

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SEEVERY, P.A.D.C.A. CENTRE, ON  
TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 1986 at 7.30 pm.

Chair: Mr R.L.Sinclair

Present: Mr R.M.Aitken, Mrs M.C.Amos, Mrs S.S.Brown, Mr G.A.Cooper, Mr H.A.Dawson,  
Mr H.P.Fitzsimmons, Mr M.Grainger, Mrs B.E.Heron, Mr J.D.Hosie, Mrs S.Hurford,  
Mrs M.Jenkins-Thomas, Mrs H.Kirson, Mrs C.Kilgour, Mr C.J.A.O'Brien,  
Mrs J.Thomson, Mrs S.M.Westwood, Mr W.Westwood, Cllrs D.Begg, W.Herald, K.F.Ward  
and some members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs M.Anderson, Dr N.Child, Mrs J.Hepburn, Mr J.E.Renz, Mrs J.Scott, Mrs M.Sherherd,  
Mrs M.M.Waugh, Dr G.Strang, M.P., Cllrs G.Kerevan, P.C.Martin, Lothian & Borders  
Police.

385 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 43rd Meeting were proposed for approval by Mrs M.C.Amos  
seconded by Mrs B.E.Heron and AGREED.

36 MATTERS ARISING AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 383(b) Mrs Jenkins-Thomas reported that 3 of the postcards had now been  
circulated to shops by Messrs Dennis. This appeared to be at no  
cost to the Community Council. Pleasure was expressed that this  
appeared to have got off the ground at last.

387 CORRESPONDENCE

A) Community Facilities in Portobello

The Secretary reported a letter from Mr Hill of the Community Education Service  
enquiring the view of the Community Council on the Motion by Cllr Begg to  
the Education Cttee asking for a report on the provision of community  
facilities in Portobello and the feasibility of providing a community centre.  
There followed considerable discussion. Points made included the statement  
that the present (PADCA) premises were a private social club grant-aided  
by the Region, that there were not enough facilities for children and young  
adults. Cllr Ward felt that it was unlikely that the Region could afford  
to finance two such centres in Portobello and Cllr Begg made it clear that  
his enquiry had been merely such. He had asked for a report into the  
feasibility - no more and no less - nothing had yet been decided.

It was AGREED a) To copy the letter to PADCA and ask for their comments to  
the next Council

b) To respond to Mr Hill declaring an obvious agreement in  
principle but asking for more information.

- B) Letter from The Cockburn Association alterations at S & N pub. at 85 High St.  
To be copied to PAS and PADCA
- C) Circular about Garden rubbish in Lane Abercorn Terrace/St Mary's Place/  
Brunstane Rd from Environmental Health Dept -copied to PAS.

388 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- A) The Chairman explained that a number of decisions must be made this evening  
if the Portobello Elections were to go ahead as planned on September 23rd.  
It seemed likely that the total cost of the Election to the Portobello  
Community Council counting expenditure on advts already incurred, supervision,  
etc would be of the order of £500 and might rise to £600. He, therefore  
proposed that the Officers be authorised to spend up to £600. This was  
seconded by Mrs Westwood and AGREED.

- 388 B) It was AGREED by all present that as the Portobello Community Council was one of three Community Councils in the Edinburgh District to be having Elections - Portobello has more candidates for the individually elected seats than any other Council - an approach for a grant should be made to the District Council to defray the costs of the Election.
- C) Notices of Election in the statutory form had been posted in the Notice Board, PADCA and Portobello Public Library by September 9th. It was hoped that as many other notices as possible would also go out. Thanks to the good offices of the Portobello Reporter Group, a single sheet supplement had been prepared giving details (approx. 50 words) of each of the 38 candidates. A very moderate sum had been paid for this and it was hoped that each of the candidates would make arrangements to distribute some of these. After discussion it was also AGREED that Mr O'Brien and Mr Hosie would investigate the possibility of using the Edinburgh Advertiser to cover all 6100 households in the area if time still permitted.
- D) The Chairman thanked Cllr Ward, the Returning Officer, for his hard work and considerable advice. The Poll would be on Tuesday 23rd September in the Town Hall from 10 am to 8 pm. Mrs Sinclair had advised that there be 2 Polling Points with the area split on an alphabetical order of streets. She had also recommended that the count follow on the close of Poll with 6 sets of 3 enumerators. It was felt that the counting of votes should be finished by 11 pm. The successful candidates would be notified by post on the 24th and a complete list of votes cast would be placed in the Notice Board, PADCA, CAB and the Public Library.
- E) At the closing date 28 Groups had notified their intention of contesting the 20 seats available. It was AGREED that a short Meeting would be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 30th September in the Servery of PADCA Centre for those Groups. The AGM and 1st Meeting of the new Council would be held in the week beginning October 6th, venue and exact time and date to be notified.

389 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer reported balances as follows:-

General Account:	C/A	£180.12 + £500.00 D/P
Illuminations:	C/A	1.19
Jobna Tennis:	D/A	295.71

It was AGREED that in view of the financial situation an application for an additional grant be made on behalf of the next Community Council.

390 ILLUMINATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr O'Brien asked that a letter be sent to the Evening News recording that the Promenade Illuminations had now been switched off for the 1986 Season, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Messrs Northern Lights. It was also AGREED that an application for Grant be made for the Christmas Illuminations and that enquiry be made about the fate of the old lighting from Princes St.

391 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1) Pool Exhibition

Cllr Begg confirmed that Cllr Kerevan intended the Pool Exhibition and that ~~for Rosefield Park to be consultative.~~ Secretary to get into touch.

2) Transport Act

Cllr Begg informed the Meeting that after 7 pm on weekdays and all day on Sundays certain services on the Portobello Routes, in particular, 15, 42 and 46 would change from 20 to 30 minute frequency and be handled by Eastern Scottish. This would cause difficulties over 'Widercards' giving a poorer service that would cost more.

392 NEXT MEETING

To be notified.