

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The 51st meeting of the council will be held on the 8th April  
at 7.30pm in the library.

## AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the 50th meeting
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes and correspondence
- 4) Financial report
- 5) Reports from sub-committees
- Interval
- 6) Leith Nautical College. Proposed re-naming.
- 7) Pool site up-date
- 8) Any other business
- 9) Date and place of the next meeting

Harry Dawson  
Secretary PCC.

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 51st meeting held in the Library on Wednesday 8/4/87

Chair Mr HW Shepherd

Present C Alexander, HJ Alexander-Bowen, G Anderson, C Begg,  
C Bennet, E Brownlee, M Child, GA Cooper, HA Dawson,  
BE Heron, F Jones, C Kilgour, RR Lang, A McDonald,  
K Robertson, HW Shepherd, SM Westwood, W Westwood.

Ex Officio Cllr D Begg, Cllr D Alexander

Apologies MC Amos, IJ Berry, T Blore, W Davidson, W Henderson,  
S Hurford, H Kirsopp, V Middleton, AT Murray, J Scott,  
MM Shepherd, AL Strachan, I Thomson, F Wraith, Dr G Strang  
Cllr K Ward, Cllr P Martin, CJA O'Brien.

2/035 The minutes of the 50th meeting were held to be a true record of that meeting. Proposed, Mrs C Begg, Seconded, Mr Alexander -Bowen.

2/036 Matters arising from the minutes. Cllr Begg reported that efforts were being made to have the beach recognised as a Euro Beach. We are not yet officially designated as a beach under the terms currently being used. Although our own sewage plant was effective a problem remained because Fife region are still discharging effluent. Cllr Alexander reported that radiation monitoring was ongoing and that the new management at Rosyth Naval Base had seemed to admit that there could be a hazard due to their activities. Environmental Health are pursuing the matter.

The secretary read a letter from Cllr Ferguson (EDC) calling for the magazine 'Gay Scotland' to be withdrawn from the public libraries since it contained obscene material. The secretary asked for councils permission to reply in terms of opposition on the grounds of censorship and persecution of a minority group. The letter and copies of the offending article were circulated to members at the meeting.

Secretary read a letter from the Director of Economic Development and Estates which would win a prize for ambiguity. Also a letter of clarification had been sent to the planning department re Dr Reid.

2/037 The Chairman introduced Mr David Brown who works for the Advisory committee to the Childrens Panel in Lothian Region. Mr Brown outlined a pilot scheme which is due to start in the Library on Monday May 11th the purpose of which is to attract new members of the panel. There was a problem recruiting enough male panel members and due to legislation, it wasn't possible to advertise solely for men. It is important that the panel is balanced and reflect fairly all groups within society. The pilot scheme will consist of a display of the panels activities and some members will be present to answer questions. Members of council are requested to give this event maximum publicity - tell as many people as you can. Representatives of local interest groups in particular are asked to make their groups aware of the scheme. Mr Brown answered some points raised from the floor and thanked council for giving him the opportunity. The chairman thanked Mr Brown for his contribution and assured him of our continued support.

2/038 Financial report. The position of the accounts at 8/4/87 is :  
General a/c £2.26, Illuminations a/c £12.19, Joppa a/c £189.97  
Secretary intimated that Mr O'Brien was having to give up his post due to other commitments but Mrs Jones had volunteered

HW Shepherd

- 2/038 to fill the gap. The secretary proposed that Mrs Jones be elected as Treasurer, Mr Shepherd Seconded. There being no other nominations Mrs Jones was elected without dissent. The secretary sought approval to write and thank Mr O'Brien for his fine efforts on our behalf and this was granted.
- 2/039 Sub-committee reports. No report from Joppa TC, Illuminations or Environmental Health. Mrs Bennet reported that she and Mrs Wraith had attended a meeting at the Baptist Church on behalf of the Frail Elderly. The sub. had discussed the document received from the Social Work department and the Secretary was asked to set up a meeting to progress matters. Dr Child reported that the Youth and Entertainments committee had various events planned during the Spring Fling in conjunction with EDC. The writers group were hoping to be offered the use of the community room at the library.
- After the interval Mr McDonald took the chair as the chairman had to leave at this point.
- 2/040 Leith Nautical College. The staff and students at the college felt that the process of changing the name of the college had been carried out without proper consultation with them. This had caused them to feel ignored and, to make matters worse, the name chosen (Jewel and Esk Valley College) didn't meet with a great deal of approval within the college. Secretary pointed out that the Community Council hadn't been consulted either and he had written to the Regional Secretary to express our regret that our opinion hadn't been sought. Cllr Begg expressed his personal regret that the process of consultation had been overlooked and hadn't been carried out by the officials concerned. He acknowledged that the new name had caused some controversy even within the ruling Labour group on Lothian Region but it was now enshrined in an Act of Council which had to stand for a period of one year. The important thing now was to concentrate on what was happening inside the college and to make the maximum use of the facilities on offer. The meeting asked the secretary to write to LRC expressing our anger that the fullest consultation had not been carried out.
- 2/041 Pool Site. The secretary expressed his regret that despite being given three weeks notice Cllr Kerevan had not appeared to speak at item 7. In inviting Cllr Kerevan, the secretary had asked that some information be made available to council if, for any reason, he was unable to attend. This had not materialised and placed council in a difficult position since the final decision on the site was due to be taken before our next scheduled meeting. The secretary asked for councils approval for the officers to take whatever action they deemed necessary given that the timescale was so short. There was unanimous approval. The secretary will also write to Cllr Kerevan and express our dismay and regret at his lack of action on this very important matter.
- 2/042 Cllr Alexander intimated that he had not received any usable suggestions for a name for the new road. Therefore it will be known henceforth as 'Sir Harry Lauder Road'. In response to a question Cllr Alexander replied that there was a legal requirement to name the road so that the exact locus could be established in the event of an accident. Concern was expressed that there was a possible closure threat hanging over the Toddlers Hut in Beach Lane. The secretary was asked to investigate and report to the May meeting.

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2/042 Secretary also asked to find out what was happening at the annex in Bath Street as workmen appeared to be bricking up the gate.

Concern was also expressed at the indiscriminate parking of cars at St Johns Primary in Hamilton Terrace. Main culprits were parents picking up children. Secretary will write to the PTA and CI Mackay.

Secretary reported that he still had not heard from Mr Kurg re funding for the first aid post. Mr Westwood proposed that we contact Dr Reid and ask for the use of part of his temporary surgery given that it would be virtually on the prom. Secretary will write.

Mrs Heron reported that many people particularly the elderly were missing the service 45 and could we contact LRT again and ask them to extend the route. Secretary will write.

2/043 Date and place of the next meeting. Monday May 11th in St Marks Church Hall at 7.30pm.

For your diary.

In general all meetings of the council will be held on the second Monday of each month (except June). We have booked St Marks until September. Therefore until September the meetings will be as follows :

Monday May 11  
" June 15  
" July 13  
" August 10  
" September 14

H.W. S. M.