

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES SPECIAL INAUGURAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**19.15 hours, 65 CLUB, MAIN STREET, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS:**

Meic Evans (Chair & Planning):

Derek Hart (Vice Chair):

Al Priestnall:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith:

Iain Tulloch;

Patricia Young (Licensing):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary)

Jim Riach:

Theresa Sander:

Bob Smith:

Mike Tomlinson:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL:**

Tracy Whiteford, Snr. Communities Officer:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

J. Caddis:

J. Chalmers:

J & R Taylor:

A Tomlinson:

M. Tulloch:

**APOLOGIES:**

Craig Ross, Schools Contact, SAC:

Thompson Piper, PCC:

Sgt Lisa Thompson, Police Scotland:

Julie Twaddell, PCC:

**1. Welcome:**

As the Community Council current admin contact to South Ayrshire Council (SAC), Margaret Milligan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explained the initial process was to select new office bearers for Prestwick Community Council (PCC). She then passed the meeting over to Tracy Whiteford, Snr. Communities Officer SAC to conduct proceedings.

**2. Introductions:**

After introducing herself, Tracy Whiteford introduced her colleague Jill Tomlinson as the new Liaison Officer for PCC.

All members were then invited to say who they were, and give a brief description of their backgrounds. As Julie Twaddell was unable to attend, Margaret Milligan advised Julie had been a community councillor for Prestwick North, and outlined the various organisations she was involved with.

Norrie Smith then gave a brief update for Thompson Piper, a previous Prestwick South community councillor, who was also unable to attend. Alison Smith enquired if John Park, (*amended from John Clark*) previous Prestwick North community councillor could be co-opted. Tracy Whiteford took note, and advised that decision would be up to the new committee.

3. **Appointment of Office Bearers and Statutory contacts:**

After accepting their nominations, the following community councillors were duly appointed as office bearers and statutory contacts:

**Chair: Meic Evans.** Proposed by Norrie Smith, seconded by Derek Hart.

**Vice Chair: Derek Hart.** Proposed by Meic Evans, seconded by Theresa Sander. Margaret Milligan was also nominated, but declined. Although grateful, she felt there were others with more experience for the position, plus she may not have the time due to other commitments.

**Secretary: Margaret Milligan.** Proposed by Alison Smith, seconded by Norrie Smith.

**Treasurer: June Whittaker.** Proposed by Shirley Harris, seconded by Meic Evans.

**Planning Contact: Meic Evans.** Proposed by Derek Hart, seconded by Norrie Smith. Mike Tomlinson was also nominated but withdrew in favour of Meic Evans, who then invited Mike Tomlinson to work alongside him.

**Licensing Contact: Patricia Young:** Proposed by Norrie Smith, seconded by Meic Evans.

As this concluded the appointment of Office Bearers, Tracy Whiteford handed the meeting over to the new Chair, Meic Evans.

4. **A.O.C.B.**

Meic Evans took over the meeting, indicating his appreciation of being appointed Chair, and gave an introductory talk on his vision of the way forward for PCC, advising the appointment of portfolio holders should be held over until a later date to allow the portfolios and guidelines to be discussed when everyone in PCC was present.

The Chair wanted PCC to be recognised as one of the most important organisations in the town of Prestwick, indicating he would like community councillors to be more actively involved, not just turn up for meetings, and be proactive and reactive, especially when becoming portfolio holders.

Bob Smith raised the question of future meeting dates and other venues for PCC, referring to submission dates for licensing and planning, and also parking access at venues. The issues with the dates for planning and licensing were discussed, with the Chair stating if all were in agreement, he would like to rotate the venues between possibly the 65 Club and Kingcase Parish Church, to allow the Community a wider choice.

The meeting dates could be beginning of month, or as previous, either last Tuesday or Thursday of each month; however, this to be discussed at the next meeting, together with banking arrangements, constitution, insurance etc.

Tracy Whiteford agreed that updating the constitution for PCC and attending to other matters such as banking arrangements was of paramount importance. She discussed the new Scheme of Establishment and Training and would arrange to circulate the relevant documents.

A Police report had been received and will be discussed at the next meeting, together with any relevant reports from other sources.

Discussion followed regarding whether this meeting was an AGM, and it was agreed that as it was the first meeting proper of PCC it would be deemed a special/inaugural meeting. PCC would have its' AGM in 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15hours.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 19.15hours, 65 Club, Street, Prestwick.**