

PRESTWICK NORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick on Tuesday 27th August 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.00hrs

Present:

Community Councillors:

Derek Hart, Chair: John Wallace, Vice Chair: Margaret Milligan, Secretary:

Shirley Harris, Treasurer:

Patricia Young: Julie Twaddell: Theresa Sander:

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Provost Helen Moonie:

Police Scotland:

Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:

Prestwick South Community Council:

Norrie Smith, Vice Chair:

In Attendance:

Residents: E Ferguson: J Millar: T Halpin: I Ferguson: M Ferguson: J Hollywood:

V Mijatovic: R Bramwell:

Apologies:

PNCC: C/Cllr Tracy Wallace: Jim Ronney:

PSCC: C/Cllr Bob Smith, Airport Contact:

SAC: Cllr. Margaret Toner: Craig Ross, Schools Liaison Officer:

Linda Warwick. Link Officer:

1. Apologies, Minutes of last meeting, and matters arising:

1.1. Apologies as listed above. There were no declarations of interest with any agenda items, and no objections to the minutes being recorded.

The minutes were proposed by Shirley Harris and seconded by Julie Twaddell.

2. Police Report:

2.1. PS Barlas delivered the following report. It was noted that reports are now based on the 5 police priorities and the numbers given are approximate.

Violence/Antisocial behaviour = 77 calls. 35 disturbances recorded, including at the 3 Prestwick primary schools, Boyd Street, Kirk Street, The Brig, St Ninians Road and Church, and Sandfield Road where youths were throwing eggs at houses and cars. The Police will be working with the new Campus Police on an ongoing basis.

Alcohol/drugs. 10 cases reported in Prestwick, not a high amount. People at risk/of concern (including missing persons, those with mental health issues, domestic incidents) 40 cases reported. There have been 6 housebreakings in Prestwick. Road Speed checks to be rolled out at the end of September, and there have been 6 road accidents with injuries, none serious.

Member of public stated parking in Midton Road becoming a problem with taxis also parking there now. Wondered if it should become one way.

3. Schools Report:

3.1. No schools report; The Chair confirmed the medals had been purchased for Prestwick Academy prize giving, and the Vice Chair would be attending to present them.

4. Public Forum:

4.1. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the problems Prestwick has with flooding, and sewage from overflowing drains. Although Scottish Water (SW) are aware of these problems, it appears nothing is being resolved. Midton Road is also affected now, with residents having to place sand bags at their doors as preventative measures during heavy rainfalls. It was noted a meeting will be held on 5th September with SW.

4.2. Member of public stated that parking on both sides of Links Road shouldn't be allowed, as at the close of prom day, it had caused problems for departing traffic.

4.3. Potholes and pavements especially in Crofthead Road and at the Red Lion were discussed, noting they had become dangerous.

Action Point: Cllr. Hunter to investigate.

5. South Ayrshire Council Reports/Link Officer Update:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Congratulated the volunteers and prom committee for an excellent job in making the Prom Day such a resounding success.
- Judges for the Great High Street competition will be arriving 9th September.
- Carers' Day is 4th October, and Christmas lighting up is 17th November.
- Dementia Friendly Prestwick been nominated for a community star award, and C/Cllr. Julie Twaddell has been nominated as Volunteer of the Year by Paths for All.
- At a recent meeting with Dementia Friendly Prestwick and Roads Alliance on proposed enhancements to Prestwick Seafront, prominent suggestion was the introduction of a crossing, or traffic calming measures at the end of Links Road by the public toilets/Mancinis Café. Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) advised footfall measured ruled out a traffic crossing, but possible for a road island to be installed and part of the road to be painted red, with 2 new dipped kerbs.

Provost Helen Moonie:

- Most items covered above, but has been busy with a variety of issues raised, including flooding. Parking management still an issue.

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- Communities Fun Day 14th September.
- Reminder to complete the electoral register to ensure eligibility to vote.
- Best start food replaces food vouchers. 0800 182 2222 is advice number.
- Stakeholder meetings being held re: flooding problems.
- Discussion on new street lighting, noting comments that the streets are not as well lit and now have dark patches.

6. Feedback from Prom Day Joint Stall:

To be carried forward to September meeting.

7. Correspondence:

- 7.1. The Chair read out statistics received from Roads Alliance on speeds and number of vehicles of various roads within Prestwick, with suggested speed bumps.
- 7.2. VASA holding a 3rd Sector Providers Forum on 28th August.
- 7.3. Further meetings to be held re: the proposed site for the Joint Campus.
- 7.4. It was noted that various communications had been shared with C/Cllrs on code of conduct and how to run meetings, and the Secretary suggested that this and any other such issues should be discussed at a separate meeting.

8. Regular updates:

- 8.1. **Licensing:** No objections to extended hours for the Taj Restaurant at weekends. The Vics & The Vine application for extended hours for DJ and Music on Bank Holidays not passed.
- 8.2. The Treasurer updated on funds, advising the cost of the Remembrance Service would be approximately £300. C/Cllrs Wallace, Sander, Hart, and Young agreed to sponsor the wreaths for the service

9. A.O.C.B:

- 9.1. The Chair read out an email received from C/Cllr. Twaddell regarding the proposed road enhancements at the bottom of Links Road for a dementia friendly promenade, and it was agreed the suggestions could be publicised on the joint community council website, and on respective Facebooks, inviting comments from the public.
- 9.2. Cllr. Hunter asked if PNCC would support the application for votes for Prestwick as the best high street, and this was agreed.
- 9.3. It was noted that opening of The Tavern advertised in Positive Prestwick, was the previous 7 Saints, formerly the Eagle Tavern.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50hrs.

9. Date of Next meeting:

Tuesday 24th September 2019, at 19.00hrs in the 65 Club, Main Street Prestwick.