

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023  
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Derek Hart (Vice Chair):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell (Co-opted):

John Park (Co-opted):

Thompson Piper:

Al Priestnall:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Norrie Smith:

Julie Twaddell:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:** C/Cllrs. Iain Tulloch: Mike Tomlinson: Alison Smith:

**Police Scotland:** Sgt Lisa Thompson:

**SAC:** Craig Ross (Schools Officer):

**1. Welcome:**

The 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. The Chair confirmed the resignation of C/Cllr Theresa Sander due to family circumstances, and on behalf of PCC thanked her for all her hard work which was much appreciated, wishing her well for the future.

**3. Police Report:**

This had been received from Police Scotland and circulated. Due to Police Officers unable to attend, they had requested any issues from the report to be fed back via Chair/Secretary.; however, as the Police had not been at PCC meetings for some time, the secretary to make contact to ask if a representative could attend at future meetings to enable dialogue. A query was raised regarding whether the CCTV cameras in the Main Street were working. SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride confirmed they were operational.

**4. Hearing/Open Forum:**

No matters raised.

## **5. Schools report:**

No report received.

## **6. Minutes Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022:**

These were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Shirley Harris and seconded by C/Cllr Jim Ronney

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

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**Plaques:** The community council had previously agreed to work on an inter-agency plaque initiative. The project to be known as the Prestwick Plaque Initiative, with C/Cllrs Iain Tulloch and Mike Tomlinson representing PCC. It had recently been recommended by C/Cllr Iain Tulloch that either the Burgh Coat of Arms, or the Prestwick Community Council Coat of Arms, to be put on the plaques. Following discussion, it was agreed the Chair would contact the Lord Lyon to find out which of these could be used, with the Burgh coat of arms being the preferred option. The Secretary to circulate an email sent by SAC Cllr Hunter and as directed by C/Cllr Iain Tulloch on progress of the Prestwick Plaque Initiative.

### **Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens:**

SAC Cllr Hunter has not received a definitive answer regarding restoration and a programme for regular maintenance, but to report to the next PCC meeting.

### **Community Christmas Carol Service:**

The Churches Council will collate dates of their carol services and pass to PCC to ensure there is no clash with the Community Carol service

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#### **Age Friendly Communities:**

The Chair confirmed that he had responded to SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter's suggestion, and indicated that while this might be worth pursuing, the community council had a number of options still to consider, including a 'strategy' for the town. SAC Cllr Hunter to supply more information to the Chair, to enable him to look into whether this was something PCC could be involved in.

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#### **Date of Next meeting:**

The Secretary confirmed this should read Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, not Thursday.

**Paths for All Funding – John Park.** Discuss later in meeting.

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

### **Hugh Hunter:**

Funding being researched to upgrade/improve the Christmas lights for Prestwick. Dementia Friendly Prestwick now have a hub at the RAFA Club in Prestwick which has been well attended. Friends of the Broadway have recommenced pop up cinema in the Community Centre, and this has been favourably received. SAC budget due to be set 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Martin Kilbride:**

CCTV cameras in public spaces throughout Prestwick have been upgraded/replaced and are now operational, and monitored. There are also ten cameras which can be redeployed to certain areas for specific events.

**Cameron Ramsay:**

Hoping to engage more with the Public by possibly doing door to door visits to see if there are any problems and concerns, as not everyone is able to attend Councillors surgeries. Any visits will be mindful of vulnerable residents.

In response to a question regarding local celebrations for the King's coronation, SAC Cllrs confirmed it was up to community councils/businesses to apply for funding available for street parties etc if they wished to do something. The Chair to look at what is available and include on February agenda.

**9. Treasurer's report:**

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £359.31; however, cheques to the value of £120.00 are still to be cashed.

**10. Planning Report:**

This had been distributed, and was discussed. It was noted that no objections had been raised regarding the planning application for change of use and alteration to existing shop at 16 The Cross, to form hot food takeaway and erection of flue. It appears this had, in any case, been approved.

**11. Licensing Report:**

The Bellrock, 144 Ayr Road Prestwick. Application for variation of licence on a Friday and Saturday, from 12.30 midnight to 01.00am, and variation of licence for off sales on a Sunday from 12.30 noon to 11.00am. Next licensing meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 10.0am, to be held remotely.

**12. Correspondence**

There was none.

**13. A.O.C.B:**

- Paths for All Funding: Ian Findlay Paths Fund: C/Cllr John Park discussed this initiative, with the path that runs from Dunlop Road, Newton, to Maryborough Road, Prestwick, coming to mind. The Chair confirmed this is an important coastal route and would be worth looking at; if it meets the criteria for the funding PCC could pursue it. Members to think about this and come back to the next meeting. It was agreed that contact with Newton Community Council required, as liaison with them and SAC would be needed.
- The Treasurer had attended Kingcase Family Partnership meeting, but nothing of relevance for PCC.
- The Chair had issued an email to members literally that day, which provided a review of progress made, or not made, in relation to a number of major subjects, including a suggested Plan for Prestwick. Over the past few months, he had been sending out information/thoughts, and is now looking for someone to champion this.

- The same e-mail also referred to the idea of a PCC Local Community Development Trust; this had not been discussed recently, and the Chair had circulated a number of pieces of information about this matter to Community Councillors to consider. The Chair invited C/Cllr Norrie Smith to take the lead on this, who confirmed he would, and to give a report at the next meeting.
- Pavement signs regarding dog fouling. As many of these signs were now fading and needed repainted, SAC Cllrs were asked to look into this.
- Problem with the bins belonging to Flakes which are situated in Hunter Street, once again causing concern, and reported to SAC.
- The Vice Chair handed his letter of resignation to the Chair, expressing his gratitude to members past and present for all their support over the years, especially during his tenure as Chair and Vice Chair of Prestwick North Community Council, and latterly as Vice Chair of PCC. It was not an easy decision, but health problems of late prompted his decision. The Chair expressed his disappointment at the news, and on behalf of PCC thanked the Vice Chair most sincerely for his dedication and service both to the Community Council and the town of Prestwick. His knowledge of all things Prestwick would be missed. All those members present, concurred, and it was hoped that he would attend meetings in the future in his new role as a member of the public!

The Secretary to issue a copy of his resignation letter, and the Link Officer to revisit the Co-optee process as a result of the resignation.

**14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.35hrs.