

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2022
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, MAIN STREET, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS:

Meic Evans (Chair & Planning):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Bob Smith:

Norrie Smith:

Mike Tomlinson

Iain Tulloch:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young (Licensing):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay

Craig Ross, Schools Officer:

PRESTWICK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

Ainsley Hunter (Chair):

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

J Park: J Taylor: R Taylor: M Ferguson: J Ferguson: K Glass: D Glass: J McClymont: J McLay:

T Halpin: G McGeough: A Hunter: M Tulloch:

APOLOGIES:

PCC: Cllrs. Derek Hart: Al Priestnall: Julie Twaddell: Theresa Sander:

Sgt Lisa Thompson, Police Scotland:

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed all, and introduced Ainsley Hunter, newly elected Chair Prestwick Business Association (PBA). It was hoped she would attend for PBA on a regular basis.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

Sederunt and apologies were as noted above. There was no declaration of interests.

3. Police Report:

This had been received from Police Scotland and circulated. As Police Officer unable to attend, any issues from the report will be fed back via Chair/Secretary. The report was then read out to the meeting, to make members of the public aware of contents. Queries raised regarding police procedures for installation of CCTV in shop windows, and what the Police procedure was on their approach to drugs. Discussions followed about neighbourhood watch. It was agreed to gather information on the neighbourhood watch teams for networking purposes, and to contact the Police for information on their drugs policy and procedure for shop windows CCTV. For future meetings a limited supply of the Police report will be made available to public.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Concerns were raised about a problem at the railway bridge at the east side of Grangemuir Road, and whether this was a Network Rail Problem. SAC Cllr. Hunter advised Roads Alliance could deal with this and agreed to contact them.

Eddie McGeoch from Ayr Bridge Club (ABC) gave a talk about the Bridge Club, outlining their programme and events. On 6th June 2023 ABC intend to hold a day event in Prestwick, where groups of players move from one location to another. Several venues within Prestwick have already expressed an interest in participating. The idea was warmly received.

5. Schools report:

Craig Ross, Deputy Head of Prestwick Academy introduced himself to the meeting and gave an update, advising that Prestwick Academy were holding a Prestfest event this evening 30th August at Prestwick Academy.

The Academy were currently recruiting pupils to become community ambassadors to work with community councils and other community groups. C/Cllr. Alison Smith who is currently setting up PCC website enquired if any pupils would be interested in a project helping her with this, and Craig Ross confirmed this would be possible. Alison and Craig to liaise regarding this.

The Academy are holding a prizegiving event on 8th September and an invitation has been extended to PCC for the Chair or representative to attend and award the community prizes. The Chair offered his apologies due to a prior commitment that evening, but assured Craig Ross there would be a representative attending from PCC.

6. Minutes Meeting 30th May and 28th June 2022:

The minutes of 30th May were approved, proposed by C/Cllr Shirley Harris and seconded by C/Cllr Norrie Smith. As the meeting on 28th June was not quorate, no official minutes could be taken, only notes, therefore no proposer or seconder required.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Rotation of venue: The September, October and November 2022 meetings will be held at Kingcase Parish Church, Waterloo Road, Prestwick due to work being carried out at the 65 Club. The Chair confirmed he was still keen to alternate the meetings between the 65 Club and Kingcase Church.

Co-option: Formal process to be followed regarding advertising and publicising, therefore agreement required from PCC. As there were no objections from the members present, the Secretary would ensure the process commenced during the month of September.

Public toilets: The Chair confirmed he had written to SAC Head of Service, but to date had not received an acknowledgment or reply. SAC Cllr. Hugh Hunter agreed to chase this up.

Portfolios: The Chair confirmed he had previously issued a report to all PCC members on this subject, and asked if members were happy with the principle. As this is still a work in progress, members should think about what PCC want to take on, and this will be carried forward to the next meeting and beyond.

Place Planning: It was confirmed flyers had been sent out to publicise Prestwick, Heathfield and Northfield community drop-in sessions to gather feedback on the local area. These will be held on Thursday 1st September in the 65Club, Main Street, Prestwick, from 3.30pm – 5.30pm and 6pm – 8pm. As Place Planning is a community driven plan, the community need to support the delivery, as it will become formal SAC policy.

For further information visit: **south-ayrshire.gov.uk/thriving-places**
<https://sac.communitychoices.scot/>

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Ian Cochrane:

Constituents enquiries mainly looking at updating SAC complaints system, as it appears things seem to get lost in the process.

