

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The 46th meeting of the Council will be held in the upper room of the library at 7.30pm on the 10th of November 1986.

## AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of the 45th meeting on 13th October.
- 3) Matters arising and correspondence.
- 4) Lothian Region video presentation on the new bypass followed by a brief discussion.
- 5) Sub-committees. Nomination of members, see appendix (i)
- 6) Open air pool site developments. Report from Office Bearers.
- 7) Financial Statement. nb We still require a treasurer, any nominations welcome.
- 8) Any other competent business.
- 9) Date and place of next meeting.

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Secretary

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# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 46th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON  
MONDAY 10/11/86 at 7.30pm.

Chair. Mr H.W. Shepherd.

Present. Mrs C Alexander, Mr H Alexander-Bowen, Mrs M Amos, Ms K Angelosanto, Mrs C Begg, Mrs C Bennet, Mr I Berry, Mr T Blore, Mrs E Brownlee, Dr M Child, Mr R D'Arcy, Mr W Davidson, Mr H Dawson, Mr T Fairlie, Mrs W Henderson, Mrs B Heron, Mrs S Hurford, Mrs C Kilgour, Mrs H Kirsopp, Mr A McDonald, Mrs V Middleton, Mrs A Murray, Ms K Robertson, Mrs J Scott, Mr H Shepherd, Mrs M Shepherd, Mr A Strachan, Mr P Tansey, Mr H Wanless, Mrs S Westwood, Mr W Westwood, Mrs F Wraith.

Ex Officio Cllr D Begg, Cllr K Ward, Cllr G Kerevan.

Co-opt. Mr C J O'Brien, Sgt Mackie (L&B Police).

Apologies. Mrs G Anderson, Mr G Cooper, Miss R Lang, Mr R Sinclair, Mrs I Thomson, Dr G Strang MP, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Martin

- 2/003 MINUTES Minutes of the 45th meeting held in the library on 10/11/86. Correction to 2/001, this should read Mr Shepherd was proposed by Mr Berry and seconded by Mr Sinclair. Mr O'Brien was formally co-opted as Treasurer. Mrs Scott asked that Mr Cooper be thanked in the same terms as herself as he also had been ill. At 396, Bill Davidson points out that he is plain Mr and not Dr. With these amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mr Strachan, Seconded by Mrs M Amos.
- 2/004 Matters arising and correspondence. The secretary reported further contact with Dr Reid re the temporary change of use at Straiton Place. It was reported that the planning application in respect of the High Street surgery had gone through. The secretary was asked to clarify the position of the Police and to approach Lothian Health Board in an attempt to find a solution. Correspondence included letters from several members expressing apologies, a copy of a letter from Cllr Begg to the Highways Dept asking for their help with the Xmas lighting due to our current financial difficulty, and the weekly lists from the planning Dept.
- 2/005 By-pass presentation. Officials from the Highways Dept gave a slide show on the work done on the by-pass. A brief discussion touched on various topics such as parking, access to ASDA, the improvement works on the High Street, signposting - particularly of the Marine garage car/coach park. Mr Davidson urged council to be aware of the proposed by-passes on the A7 and A68 both of which may have a detrimental effect on Portobello if they were to be linked to the city by-pass. The Chairman thanked the officials for their courtesy and assistance.
- 2/006 Sub-committees. The following members were appointed :-  
Illuminations. Chair. Mr O'Brien, Mrs Kirsopp, Mrs Heron, Mrs Westwood, Mr Westwood, Mr Wanless.

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2/006 Sub-committees (cont)

Environmental Health. Chair. Mrs Hurford, Mr Alexander-Bowen, Mrs Amos, Ms Angelosanto, Mrs Bennett.

Joopa Tennis Courts. The following will serve alongside a group of local residents, Mr Strachan, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Middleton. The secretary was asked to arrange the first meeting.

Open air pool site. It was agreed at this point to suspend the appointment of this sub-committee pending the report from the officers on a meeting with Cllr Kerevan at the City Chambers.

