

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2022  
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, MAIN STREET, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS:**

Meic Evans (Chair & Planning):

Shirley Harris:

Derek Hart (Vice Chair):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary)

Al Priestnall:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Bob Smith:

Norrie Smith:

Mike Tomlinson:

Iain Tulloch:

Julie Twaddell:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young (Licensing):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL:**

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

J Park: J McClay: G Rae: R Brodie: R Dodd: L Hainey: A Malcolm: A Young: Mr & Mrs Paterson:

Mr & Mrs Taylor: S Binning:

**APOLOGIES:**

Theresa Sander (PCC):

Sgt Lisa Thompson, Police Scotland:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter (SAC)

**1. Welcome:**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**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, with members confirming they had received and read it. It was noted that Police Officers hoped to be in attendance at future meetings.

#### 4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Mr George Rae from the newly formed committee of the Prestwick Men's Shed, was invited by the Chair to speak to the meeting. Mr Rae discussed the project and a study which had shown the positive impact this would have on men's health and wellbeing. They have applied to SAC for the facility. Having contacted PCC Chair, they were attending this meeting as their committee had applied for a bank account and were currently awaiting this being set up; however, until this was finalised wondered if Prestwick Community Council (PCC) would allow them to use their bank account to hold funds. PCC Chair advised the meeting he had already contacted Tracy Whiteford at SAC to ask if this would be possible, and had received written confirmation that this could be done, provided the majority of PCC Members were in agreement. The Chair stated he was in favour of supporting this as PCC were committed to Health and Wellbeing, and asked PCC to vote on the proposal. Members of PCC voted unanimously in favour of allowing this. It was noted that a similar request from another group had been agreed and actioned by the old Prestwick North Community Council, and funds were recorded separately causing no problems.

#### 5. Schools report:

As no school report received, the Chair suggested perhaps this should be given every other meeting. It was noted that the Treasurer had been unable to attend the meeting of the Kingcase Planning Partnership but had sent apologies.

#### 6. Minutes Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022:

The Chair stated that at the last meeting he was referring to the draft Locality Plan and a map within showing proposed 3 sub areas. The Link Officer confirmed the areas were Prestwick, Heathfield and Northfield and the plan was out for consultation with return in July. This was just the first draft and there would be opportunity for further discussion. The Treasurer advised an amendment to account balances; Prestwick South Community Council total should read £418.11 not £448.11. The minutes were then approved, proposed by C/Cllr Shirley Harris and seconded by C/Cllr Alison Smith.

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

The Link Officer stated to avoid confusion, it was the Place Plan that was being referred to, not the Local development Plan.

The Chair confirmed the idea of rotating the venues for meetings was still under consideration. Regarding the proposal of John Park being co-opted to PCC, SAC have a procedure that has to be followed, which includes advertising the vacancy and PCC have to agree to go down this route and to minute it. There can be no variation from the procedure, however it was agreed to seek formal confirmation from SAC.

There had been a lengthy discussion at the last meeting regarding payment of and lack of public toilet facilities. As there had been no action agreed, the Chair invited further discussions. Options discussed were waiting on Locality Plan consultation, or writing to SAC with the thoughts and concerns of PCC, as this affects tourism. It was agreed the Chair would draft a letter to SAC voicing our concerns and the impact lack of facilities have on tourism for Prestwick.

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

The Chair welcomed the SAC councillors to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves and give their reports.

##### Hugh Hunter:

On holiday therefore no report.

**Ian Cochrane:**

Dealing with various complaints from residents including speeding on Monkton Road; however, on contacting Roads Alliance was advised they required more than a motor cycle complaint to follow up.

**Martin Kilbride:**

Aware Men's Shed proposal being looked at.

**Cameron Ramsay:**

Has been doing 'walkabouts' in Prestwick Main Street, meeting the public and learning what facilities they require. Intends to do further street surgeries on a regular basis.

Questions were invited for the SAC councillors, and problems with vehicles parking on pavements was highlighted especially where this prevented access for wheelchair users. It was advised that unless the vehicle is blocking access to a driveway or opening which is an offence, it is not unlawful to park on pavements.

