

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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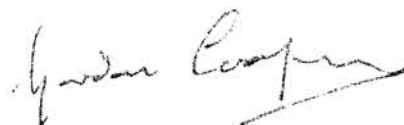
18 October 1985

There will be a Meeting of the Community Council in St Mark's Church Hall,
Portobello High Street on Monday, 28th October 1985.

You are cordially invited

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 33rd Meeting and 4th Annual General Meeting
- 3) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
- 4) Financial Statement
- 5) Sub-committee Reports
- 6) Any other Competent Business



Secretary

Apologies to the Secretary, who apologizes for the possible late arrival of this Agenda. I found it hard to get down to typing again.

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MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER 1985 at 7.30 pm

Chair: Mr R.L. Sinclair

Present: Mr R.M. Aitken, Mrs M.C. Amos, Mrs M. Anderson, Mr G.A. Cooper, Mr H.A. Dawson, Mr D. Edwards, Mr P.D. Elliot, Mr H.E. Fitzsimmons, 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 W.S. McDonald, Mr J.F. Renz, Mrs J. Scott, Mrs I. Thomson, Mrs M.N. Waugh, Mrs S.M. Westwood, Mr W. Westwood, Mrs M. Whitehead, Cllrs I.J. Berry, Hon. I.R. Hoy, K.F. Ward, K. Dodds, G. Kerevan, Chief Inspector G. MacKay, and a number of members of the public.

Apologies: Mr A. Bryce, Dr N. Child, Mr A. Davidson, Mr M. Grainger, Mrs J. Hepburn, Mr C.J.A. O'Brien, Mrs M.M. Shepherd, Miss L. Lardrope, Dr G. Strang, M.P., Cllrs P.W. Nolan, D. Alexander, P.C. Martin.

WELCOME The Chairman welcomed members and the public to the 34th Meeting of the Council.

299 MINUTES OF THE 33rd and 4th AGM MEETING OF COUNCIL

a) The Secretary regretted that the name of Mr H.A. Dawson had been omitted from the list of those present. It was AGREED that his name be added.

b) It was AGREED that the Minute at 298 b) be expanded to read:-

Operation Raleigh

Mr Aitken informed the Meeting that two local people were taking part in the project. They would need to raise £2000 each to help disadvantaged Venturers who made up some 20% of participants and Mr Aitken felt that the Community Council should be informed. He was not asking the Community Council directly for help but hoped that those who represented local Groups would report back to their parent organisations and ask that help be given to our local Venturers before the end of January 1986.'

With these amendments the Minutes were AGREED on the proposal of Mrs Waugh seconded by Mrs Westwood.

300 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- 1) Para. 292 1) The Secretary reported receipt of a letter dated 18 Sept. from the Dept of Cleansing explaining that the rumour of closure of the 'Ipe St Convenience had arisen due to a query over a housing development. It had been made clear that similar facilities would be required to be provided on adjacent ground and nothing further had been heard. The letter confirmed the Dept's intention to maintain a provision at this locus. It was AGREED that the Secretary ask for clarification on the housing development.
- 2) Para. 292 2) It was reported that the new cleaning machine for the Promenade was now in operation.
- 3) Para. 294
'SPOKES' The Chairman drew attention to his request for proposals and matters for the Agenda for the next six months. The Secretary reported receipt of one letter so far, but drew attention to two outstanding items. Promenade Cycle Path and the request to 'Spokes' to provide a speaker, and the the Portobello Small Town Scheme and the offer by the Planning Dept to explain the proposal to the Community Council.
'SMALL TOWN' After discussion, it was AGREED by 11 votes to 8 that an invitation to attend the Council be NOT offered to 'Spokes'. It was AGREED to invite the Planning Dept to attend the next Meeting as a precursor for an Open Meeting in the Spring.

301 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported that there had been no change from the position described in Para.293 of the 33rd Meeting.

302 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTSa) Illuminations

In the absence of Mr Bryce, the Secretary reported that:-

Promenade Lighting: Nothing further to report.

