

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

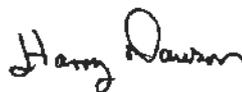
The AGM and the 55th meeting of the Council will take place in St Marks Church Hall on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm.

## AGENDA.

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Formation of a Civic Week committee
- 5) Reports from sub-committees
- 6) Dog Training scheme -Launch of 6 week pilot scheme

## INTERVAL

- 7) Chairmans report on the past year
- 8) Any other business
- 9) Date and place of the next meeting.



Harry Dawson

Secretary PCC

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Minutes of the AGM and 55th meeting of the council held in St Marks Church Hall Monday 14/9/87 at 7.30pm.

Chair HW Shepherd

Present. C. Alexander, H Alexander-Bowen, MC Amos, G Anderson, K Angelosanto, C Begg, C Bennet, E Brownlee, Dr M Child, GA Cooper, W Davidson, HA Dawson, BE Heron, S Hurford, F Jones, C Kilgour, H Kirsopp, A McDonald, V Middleton, A Murray, HW Shepherd, F Wraith.

EX Officio Cllr G Kerevan CI Watt, Sgt Mackie.

Apologies. Mrs D Begg, IJ Berry, R Darcy, RR Lang, J Scott, MM Shepherd, R Sinclair, A Strachan, I Thomson, S Westwood, W Westwood, Dr G Strang MP, Cllr D BEgg, Cllr P Nolan, Cllr D Alexander, Cllr P Martin.

- 2/066 The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed CI Watt who is replacing CI Mackay who has been transferred to Leith.
- 2/067 The minutes of the previous meeting were held to be a true record of that meeting. Prop, F Jones, Seconded H Alexander-Bowen.
- 2/068 Matters arising. Mr Cooper asked that council contact the GPO re the late delivery of the minutes. His were postmarked Sept 7th and were received on the 10th. Sec explained that the minutes had been posted a day later than normal due to a series of mishaps beyond our control. Nonetheless they should have been delivered more promptly. Sec will write GPO. Correspondence. The letter from St Marks asking for our support had been followed by one in similiar vein from St Johns. Sec had written to offer our support to both churches. A meeting held at Marine Garage with local residents and officials from LRT plc had revealed no new progress. Further letters had been exchanged re the 45 but still with no result except that the service has now been withdrawn completely on Saturday. Objection lodged at 67 Promenade has resulted in the application being refused. Panto in the Town Hall is now reality and tickets are NOW ON SALE. Coat of Arms. Report has been sent to the GP committee.
- 2/069 Civic Week. The chairman introduced the concept of a civic week working party to involve as wide a spectrum of the community as possible. It was agreed to hold an open meeting to set the ball rolling - NB Wednesday October 28th, Seabeach at 7.30pm. Nominated members please note and report back to your respective groups. Mrs Alexander stated that we should not be encouraging sexist and old fashioned attitudes by talking in terms of a Gala Queen. It was pointed out that this was one idea only and it would be up to the working party to produce proposals which may, or may not, include a Queen.
- 2/070 Sub-committee reports. The frail elderly committee asked if their remit could be widened to include the provision of facilities for disabled people. Agreed without division. Illuminations. Sec reported that a grant had been sought for the erection of the Xmas lights in line with previous years. Grant approved of £550.00 Youth Entertainment. Bill Davidson intimated that he would like to stand down as chairman and that the committee will make a recommendation for his successor in due course.
- 2/071 Dog Training. Sec reported that St Marks had given their permission for the hall to be used for the pilot scheme. The next day a letter arrived withdrawing that permission at the behest of the playgroup and an alternative venue had to be found at short notice. The Seabeach had kindly volunteered their function room for the pilot study.

HW. Shepherd

2/072 Chairmans Report. The Chairman reported on the range of activities and issues tackled by council in the past year. Some have come to a happy conclusion, some others, most notably the Pool Site seem set to run for a few months yet. Hopefully the Windsor Place Church issue will be settled soon.

In conjunction with the Environmental Health Department we have run a pilot training scheme for dogs and their owners which will be the subject of a separate report when the study is complete.

The old problem of consultation or the lack of it is still with us and perhaps a prime example is the cavalier fashion in which LRT plc proceeded with their planning application for the Marine Garage very much against the wishes of the local residents.

The open air pool site was the subject of much discussion with EDC and the latest proposal is for a company limited by guarantee to acquire and develop the site as a leisure/recreational facility. We are currently awaiting a response from EDC.

The chairman thanked the members of council for their work over the past year particularly those who served on the sub-committees and the office bearers. We have had speakers from various departments and their contributions have always been welcome. The speakers gave us a valuable insight into the problems of the individual departments and have kept us up to date on projects of interest to the area.

The chairman also thanked our local Councillors for their help and advice.

2/073 AOCB. Mrs Hurford asked what the situation was in regard to vacancies on the council. The Secretary replied that there was only one vacancy at present due to the retiral of Mr Kurg. The situation can be resolved in a manner approved by Council. The most likely solution being the appointment of another group member.

Mrs Alexander asked what the situation was in respect of elected members. Can some stand down and be replaced by others who just failed to be elected? For elected members the situation is different in that the terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act apply ie a by-election has to be advertised and, if necessary, held.

On a motion from Mr Cooper seconded by Mrs Hurford the secretary was instructed to write to all the nominated members to ascertain their intentions re attending meetings as several of them appeared to be less than regular attenders. No dissent.

The Chairman introduced Mr Ben Seex from the community education dept. to give an outline of his duties at Jewel and Esk Valley College. Mr Seex urged members to be aware of the facilities at the college and to make use of them. If there are any facilities that members would like to see that weren't there already representation should be made now on the basis of you won't get it if you don't ask.

Mr McDonald stated that he had responded to the report on the College on behalf of the council and copies of his response were available.

Mr Macrae of the local History Society thanked council in particular the office bearers for their help in setting the society up from scratch. Meetings are held in the library and members are welcome to attend.

2/074 Date and place of the next meeting. To be advised (see agenda)

H.W. Stephenson