Hugh Hunter:

Salient points:

- Complaints on lighting at new school campus an issue
- Football parking – meeting had been held, with another proposed in October to try and resolve matters, and also parking in Newdykes Road
- Short term housing let legislation approved
- Dementia Friendly Prestwick have a new hub/meeting centre at The RAFA Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.30am to 3.00pm
- Details regarding Communities Fun Day are on SAC website
- The ARK Ayr, is a youth project for all, situated down by the Citadel Ayr, and open on a Friday night between 7.00 and 9.30pm. Empower Autism on Thursdays between 4.00 and 5.00pm where young people age 11-18 are welcome.

- The following conversation took place: -

The intended cancellation of the proposed new leisure centre project is intended to free up monies to be used on other projects on a ward basis, including Prestwick.

Ideas for projects in Prestwick are intended to be taken forward via a Prestwick Development Group (PDG), which would include the four (4) Prestwick SAC Councillors and the Chair of Prestwick Community Council (PCC).

A list of potential projects has been drafted including the Freemans Hall, in particular the steeple. While discussion focussed initially on the steeple, this developed into a broader conversation about the 'relationship' between the PDG and PCC.

It is particularly concerning to members that what looked like an ad-hoc group had been set up with financial backing to deliver an apparently agreed regeneration programme without any proper involvement of the Community Council.

There is an urgent need for an opportunity to be provided to enable PCC to be directly involved in the project identification process. Re-roofing the Community Centre was specifically mentioned.

The Chair stated that PCC should be included in any due process and decision making and asked SAC Cllr. Hunter to take PCC thoughts back to Professor Welsh, and invite him as the PDG main representative to the September meeting of PCC. In order to work towards a strategy, the Chair asked members to identify projects that could be taken forward.

Martin Kilbride:

The new system for recycling centre has started with no obvious problems, however demand for use lower than old system.

CCTV problems – hopefully taken forward by October. The company dealing with this are in the process of getting parts, with mobile cameras to be in position in next 3 months.

Cameron Ramsay:

Dealing mostly cost-of-living queries.

C/Cllr Bob Smith confirmed the tables in community garden in Boydfield Gardens were broken and the wood rotten and asked if SAC or PCC were responsible for upkeep. The inner gate at Bruce's Well needs repaired as it is lying open and therefore dangerous. He has been monitoring parking and noted that parking wardens only enforce what is necessary, and don't take action against real offences, such as obstructing driveways.

9. Treasurer's report:

PCC bank account now set up, and transferred over from former Prestwick South Community Council (PSCC). SAC to be reimbursed £353.00, the difference between the final balance of PSCC and the new grant. Current bank balance is £710.00. The final balance of £26.00 from Prestwick North Community Council to be returned to SAC.

10. Planning Report:

Already distributed. Appears to be a problem receiving reports from SAC Planning.

11. Licensing Report:

Variation of license requested by St. Cuthbert's Golf Club to be open the public 10am to 12.30am. Next meeting of licensing board 22nd September 2022.

12. Web site & associated:

Alison Smith confirmed she had set up the PCC website: www.prestwickcc.co.uk It has still to be populated, but will soon be up and running. She discussed looking at the possibility of a generic email for PCC. The Secretary confirmed Prestwick North Community Council Facebook had been changed to Prestwick Community Council and the numbers following the page had increased. It was suggested that Prestwick South Facebook Page publish a post confirming that it will close, and public should be directed to PCC page.

13. Co-option:

Covered in Item 7 Matters arising.

14. Portfolios:

Covered in item 7 Matters arising.

15. Plaques:

C/Cllr Ian Tulloch outlined his suggestion regarding the introduction of a plaque initiative at schools, where pupils research places of interest and prepare writing of plaques which would be attached to buildings where famous people lived, or where activities of interest took place. It was agreed this was a good idea but needed further discussion to take forward. C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson had spoken to Craig Ross Deputy Head Prestwick Academy about this, who also thought it was a good idea. Mike to get information from Heritage Scotland regarding plaques.

16. Correspondence:

The Secretary read out correspondence from SAC regarding a proposed amendment in the Scheme of Establishment, Page 44, Election of Office Bearers Item 12 point (d). **Currently states:** 'Office bearers and/or bank account signatories may not be directly related by both marriage, civil contract or co-habitation etc.' **Proposal to read** 'Bank account signatories may not be directly related by both marriage, civil contract or co-habitation etc.'
Members of PCC were asked if they agreed with the proposal and all present agreed that the proposal should be taken forward. The Secretary would notify SAC of PCC decision.

17. A.O.C.B:

C/Cllr Shirley Harris talked about preparations for the Remembrance Service in November, where in the past PNCC had incurred a cost of £200.00 for the brass band; however, SAC had not reimbursed this, The Chair wondered if the balance of funds to be returned to SAC from PSCC could be used by PCC for this purpose. The Liaison Officer was unsure, but agreed to check this with SAC.

18. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th September 2022 @ 7.15 in Klingcase Parish Church.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.35hrs.