Boards for Lamp posts: No action being taken at present.

Letter to Traders: (this item was amplified by Mr Dawson) 19 positive replies had been received, 6 shopkeepers had been interviewed and it was hoped to co-ordinate their displays. The Bank of Scotland would be decorating their interior and had promised a small donation.

Christmas Lighting: The decorations have all been examined and will be cleaned and washed before erection. 60 watt bulbs were being installed. The Highways Dept had agreed to erect and remove the decorations. An estimate of £1400 had been received but this appeared to be a mistake as they go on to say that the cost will be on a time and materials basis. Discussions are taking place with EDC over a Christmas tree and illumination of the Town Hall.

Mr Dawson said that the 'switch on' was intended to be 2nd December. Cllr Kerevan agreed to enquire about a Christmas tree and the Chairman made it clear that the Office Bearers would not allow unlimited expenditure on the Christmas lights, the problems of the Promenade were quite sufficient.

b) Joppa Tennis Courts

Mrs Whitehead submitted a written report on the transactions of the Joppa Tennis courts during the 1985 season. Particular points included problems with blocked drains which could well be a recurring feature due to the lack of any plans; the loss of some 80 tennis balls and the need to purchase more rackets. The weather was the biggest 'down' factor but the 'up' was the success of employing two Supervisors during the weeks of the holiday period. If finances permit, it is hoped to do the same next year for a longer period and extend their tenure to cover Saturdays, a difficult time for volunteers. The new internal layout of the Pavilion proved to be a great success and it is hoped that the plumbing problems have now been solved. Ongoing events such as the tennis and putting tournaments proved popular; Fraser Ross won the Open Competition and Dave Burns the Challenge Trophy.

The 1985 financial statement shows that outgoings were high this year but the result was a success. It has been decided to leave £250 in the Account as a safety net. 'Joppa Kids' made a £50 donation and this has enabled the purchase of an outdoor teak bench (5ft). An inscribed plaque to the memory of the enthusiasm and kindness of Mr Davidson, our first caretaker, will be fitted to the bench next season.

Mrs Whitehead paid tribute to the work of the Tennis Courts Committee and their activities both before and after the season. She thanked Dennis Crichton the Treasurer, Neil Campbell, Donald Cowan, Stephen Whitehead, Pam Coyle, Noreen Strachan, Heather Taylor and Marjorie Jenkins-Thomas for their efforts.

The Tennis Courts Committee asked approval of a decision to pledge £15 each to the 2 local participants in 'Operation Raleigh' and this was AGREED.

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Council to Mrs Whitehead as Convener of the Sub-committee.

c) By-pass Committee

The Chairman reported that the By-pass Committee intended to meet on 29th Oct. prior to a Meeting with Cllr Berry and Regional Officials over the Signposting and Environmental Improvement Plans. Mr Dawson suggested that, in view of the 1986 Abd being held in Edinburgh, the signs should be bi-lingual. Mrs Scott pointed out that Gaelic had never been the language of this area of Scotland.

303 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESSa) Edinburgh Evening News

Mrs Heron drew attention to the lack of any publicity about the Community Council. Mr Mosie explained that a Ms Buchan had now taken over the local affairs 'slot' and that copies of the Agenda and Minutes were being sent to her. After discussion it was agreed to leave the problem with the Officers who would report back.

b) Signposting of access roads at W. end of Portobello

It was agreed that the Secretary write again.

c) Problems of Portobello Promenade

Mr Fitzsimmons drew attention to the lack of good publicity about Portobello and certain items that had appeared in the public press. It was agreed that Portobello should try and generate favourable mentions. Arising out of this attention was drawn to the condition of the shelters, dangerous benches on the Promenade and an 8ft drop due to erosion at one of the groyne on the beach. Complaint to be made.

