

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

From the secretary

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The Portobello Community Council will meet on wednesday february 10th at 7-30 in St Marks Church Hall, Portobello High Street. Council members are urged to attend. Members of the public are welcome.

AGENDA

1. Chairmans Remarks.
2. Apologies
3. Portobello High Street. Ammendment to phase 2 of the improvement works, - L.R.C. officials will be in attendance.

Interval

4. Pool Site proposals.
5. Any Other Business.
6. Dat and place of next meeting.

Harry Dawson.

Secretetary.

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Minutes of the 59th meeting of the council held on 10/2/88 in St Marks Church Hall.

Present. MC Amos, HL Alexander-Bowen, K Angelosanto, C Begg, E Brownlee, M Child, W Davidson, H Dawson, BE Heron, S Hurford, F Jones, C Kilgour, H Kirsopp, A McDonald, J Scott, HW Shepherd, MM Shepherd, I Thomson, Cllrs D Begg, K Ward, D Alexander, G Kerevan. CI Watt, CI Foster (L&B Police).

Apologies C Alexander, G Anderson, K Begg, IJ Berry, T Blore, RR Lang, AT Murray, RL Sinclair, SM Westwood, W Westwood, F Wraith, Dr G Strang MP.

2/088 HW Shepherd (Chairman) opened the meeting and apologised for the confusion over the previous meeting which had been cancelled at short notice.

Cllr Begg and officials from the Highways department were then invited to discuss the latest proposals for the High Street improvement works. Cllr Begg explained that the latest proposals were necessary to accommodate the needs of the Public Transport operators and to reconcile them with the needs of the private car users..

LRT would like the bus stops on the north side of the street kept separate as they are at the moment since they do not wish to be blamed for the street being blocked by buses waiting to enter the bays. A survey conducted for the Highways department indicates that on 7 occasions each day three buses arrive at once.

After some discussion it was agreed that the secretary write to LRC supporting proposal No 2 as it stands ie with 17 parking spaces.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Begg and the officials for their attendance and advice.

2/089 Correspondence. The secretary read correspondence from the Resource Centre asking for a representative to attend their AGM. Mr McDonald agreed to attend. Friends of the Earth. Asking for our views on the possible introduction of 'Road Humps' in residential areas. Passed to Environmental sub-committee. Circus Romano. As yet no suitable site had been identified but after some discussion the secretary was asked to write in support of the proposals. Abbeyhill Action Group organising a public meeting on the withdrawal of the Meadowbank rail loop. Mr Shepherd to attend.

2/090 Pool Site. Secretary had written to EDC Recreation asking for early sight of the planning brief. In reply the director denied all knowledge of such a brief but agreeing to allow us early consultation in the event of his department being asked to prepare such a brief.

Cllr Kerevan said that the company who were developing sites elsewhere in the City had been asked to prepare a scheme for the pool site using a modular design which would provide the greatest flexibility in use. To progress matters he suggested that he arrange a meeting with the relevant officials and PCC, PAS and any other interested parties.

Anxieties were expressed that the development by EDC could be piecemeal and that the District Council should be urged to develop their facility at the same time as Anchor International. It was felt that we must have an assurance from EDC on their intentions to develop the site. In answer to a question from Mrs Kirsopp, Cllr Kerevan stated that the money to build the recreation centre was available.

The outline plans from Anchor were on display and Cllr Kerevan asked us to give some consideration to how the money from the lease of the site should be spent. Mrs Hurford asked if it would be possible to save the building on the promenade end of the site. This is not practical as it would place severe restrictions on the use of the building.

The secretary was instructed to write supporting the proposal from Anchor in general terms and urging EDC to proceed with the minimum of delay with the recreation centre and that items of interest from the site be saved for use elsewhere in Portobello.

2/091 Windsor Place Church. Plans for the Church development were on view. Discussion took place mainly on the community use of the ground floor of the building. Cllr Kereven suggested that we invite a representative from the Museums department to a future meeting to discuss the various possibilities. Secretary asked to write in support of the proposals subject to the Church part of the site being started first.

2/092 AOB. Mrs Child asked for help inorganising the Christmas Fair in the Town Hall. Mr Shepherd agreed to raise the matter with the Civic Week committee. Provisional date for the fair is the first Saturday in December (3rd). Cllr Kereven suggested that we seriously consider the idea of a "Town twinning" scheme and asked for suggestions of suitable partners.

PLEASE NOTE.

The next meeting of the council will be Wednesday April 13th at 7.30 in St Marks. My apologies for the late arrival of these minutes the agenda will be available at the meeting



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