress had yet been made over the erection of the Notice Board.
- 2) Para.211 (5) Councillor Kerevan hoped to report some developments in January/February 1985.
- 3) Para.211 (6) There had been no developments over the Community Programme due to shortage of staff.
- 4) Para.217 (1) The Secretary reviewed replies received about Road Safety from Duddingston, Craigentiny, St John's and Towerbank Primary Schools. Some of them appeared to have missed the point of Councillor Cramond's letter. It was agreed that the letters be summarised and sent to Cllr Cramond and relevant points circulated to members.
Mrs Hepburn reported that the matter had been raised at Towerbank PTA. Comments were made about the way that children from Towerbank appeared to be sent unaccompanied to and from the Annexe and on other trips. Cllr Berry agreed to provide copies of relevant correspondence with the Divisional Education Officer, Edinburgh. The matter to be kept on the Agenda.
- 5) Para.217 (2) Mr Hosie reported that the Officers had considered the problems involved in a News-letter including the difficulty of production and distribution. Another possibility was to buy a page in the 'Portobello Reporter', but again, this would require wider distribution than the 'Reporter' received. It was agreed that the question 'Do we need a News-letter?' and how best to distribute one be considered at the next meeting.
- 6) Para.217 (4) The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the Dept of Recreation, EDC, saying that discussions were taking place with the S.D.A. on improving and enhancing park facilities in Portobello. Recreation to be asked for more information.

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REPORT ON CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Mr Bryce reported that all lamp-posts had now been adapted with sockets, despite some delay in their supply. Twenty units of illuminations had been delivered on December 11th and the remainder would be available shortly.

Written confirmation had been received as follows:-

- 1) LRC had assumed permission had been granted but the SSEB were unable to supply figures for consumption until an overall figure had been calculated involving wattage of the lamps.
- 2) Traffic Management could see no cause to raise objection to the proposals.
- 3) The cost of erection and removal had been quoted as £100 per 10 lamp-posts. Maintenance was expected to be negligible.
- 4) Public Liability and Third Party Insurance had been taken on by the Insurance Co. as part of the existing policy.

Mr Bryce estimated that there was some £2923 in hand, of which £1100 was earmarked for fitting sockets etc. 20 units had been ordered at a cost of £976.46. It was anticipated that considerable sums of money would be coming along. He proposed, therefore, that the additional lights be ordered at a cost of £1210 and asked that the Community Council agree to temporarily underwrite the excess from General Funds. The Treasurer gave up to date figures of £2543.72 in the Illuminations A/C. Expenditure was visualized as Lights £976.46 + fitting £200 + lamp post attachments £1100. A total of £2276.76.

MOTION

Mrs Hepburn proposed and Mrs Shepherd seconded that the Community Council show faith in the Illuminations Sub-committee and offer the guarantee requested.

Mrs Jenkins-Thomas proposed that before a decision was reached the Order of the Agenda be suspended so that the full Treasurer's Report could be taken at this point. All present agreed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer reported that there was £792.70 in the General Account, £2453.72 in the Illuminations Fund and £398.40 in the Joppa Tennis Court Account. A grant of £500 had been received from the District Council for the Illuminations Account and £300 had been transferred from the General Account as decided at the last Meeting. It was understood that the balance of money from the District Council of £243 based on a capitation of 2 pence per elector would be received in January 1985.

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RESOLUTION

The Chairman then put the Motion proposed by Mrs Hepburn to the Meeting, setting an overall limit of £1209 and this was AGREED.

Mr Bryce expressed his gratitude for the confidence expressed and thanked his fellow members of the Sub-committee. He asked that the Reindeer and Sleigh on order could be erected at Tower Bank Annexe. The Director of Education had raised no objection. This was approved. Mr Westwood raised some views reported to have been expressed by Councillor Alexander but it was decided to defer discussion until Cllr Alexander was present.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bryce for his considerable efforts and expressed the gratitude of the Meeting to all involved.

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PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN PORTOBELLO

Mr Hosie drew attention to the exhibition that had been opened in PADCA on December 7th and would be on display for about one month. He asked that members make individual comments in the box provided but let the Officers know so that those comments could be incorporated in the Council statement. Councillor Berry explained that the proposals were by no means rigid and it was the desire of the LRC to consult local interests and groups as widely as possible over the next few months.

People were asked to look closely at the Exhibition which would be open from 9 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday and on Saturday morning.

Mr Bryce drew attention to the agreement that had been given to consider the sign-posting of Portobello and the Chairman agreed to set up a Liaison Committee as a matter of urgency.

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EYESORES IN PORTOBELLO

Councillor Kerevan said that the problem of 186-188 Portobello High St had been discussed at the last meeting of the Committee and various solutions had been discussed. The problem of Windsor Place Lodge was still awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State. Attention was drawn to the list of eyesores published in the 'Portobello Reporter' and after discussion of various problems and the need for authoritative response, it was agreed that the Director of Planning be asked to send an official or officials to the next Meeting to discuss all aspects.

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PRESENTATION OF IAN BERRY TROPHY

Councillor Berry presented the trophy to Mrs Whitehead, Convener of the Joppa Tennis Courts Sub-committee, in recognition of the sterling work done to provide facilities for the residents of Joppa and wished them all success in the 1985 season.

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ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 1) Community Education: Mr Dawson reported that he had been approached by Mr Hill of the Community Education Service asking for a formal invitation to attend the Community Council meetings. The Secretary expressed some surprise as he was at that moment in correspondence with Mr Hill about another matter. It was agreed that a formal request be awaited. It was also pointed out that all Meetings of the Community Council were open.
- 2) By-pass Construction: Mrs Scott reported that the effect on residents in West Brighton Crescent had not been as bad as had been feared. The worst complaint had been about raised voices. So far, she was favourably impressed.
- 3) Future Meetings: Mrs Jenkins-Thomas asked that future meetings should alternate between Monday and Tuesday and that Tower Bank Annexe be used. The Meeting for January 15th had already been booked but the Secretary agreed to try and arrange a February Meeting for a Monday in Tower Bank Annexe. This was approved.

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NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for PADCA Centre on January 15th at 7.30 pm.