**9. Treasurer's report:**

The Treasurer confirmed she was still awaiting the bank sorting out transfer to new account. Both the old Prestwick North and South accounts were in the process of being tidied up, and any other expenses/purchases should be submitted accordingly, as any surplus balance would have to be returned to SAC. The Link Officer confirmed it was the responsibility of both old community councils to decide on expenditure. Discussion on possible purchase of projector and costs, and confirmation that the Secretary had lap top repaired. The Vice Chair suggested SAC should supply the Secretary with a lap top/computer and the Chair agreed to explore this option. Current funds were £418.11 for Prestwick South and just over £260.00 for Prestwick North.

**10. Planning Report:**

The Chair discussed the planning report which had been issued, specifically the following:

- Application 22/00192/APP, relating to commercial premises at 3 St. Quivox Road was still showing as pending and no contact appeared to have been made with Environmental Health. Representation has been submitted on behalf of PCC.
- Application notice - Spaceport consultation in May has been postponed, to be rearranged in due course.
- Proposal for flats on the site of the Old Parkstone Hotel, has been withdrawn.
- Land at Prestwick International Airport – proposal of application notice for the erection of a facility for the manufacture, testing and operation of electronic and telecommunication equipment, including car parking, telecommunication area, service yard, parking, landscaping and ancillary services had been approved.

**11. Licensing Report:**

The next meeting will be held remotely on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The following new members were elected to Licensing Board: Laura Brennan-Whitefield, William Grant, Stephen Ferry, Martin Kilbride, Bob Pollock, Gavin Scott, Duncan Townson.

**12. Correspondence:**

The Secretary went through correspondence issued and subsequently received.

- A discussion ensued on the new household waste recycling centre online booking system which goes live on 4<sup>th</sup> July, whereby residents will have to obtain an e-permit to book a time slot to dispose of waste. It was felt that this would lead to an increase in fly tipping.
- 52 Scottish beaches are to be recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful, four of which are from South Ayrshire, and the good news is Prestwick is one of the four. The criteria to gain an award, is to meet standards across three areas of Scotland's Beach awards, which are Access, Facilities & Safety, Local Environment Quality, and Communities & Heritage. Congratulations were given to Prestwick on retaining the 'blue flag' award.

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

- It was agreed that future meetings would be held on the last Tuesday of each month, apart from the recess in July and December; venues to be decided. Links to other organisations and potential roles for individual community councillors to be discussed at a future meeting.
- Concerns were raised regarding the dangers posed by speeding jet skis in Prestwick Bay, and whether this activity could be legally controlled.
- The installation of the new stacked flower display tubs was discussed, noting that the positioning of these was not best placed, and felt congested. C/Cllr Al Priestnall questioned why PCC had not been consulted on this. The Chair of the view that instructions will have been in line with the Council's guidelines. The matter was otherwise noted.
- It was noted there had been complaints regarding the state of the PCC notice board on the wall of the 65 Club. The Secretary stated this had been discussed previously, to which C/Cllr Norrie Smith admitted he had agreed to look at this with a view to repairing, but had been caught up with other commitments. He confirmed he would attend to this.
- Topic of the Freemans Hall, repairs of which were required, and non-replacement of the steeple was raised. A lengthy discussion took place on why SAC would not replace the steeple, the costs involved, and sources of funding to do the work. It was noted that several years ago the majority of Prestwick residents had indicated their wish to have the steeple replaced. The Chair was aware of the issue, and wondered if the Steeple Committee had compiled a report on what was required to do the work, and proposals put forward to SAC. It was noted that funding was available from various sources and this was highlighted in respect of Maybole's Town Hall. It was suggested this could be a good topic for consultation for the Locality Plan. The Chair emphasised the importance of the town's-built heritage and that there were very few listed structures in the town. The principle of continued support by the community council for efforts in respect of the restoring the Freeman's Hall, in particular the steeple, is re-emphasised.
- A recent incident where a female had been attacked at the Oval highlighted the need for CCTV to be installed there, noting that requests for CCTV had been made previously but the problem is there is no one to man the cameras. SAC Cllr. Kilbride was aware of this and agreed to check on the progress and report back at the next meeting. It was suggested a consultation on CCTV cameras in Prestwick would be helpful, and discussion followed on highlighting specific areas and liaising with the Police regarding this.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022, at 19.15hours, in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20 hrs.