

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting to be held in Towerbank Primary School Annexe on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm is as follows.

- 1) APOLOGIES
 - 2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
 - 3) MATTERS ARISING AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - 4) PROVISIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN PORTOBELLO
 - 5) THE PRESENT POSITION OF P.A.D.C.A.
 - 6) SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 7) JOPPA TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE
 - 8) A.O.C.B.
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Minutes of the 73rd Meeting of Portobello Community Council on Monday
13th November at 7.30pm in Towerbank Primary School Annexe.

Chair: Norman Kerr

Present: (Elected Members and Group Representatives)

Iain Abbot, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Marjorie Amos, Gill Anderson, Sharon Anderson (secretary), Karen Angelosanto, John Barr, Elizabeth Brownlee, Maureen Child, Mary Jane Elton, Bernadette Heron, Norman Hughes, Florence Jones (treasurer), Catherine Kilgour, Ray Lang, Jack MacDonald, Jim McMillan, Gordon McRae, Lawrence Marshall, Brenda Molony, Shonagh Potter, Fred Prain, Drew Strachan, Nick Stroud, Bill Westwood, Susan Westwood, Winifred Warwick, Leonard Young.

Ex-officio Present;

Cllr Dickie Alexander, Cllr David Begg.

Members of the Public: Sheila MacIver, Ben Seex.

73.1) Apologies: Sandra Blake (C.A.B.), Bill Jameson, Cllr Paul Nolan, Portobello Police, Isabella Thomson.

73.2) Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of the October 9th meeting were accepted with the following amendments. Both Lawrence Marshall and Elizabeth Brownlee sent apologies and were not in fact present at the meeting. (Proposed- Florence Jones; seconded- John Barr)

73.3) Matters Arising and Correspondence:

73.31) Secretary thanked Maureen Child for her assistance in producing the minutes of the previous meeting and assured council that she would endeavour to produce minutes etc of the same standard.

73.32) Maureen Child spoke on the election of the remaining Community Council places. Two out of the three individual places were filled by Catherine Begg and Drew Strachan. The third nomination (Robert Strand) was invalid as he was not on the electoral role. The three group nominees were Mary Anderson (Floral Art Club), Mary Jane Elton (Portobello Anti Nuclear Group), and Sandra Blake (Citizens Advice Bureau). The new members were welcomed.

73.33) It was pointed out that the Planning Forum meeting (Ref: 9th October meeting, 7.b) did not take place.

73.34) As agreed at the last meeting (Ref 7.d), Bernadette Heron reported back to the Community Council on the Straiton Place recreational site. A meeting on this subject did take place but no further developments occurred from this. The plans for the ground adjacent to the "Seabeach Hotel" have been slightly altered and a future meeting is planned.

73.35) Norman Kerr reported back on the meeting held in City Chambers on November 7th (Ref 7.i). The main topic of conversation was the decentralisation of Local Government. At present there are six local forums and numerous local offices about to be opened with the one serving Portobello situated in Craigmillar. It was pointed out that around 80 percent of the Craigmillar office staff were concerned with housing. If the offices are successful there is a possibility that another office may be opened in the immediate Portobello area. Florence Jones suggested that a representative should be invited to talk to Community Council about decentralisation as a previous visit proved to be highly informative. A public meeting on decentralisation is to be held in Portobello High School on Tuesday 5th December.

73.36) The secretary informed council of correspondence received from the Department of Housing asking for the Community Councils opinions on

the Drafts Tenants Charter and from the Department of Recreation which enclosed a document highlighting the District Councils "Leisure Plan". The secretary pointed out that both these documents would be available at the end of the meeting.

73.37) An invite was received from Lothian Trade Union & Community Resource Centre concerning a conference on the deregulation of Lothians Public Bus Service. Cllr Begg summarised what the conference would entail. It was agreed that Gordon McRae would represent the Community Council.