A statement from the floor pointed out that a condition of the let of the room prohibited smoking. A subsequent motion from Ms Angelosanto seconded by Mr Davidson - that smoking be banned at all future meetings of the council - was carried by a substantial majority.

The secretary asked that a representative be appointed to attend the meetings of the community council forum. In the absence of any volunteers the secretary was appointed. Our thanks to Mr Cooper who has represented us up to this time.

2/007 Report from Officers. A meeting was held in the City Chambers between the officers and Cllr Kerevan at which Cllr Kerevan outlined the various proposals - 7 in all - which had been received in response to the advertisement of the site. The options range from a full blown leisure facility to one or two which encompass some element of retailing. Cllr Kerevan explained that for various reasons three offers had been discarded and that discussions were continuing with the other four. An exhibition of the four offers being pursued would be mounted in the library to allow the public to see them and comment on them.

The secretary proposed that in view of the mandate given to the pool sub-committee by the previous council being all but achieved that no further action be taken at this time to re-appoint the committee but that the position be kept under review and if necessary it could be re-appointed in the future. This was accepted without dissent.

2/008 Financial report The treasurer reported balances of :-  
 General account ; £4-39. Illuminations ; £1-19  
 Joopa Tennis courts ; £295-71  
 Edinburgh District Council have indicated that a grant of £500.00 would be given for the Xmas decorations.

2/009 Any other competent business. Cllr Kerevan was invited by the  
 (i) Chairman to give a brief resume of the areas of responsibility of EDC. Cllr Kerevan also spoke in answer to several letters in the press on the absence of salt water at the indoor pool. The pipe supplying the salt water is now out of action and all efforts at repairing it have proved useless. Replacement of the pipe would involve expenditure in the region of £75,000 which could not be justified in the present climate. There was no medical evidence to back up claims of great benefit made in the press although elderly people did find it easier to swim in the salt water due to its' increased buoyancy. Officials are currently exploring artificial methods of providing salt water.

Ms Angelosanto commented that access to the pool was difficult for disabled people and mothers with pushchairs etc and that the pool generally was cold and dirty. Cllr Kerevan asked that these matters be raised directly with him.

(ii) Cllr Begg (LRC) said that because of falling school rolls the Towerbank annexe would be surplus to requirements soon and that he was keen to see some form of community use made of the building. This was one aspect of a report currently being prepared by the

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community education department. The High School was faced with a similar problem and here it was suggested that the tennis courts which are only used for a short time in the summer could house an indoor sports hall. Money also needed to be spent on the fabric of the building.

There has been significant movement of sand on the beach and Cllr Begg has asked the Highways Department to attend to the problem.

- (iii) Cllr Ward (LRC) said that he was an ex officio member of this council because part of his electoral ward was in our area. His particular interests lay in education and youth work and he served on the Education, Finance, General purpose and Employment committees on Lothian Region. Cllr Ward commented that much of the work needed on the High School was due to bad design work in the first place.

- (iv) Mr Davidson asked that council investigate the possibility of a sub-committee to look into the question of entertainment and facilities for youth. It was agreed that those who had expressed an interest in such a committee should hold an informal meeting and bring forward proposals for a remit to the next council meeting. A request for consideration of a sub-committee on the special needs of the elderly, infirm and the disabled was given the same response. Mr Davidson to organise the former and Mrs Alexander the latter.

2/010 Date and place of next meeting. Normally the least contentious item on the agenda, there was some heated discussion on the necessity of having the next meeting on a Wednesday. The officers pointed out that they had been given a clear remit from the last meeting to establish a meeting pattern for the next few months. It was felt by the officers that alternate Mondays and Wednesdays were fairer and gave more members the chance to attend since Monday nights didn't suit many members. The idea of alternate nights had been floated for discussion by the secretary at the previous meeting and attracted no dissent. Indeed a letter from a member organisation had been received in support of such a move.

Therefore in terms of the remit from that meeting the pattern was set and circulated with the minutes in accordance with the constitution (para 11, page 4). The minutes of that meeting including the meeting pattern, had been accepted at 2/003 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and no question had been raised at 2/004, Matters Arising.

This pattern runs until April 1987 and will be reviewed then.

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