

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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There will be a Meeting of the Community Council in St Mark's Church Hall,  
Portobello High Street, on Monday 23rd September 1985.

You are cordially invited

## AGENDA

- ✓ 1) Apologies
- ✓ 2) Minutes of the Meeting on August 26th 1985
- ✓ 3) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
- ✓ 4) Financial Statement
- ✓ 5) Chairman's Report to the 4th AGM
- ✓ 6) Sub-committee Reports
  - ✓ a) Illuminations
  - ✓ b) Joppa Tennis Courts
  - ✓ c) By-pass
- ✓ 7) Amenity and Environment
- 8) Any other Competent Business



Secretary

Apologies should go to Mr Hosie 669-2532

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MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING AND 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1985 at 7.30 pm.

Chair: Mr R.L.Sinclair

Present: Mr R.M.Aitken, Mrs M.C.Amos, Mrs M.Anderson, Mr W.Davidson, Mr D.Edwards, Mr H.E.Fitzsimmons, Mr M.Grainger, Mrs B.E.Heron, Mr J.D.Hosie, Mrs S.Hurford, Mrs M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs H.Kirsopp, Mrs C.Kilgour, Miss R.R.Lang, Mr C.J.A.O'Brien, Mr J.F.Renz, Mrs J.Scott, Mrs M.M.Shepherd, Mrs I.Thomson, Mrs M.M.Waugh, Mrs S.M.Westwood, Cllr K.F.Ward, Chief Inspector G.MacKay.

Apologies: Mr A.Bryce, Mr A.Calder, Dr N.Child, Mr G.A.Cooper, Mr W.S.McDonald, Mr J.S.Morrison, Mr W.Westwood, Mrs M.Whitehead, Dr G.Strang, M.P., Cllrs I.J.Berry, Hon.I.R.Hoy, P.W.Nolan, K.Dodds, G.Kerevan, P.C.Martin.

290 CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Portobello Community Council. The format of the AGM was explained and all were reminded that the next elections for the Community Council would take place in the summer of 1986. The Chairman suggested that for the next six months, until the elections, we ought to have specific aims and objectives.

291 MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING held on August 26th 1985

Mrs Westwood, on behalf of the Illuminations Sub-committee objected to the contents of Para.286, Page 3 - the Illuminations Sub-committee Report. After some discussion it was agreed that there had been some misunderstanding and that a replacement paragraph should stand part of the true Minute. The new wording for Para.286

286 'Mr Bryce regretted that the lighting on the Promenade was still not in a satisfactory condition, Messrs Northern Lights had sent samples of the wiring to Italy for examination and a report was awaited. An application form for a grant had been received and it was proposed to apply for money to maintain the decorative lighting both on the Promenade and in the High Street at Christmas.

Mr Bryce proposed that a circular was distributed to all traders, requesting that traders make their own contributions to brighten up Portobello at the festive season by having lights either inside or outside their own premises. It was agreed to ask members to circulate these letters by hand, in order to save postage.

Mr Bryce produced an example of a display board showing a Disney character. It was suggested that these could be fitted to lamp posts on the Promenade and perhaps illuminated. The finance being in the form of sponsorship by traders, etc. Various members.....' to end of this paragraph as Minuted

With this Amendment the Minutes were agreed as a true record.

292 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Owing to the Secretary being on holiday, limited correspondence was available.

1) Para.284 4) No letter had been received from the Cleansing Dept about the Pipe St toilets.

2) Para.287 It was understood that the Forth Ports Authority were responsible for the beach. Secretary to verify this.

Mrs Hurford proposed that contact be made with "The league for the introduction of Canine Control". Mrs Hurford to enquire further.

It was reported that the new Promenade cleaning machine had not yet been seen. Letter to Mr Kemp of the Cleansing Dept.

293 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer opened by advising new members, and reminding existing members 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 -31 March. On this basis, the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1985, duly audited, were presented to the Council at the Meeting held on 23 May, and approved at that time. Each member should have received a copy of the accounts, however extra copies were available. Members were invited to raise any points regarding the accounts.

AUDITOR

The next matter for consideration was that of the position of Auditor, and Mr David Herd whilst having resigned from the Council had indicated his willingness to continue in this appointment. The Treasurer then proposed that Mr Herd be re-elected this year, and this was seconded by Mrs Waugh and approved by all members present.

