

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022  
19.15hrs KINGCASE PARISH CHURCH PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.24hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):**

Shirley Harris:

Derek Hart (Vice Chair):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell (Co-opted):

John Park (Co-opted):

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Iain Tulloch:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay:

Tracy Whiteford, Snr. Communities Officer:

Elaine Harrigan, Head Prestwick Academy:

**PRESTWICK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (PBA):**

Ainsley Hunter, Chair:

Andrew Hunter:

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:** C/Cllrs. Meic Evans: Theresa Sander: Mike Tomlinson: Norrie Smith:

Alison Smith: Patricia Young:

**Police Scotland:** Sgt Lisa Thompson:

**SAC:** Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer): Cllr. Martin Kilbride: Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Craig Ross (Schools Officer):

**1. Welcome:**

As the Chair was unable to attend due to an injury to his arm, the Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting,

**2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:**

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

**3. Police Report:**

This had been received from Police Scotland and circulated. As Police Officers unable to attend, they had requested any issues from the report to be fed back via Chair/Secretary. It was concerning to see the high anti-social numbers in the report. Youths were still causing problems by climbing over the fence at the new school campus, and this needed to be addressed.

**4. Hearing/Open Forum:**

No members of the public present.

## **5. Schools report:**

On behalf of Craig Ross, Elaine Harrigan gave an update to the meeting including projects for school children. She was aware of reports of disturbances at the new school and this will be investigated. PC Peter Sykes is the new campus police officer and will be updating her with what is happening. This in turn, will be fed back to PCC. There are community ambassadors within the pupils, who look at what can be done to help within the community, including litter picks and liaising with the community council. PCC agreed that pupils would be contacted next time a litter pick is held, as we welcome their participation. It was noted that Craig Ross hoped to encourage pupils to attend community council meetings.

## **6. Minutes Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022:**

In the absence of the Chair, the Secretary confirmed that although the minutes of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 had been formally approved at the October meeting, they still required a proposer and seconder; C/Cllr Jim Ronney proposed and C/Cllr Iain Tulloch seconded.

The Secretary then went through the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022, and there being no amendments these were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr John O'Donnell and seconded by C/Cllr Iain Tulloch.

## **7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:**

The following points had been submitted by the Chair and were read out by the Secretary:

**Page 2: Point 2:** Relevant paperwork was sent by the Chair to Co-Optees John O'Donnell and John Park as promised.

**Page 2: Point 4:** No paperwork had been received by the Chair from Mrs Ferguson.

**Page 2: Point 7:** Portfolios: Copies had been sent to the Co-optees. Is John Park still happy to take on Infrastructure as suggested? (John confirmed he was).

**Page 3: Point 7:** Prestwick Development Group (PDG): Due to work pressures the Chair has still to issue an invite to Ian Welsh, but would do so sometime after the New Year.

**Page 3: Point 8:** Plaques: We as a community council agreed to work on an inter-agency basis with PDG regarding the plaques.

**Page 3: Point 8:** Water Quality: Is John Park still willing to give updates at meetings? (John confirmed he would).

**Page 3: Point 9:** SAC Councillors reports – Hugh Hunter: Detailed report received from Fiona Ross, SAC, stating the trees have various diseases, hence reason for cutting them down. (The meeting confirmed they were happy with the explanation and no need to send the report).

**Page 4: Point 12:** Licensing: Have Patricia/Norrie/Ainsley discussed way forward? (The Secretary confirmed this would be discussed later under Licensing Report).

**Page 4: Point 14:** Remembrance Service. Congratulations and sincere thanks to C/Cllr Shirley Harris for all her hard work and for making the service a great success.

**Page 4: Point 14:** Community Christmas Carol Service: this has been cancelled due to clash of dates.

**Page 4: Point 14:** Strategy: Regarding a future action plan, Chair confirmed using the East Ayrshire Strategy approach for Cumnock as an example.

### **Page 4: Point 14:**

December agenda: Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens to be carried forward to January agenda, as SAC has been written to regarding the maintenance and SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter has also referred this. Awaiting response.

Funding: Paths for all Funding: Ian Findlay Paths Fund to be added to January agenda and John Park to discuss.

Town Twinning: C/Cllrs Shirley Harris and John Park attend these meetings; will they give updates at PCC meetings? (Both agreed).

Chair received 4 replies to his email regarding boundary changes, 2 for and 2 against; therefore, he recommends that the BCS 2023 Review Consultation is noted.

### **8. Constitution:**

The Secretary confirmed she had had received only one reply from the email she sent regarding the draft constitution, and this was positive. As no-one else had anything further to add, it was agreed by those members present the proposed constitution be adopted.

### **9. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:**

**Hugh Hunter:** The Secretary went through a report received from Hugh Hunter:

Salient points:

- Meetings have been held with C/Cllr Iain Tulloch regarding the plaque initiative, and a good working relationship has been developed. A very productive meeting was held together with Craig Ross, Deputy Head Prestwick Academy, and Alasdair Malcolm from the Prestwick History Group.
- Hugh has been having very early discussions about Age Friendly Communities, with representatives from the Health and Social Care Partnership together with representatives from Voluntary Action South Ayrshire. This might be an initiative that PCC could take the lead on for Prestwick and Hugh would be happy to discuss it further should PCC be interested in this.
- Christmas lighting up went well, and apart from a couple of issues, generally positive feedback. The erroneous reporting of Main Street being closed caused concerns for some. When the countdown to the switch on ends, only the Christmas tree lights come on, the individual lights on the lamp posts are then switched on manually one at a time. This was a disappointment to many. Ayrshire Roads Alliance have been asked for costs for upgrading the system.
- A meeting has been arranged with complainant from Marina Road, as they say they have evidence SAC own the land. SAC confirm they have evidence they don't.

### **Cameron Ramsay:**

Confirmed Air Show to be reinstated. Feels decision was rushed and more transparency needed, together with further consultation.

### **10. Treasurer's report:**

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £359.31. The Zurich insurance policy has now been received and a copy would be sent to SAC. C/Cllr Shirley Harris confirmed the old Prestwick North Community Council bank account had been closed with a zero balance.

### **11. Planning Report:**

This had been distributed and there were no concerns.

## **12. Licensing Report:**

The Secretary gave the report received from C/Cllr Patricia Young. The meetings on 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were both remotely held, and had ended abruptly. Nothing noted for Prestwick.

In respect of the discussion at PCC meeting in October to take forward the suggestion of posters in pubs etc, and as a result of the detailed email received from SAC licensing on this subject, explaining what we proposed was in fact not legal, Patricia was hesitant to write to Scottish Government regarding this. A short discussion followed, and all community councillors present plus Ainsley Hunter of PBA, unanimously agreed that in view of SAC response we would no longer take the proposal forward.

## **13. Correspondence**

There was none.

## **14. A.O.C.B:**

- Community Garden to be carried forward to January meeting.
- Town Twinning reports to be given by C/Cllrs Harris and Park at future meetings.
- C/Cllr Jim Riach confirmed the complaint received from a resident in Monkton Road about aircraft noise at Prestwick Airport had been taken to the committee and was being dealt with. PCC will be updated.
- The Secretary confirmed that on the agenda for December meeting, Item 15 should read 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 not 21<sup>st</sup>.
- It was noted that PCC should write to the Chiropractor in the old Bank of Scotland building to agree the use of part of the ground/building for the sounds speakers when required for the remembrance service.

## **15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.45rs.