73.4) Provision for Senior Citizens in Portobello:

73.41) The lack of provision for Senior Citizens was brought to the attention of the Community Council by Bernadette Heron. She asked for the backing of Community Council in her fight for hall space. At present she has over 120 members in various groups which may have to disband if a hall cannot be found. Mrs Heron has been asking for help in finding a hall from the District Council since her groups had to vacate St Mark's church Hall due to situations beyond her control. She pointed out that a hall would have to be near the centre of Portobello for easy access. Nick Stroud and Norman Hughes added to the meeting by echoing the need to get Senior Citizens together with winter approaching but also by pointing out the total lack of facilities for all generations in Portobello.

73.42) A sub-committee was set up to investigate the lack of facilities in Portobello. (proposed- Bill Westwood; seconded- Sharon Anderson). The sub-committee members are John Barr(chairman), Marjorie Amos, Bernadette Heron, Norman Hughes, Catherine Kilgour, Jim McMillan.

73.43) Mrs Heron asked why her groups were not grant aided as they could not afford to hire places like P.A.D.C.A. Cllr Dickie Alexander advised her to apply for a grant from the District Council.

73.5) The Present Position of P.A.D.C.A.

73.51) Cllr Begg asked Community Council to be patient as the District Council were at the moment concerning itself with P.A.D.C.A. At present the lease is held by Mrs Margaret Waugh although her grant from the District Council has been stopped. It was asked by Mrs Heron if it was wise for P.A.D.C.A. still to be issuing memberships when there was a possibility of it being disbanded. At present the only functioning group is a Saturday morning group of Senior Citizens which Marjorie Amos felt very strongly should be catered for when the future of P.A.D.C.A. is resolved.

73.52) Cllr Begg announced that a public meeting would be held in P.A.D.C.A. on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm. It was to be recorded in the minutes that Mrs Waugh was invited to attend this Community Council meeting but was unable to attend due to a previous engagement.

73.6) Sub-Committee Reports:

A report was made by Iain Abbot, chairman of the Pool Site sub-committee and copies of this report were circulated. He said that there were no substantial developments but a letter had been sent to Cllr Vestri stating Community Councils interest in the pool site. Cllr Vestri reassured Community Council that they would be formally consulted when a detailed proposal had been produced.

73.7) Joppa Tennis Courts:

73.71) Drew Strachan gave a brief history of the Community Councils involvement with J.T.C. We were assured that J.T.C. is "in the black". The clubhouse has recently been repaired and new wiring put up but unfortunately the surface of the courts are at present in a poor state. The secretary was asked to write to the Department of Recreation concerning this.

73.72) When Portobello Community Council took the lease for the tennis courts it was agreed that there would be a sub-committee of Council members attached to J.T.C. A sub-committee was set up with the following members.

Drew Strachan(chairman), Florence Jones, Leonard Young. (Proposed- Susan Westwood: seconded- Sharon Anderson).

73.8) A.O.C.B.

- 73.81) Norman Kerr put an article in the Portobello Reporter with the intention of letting the community know we exist.
- 73.82) Discussion ensued on the possibility of having councillors in attendance in the library and also a suggestion box for the community to pass on its views to us.
- 73.83) Sheila Maciver as a representative of Portobello High School stated the schools interest in getting more involved with the Community Council and other community groups.
- 73.84) Complaints arose about lorry deliveries to Scotmid and also parking in Bath Street. A letter is to be sent to the Planning Department and to Portobello Police.
- 73.85) A letter is to be sent to the Highways Department regarding the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Rosefield Avenue.
- 73.86) Fred Frain agreed to bring up the subject of the quality of service when contacting Portobello Police Station at the next Crime Prevention Panel meeting.
- 73.87) Maureen Child made a statement on the future of Portobello Reporter after she retires as its editor. Thanks were given to Mrs Child for her service to the community through the paper.
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- 1) APOLOGIES
- 2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
- 3) MATTERS ARISING AND CORRESPONDENCE
- 4) TREASURERS REPORT
- 5) 1992, 1998. Important anniversaries for Portobello.
- 6) ILLUMINATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
- 7) SUB -COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 8) A.O.C.B.

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