

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The 50th meeting of the council will be held in the upstairs room of the library at 7.30pm on Monday, 9/3/87.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 49th meeting
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes of 49 and correspondence
- 4) Financial report
- 5) Sub-committee reports
- 6) Local history. A short introduction to the benefits of setting up a working party. Speaker, Mr G Macrae.

INTERVAL

- 7) Community Facilities. Speaker, Mr Bill Hill.
- 8) Any other business
- 9) Date and place of the next meeting

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MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIBRARY
ON MONDAY MARCH 9th, 1987.

Chair. Mr HW Shepherd

Present. HJ Alexander-Bowen, MC Amos, G Anderson, K Angelosanto,
C Begg, C Bennet, IJ Berry, T Blore, E Brownlee, M Child
GA Cooper, HA Dawson, W Henderson, S Hurford, H Kirsopp,
RR Lang, A McDonald, V Middleton, AT Murray, K Robertson
J Scott, HW Shepherd, AL Strachan, F Wraith.

Ex Officio. Cllr D Begg, Cllr D Alexander

Co-opted. Mr CJ O'Brien, PC Jeffery.

Apologies. C Alexander, R D'Arcy, W Davidson, B Heron, MM Shepherd
R Sinclair, M Waugh, SM Westwood, W Westwood, Dr Strang
Cllr K Ward, Cllr K Dodds, Cllr P Martin.

- 2/027 The minutes of the 49th meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting. Proposed, G Cooper, Seconded, C Begg.
- 2/028 There being no matters arising the secretary read some correspondence relating to matters currently before council. The route of the 45 bus had been criticised and the secretary had written to LRT asking them to extend it along the High Street. Cllr Begg pointed out that under the present legislation it would be illegal for Lothian Region to subsidise a service which was already being covered by a private company. LRT have refused to extend the route because it would not pay. Dr Reid asked to speak in support of his application after the secretary had given the up to date position. The Doctor explained that his only wish was to give a better service to his patients and the community in general. His architect explained that there were sound technical reasons why the alternative sites suggested were unsuitable. Principal cause was the size of the sites relative to the portacabins. Mrs Kirsopp said that PAS had regrettably come to the conclusion that there was no alternative to the crazy golf site. The secretary proposed that in view of the technical problems and subject to a guarantee of reinstatement, that we withdraw our objections and ask EDC to grant Dr Reid permission for the temporary period. This was approved without dissent. The secretary stated that all other current correspondence to and from council was now available on request in the library.
- 2/029 Financial report. Mr O'Brien reported balances of :-
General account £2.26 Illuminations £12.19
Joppa Tennis Courts £189.97
Mr O'Brien reported that he and the secretary would be attending a meeting in the City Chambers to discuss future funding of community councils and the scheme of administration. At that meeting it was agreed that the grant from EDC be increased to £775 per annum and 3p per head. That is an increase of £75 and 1p respectively. Other changes to the scheme suggested giving representatives of community councils the new title of councillor.
- 2/030 Sub-committee reports.
- i Illuminations. No report.
 - ii Youth and entertainment. No report.
 - iii Environmental health. Mrs Hurford reported that they hoped to mount an anti-litter campaign during the summer months and asked for support. Leaflets would be distributed throughout the area. The s/c were asked to check sites for litter bins. The secretary was asked to check with EDC on the possibility

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of changing the byelaws to allow for the setting up of 'dog free' zones.

- iv Joppa Tennis Courts. Secretary reported that an initial meeting of the steering group had taken place. Mrs Middleton and Mr Strachan had agreed to act as joint spokespersons. It had been agreed to approach EDC for grant aid to purchase new equipment for the new season. The pavilion also was in need of some repair.
- v Frail elderly. Volunteers were still required for the proposed day centre at the Baptist Church. LRC Social work department had been in touch with the secretary to set up a project to research the extent of need locally. Secretary to follow up and liase with the sub-committee.
- 2/031 Local History. Chairman welcomed Mr Gordon Macrae who gave a short talk on the desirability of setting up a local history archive with the long term objective of a Portobello Museum. Mr Macrae said that although much valuable work had already been done locally much of it had fallen by the wayside. It was pointed out that there was a definite lack of local history or at least of printed information following amalgamation with the City of Edinburgh. On a motion from the secretary seconded by Mrs Anderson it was agreed to set up a working party to look at the possibilities. The group will be ; J Scott, M Amos, G Cooper, HW Shepherd, A McDonald and Mr Macrae will be co-opted.
- 2/032 Community Facilities. Mr Shepherd welcomed Mr Bill Hill from the Community Education department at Castlebrae High School. Mr Hill gave a run down on the functions and responsibilities of his department. This includes the running of the further education classes at the High School which are attended by 600 students currently. They also fund St Marks youth club and offer a range of services and activities at Brunstane community centre. The provision of further education will increase following the amalgamation of the Leith Nautical college and Esk Valley College in August this year. Other ventures supported by community education funds in the area include Padca who receive two thirds of the budget available. Some comment was passed as to the efficiency of Padca as a community centre but Mr Hill refused to be drawn into discussing the internal affairs of Padca saying only that Padca was an association of members with their own office bearers who were responsible to those members. This was a point of view accepted by the meeting. With regard to the provision of a proper community centre - as opposed to one run by an association - Mr Hill seemed to think that the best hope was for the use of Towerbank annex once it became surplus to requirements at the end of the decade. On possible funding for the projected first aid post, Mr Hill recommended we approach Mr Kurg for his advice. Mr Shepherd thanked Mr Hill for his contribution.
- 2/033 Date and place of the next meeting. Wednesday April 8th. The venue is at this moment uncertain but will be as on the agenda.
- 2/034 Concern was expressed at the cars parked at the Kings Road end of the High Street especially in light of the road improvements being carried out. Also the numbers of buses waiting for new crews. Insufficient space in the lay-by was causing buses to queue out onto the carriageway which was creating a hazard for other road users. Secretary asked to write (again) to LRT and the Police.

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It was reported that the traffic counter in Brunstane Road had still not been moved despite the assurance given by the Highways department. Cllr Begg agreed to chase this up. On the issue of future meetings 12 members voted for Monday meetings and 10 voted against. Accordingly future meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. That is with the exception of the April meeting which the secretary now accepts has already been arranged for Wednesday 8th.

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