The present financial position was advised as follows:-

General Account	£1,268.77
Illuminations Account	4.19
Joppa Tennis Courts Account	258.97

Mr Dawson raised the matter of the Illuminations Account balance, and stated that he was disappointed that the donation to 'Portobello Old and Windsor Place Church' for storing the Christmas lights had been debited to the account, and not paid from General Funds. The Treasurer replied by reminding members that a temporary grant of £250 had been made to the Illuminations Fund in March of this year, and that it was only right that justifiable expenditure relative to the Illuminations be paid from the appropriate bank account. The Council was committed to the maintenance of the Illuminations, and if additional funds were necessary in this respect the Illuminations Sub-committee should approach the Council with their proposals.

The Chairman drew attention to recent Press comment regarding the issue of Community Councils expenditure, and also highlighted the case of a Borders Community Council that had been dissolved for overspending. He stated that it was the policy of this Council to remain within its budget, and at all times protect the interests of all the members.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 4th AGM

The Chairman reported:-

The past year, the third for Portobello Community Council, had again shown success and failure. In general however, the Community Council year had been profitable and hopefully useful to the Community.

A number of now well established activities continued to thrive, in particular the Joppa Tennis Courts, which has little direct involvement by the Community Council, has been very successful and was also to be congratulated on the award of the Ian Berry Trophy.

The Illuminations Sub-committee had a very difficult year, however with their enthusiasm not dampened by the problems on the Promenade, they had worked extremely hard to illuminate the High Street for Christmas. Everyone was very impressed by the full effect.

A new venture this year, the post-card competition was very successful. The resultant high standard of photography was displayed in the local library and the Town Hall, and a number of prizes awarded.

We have also had a number of "Officials" to talk to the Council. These visitors have covered topics from 'Cleaving' to 'the Arts'. In all cases these representatives have taken back to their superiors a very strong view of what the people in the Community would like to see in the future and at the present time.

We have also been very active in letter writing covering topics from toilets through car-parks to drinking on the Promenade. I am sure that these many letters have an effect and in many cases are very successful.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

Our main local matter this year has been the Portobello By-pass. We are certainly indebted to Cllr Berry for his frank and up to date information on the progress and the problems; and for his help in dealing with complaints.

The past year has therefore been a very active time for the Community Council, but it is important that the next six months are not wasted but that firm plans are made in order to achieve as much as possible for the community. Members are therefore encouraged to write to the Secretary with proposals and matters for the Agenda, as this is the only way by which the members of the Community Council can ensure that their views are recorded and acted upon.

Finally, the running of the Community Council is indebted to the Treasurer, Mr O'Brien and the Vice-chairman, Mr Hosie for their support and guidance, to the Secretary, Mr Cooper for his very hard and conscientious work as Secretary. And, to all the members who have worked very hard to achieve all the aims that the Community Council has had over the past year.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTSa) Illuminations

The letter to the traders was shown and distributed amongst the members of the C.C. for delivery.

An answer is still awaited about the possible faulty cable serving the promenade lights. However we are having good co-operation from Northern Lights on this matter and hope to have a statement soon.

It was agreed to provide £50 to replace the bulbs in the Christmas illuminations, this would also improve the brilliance of the units.

b) Joppa Tennis Courts

No report would be available until after the AGM of the tennis courts committee.

c) By-pass

It was hoped to arrange a meeting soon.

GENERAL

- a) A general discussion was held regarding signs, etc. It was proposed that the 'Disney' character boards might be used to inform tourists of local events, timetables, etc. An example was a swimmer on a board giving the opening times of the baths.
- b) A suggestion of a lit-up town plan outside the Town Hall was made, using push buttons to illuminate various attractions. Further investigations will be made.
- c) Owing to lack of information or detail about the Community Council noticeboard it was agreed to write to the Police to re-open negotiations about the project.
- d) It was agreed to write asking if the times of opening, prices, etc could be displayed on the board outside the Baths.

AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENT

It was agreed to postpone discussion of this item on the Agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSa) Gas Flares

Chief Inspector MacKay warned that notification had been received that the Mossmorran gas plant in Fife would be flaring off excess gas.

b) Operation Raleigh

Mr Aitken informed the Meeting that two local people were taking part in the project. They would need to raise funds and Mr Aitken felt that the CC should be informed. He emphasised that he was not asking for a donation.