d) Section 48 of Civic Government Act (Scotland) 1982

Mrs Hurford produced a number of papers and pamphlets from 'Canine Control' on the topic of 'dog mess'. The Secretary reported on a programme 'Well Being' screened on Channel 4 on October 25th. He had written to Hammersmith and Fulham Councils enquiring if they could supply more details. After further discussion it was AGREED that an Environmental Health Sub - committee be set up. Members to include Mrs Amos, Mr Cooper, Mrs Hurford, Mrs Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs Westwood, Mrs Whitehead. Any other nominations should be forward before the next Meeting.

e) Painting of Buildings and Shops in Conservation Area

Mrs Kirsopp drew attention to the failure of the Planning Dept to provide a list of recommended colours for painting. Cllr Kerevan thought that the present position was that the Dept considered the appropriateness of each colour proposal submitted - Planning permission was required for external painting. Mrs Anderson provided a copy of the 1977 regulations and it was agreed that these be appended to the Minutes.

f) Portobello Pool Site

Mr Westwood drew attention to the report that Fun City was for sale and might be sold for housing, this would deprive Portobello of a source of employment and a tourist attraction. It was therefore essential to know what was happening about the Pool site. Cllr Kerevan reported that there was continued discussion with the SDA. Mr Westwood then quoted a letter from the Senior Project Officer for Lothian Region 'none of my colleagues know of any approach to the Agency'.

CHAIRMAN

At this time the Chairman ruled that he would not tolerate overt political points being brought into the Meeting and appealed to all ex-officio members to keep politics at a low key.

After discussion it was AGREED to reform the Pools Sub-committee to consider what action should be taken to press the Council viewpoint that the Pool site should be used for Recreation and Leisure. Members of the Sub-committee to include Mr Bryce, Mr Dawson, Mrs Heron, Mrs Kirsopp, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Waugh, Mr and Mrs Westwood. The name of Mrs Amos was also added. The Sub-committee to bring the name of their Chairman and any proposals for co-option to the next Meeting.

g) Reminiscences of Portobello

Mrs Waugh drew attention to an Open Meeting in PADCA at 7.30pm on November 19th to discuss reminiscences of Portobello. It was anticipated that the Meetings would be on a continuing basis. Mrs Scott also drew attention to the book being published by Mr Foley containing material collected by the Edinburgh University Extra Mural Project.

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The Chairman drew attention to the proposal to extend the temporary shuttle bus service running from Hay Drive to Lee Crescent between 9 am and 5 pm during the closure of Brighton Place. It was understood that the proposal from Cllr Nolan asked for the service to be extended to run from 5 pm to 11 pm. The Chairman felt that the residents and community had not been consulted about this proposal and he understood that a petition was being organised against it. He understood that the hard pressed Licensees of Tortobello might feel the necessity for this bus extension but wondered where the balance of public interest lay.

There was considerable discussion and attention was also drawn to the lack of observance of the speed limit in Brighton Crescent.

It was AGREED that:

- a) The Community Council welcomed the introduction of a service between the hours of 09.00 and 17.00
- b) It was felt that the views of the residents of the areas affected had not been ascertained over the provision of a "shuttle" between the hours of 17.00 to 23.00. This applied particularly to the people living in Brighton Crescent and Lee Crescent.
- c) The Council were in favour of the introduction of an evening service during the first period of closure (said to end on December 10th) but to ask that the Transport Dept be asked to report on usage and the Police to report on any problems that had arisen BEFORE any decision was taken to run the service after 17.00 during the second period of closure.
- d) Every effort should be made to ascertain the views of householders affected in Lee Crescent and East Brighton Crescent before an extension was introduced.
- e) The attention of bus drivers should be drawn to the 10 mph speed limit and steps be taken by the Transport Dept to ensure compliance.
- f) The Community Council ask that before any further such changes are implemented they be consulted.

A delegation of Officers were mandated to make these points, if necessary, at a Meeting of the Transport Sub-committee of the Region to be held on November 4th.

The Next Meeting will be in St Mark's Church Hall on November 25th.

NOTE

It is hoped to arrange for a presentation, by the Highways Dept, of their proposals for the environmental management and enhancement of the centre of Tortobello. These should then go on to an exhibition in PADCA.