

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
19.15hrs KINGCASE PARISH CHURCH PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.24hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair & Planning):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell (Co-opted):

John Park (Co-opted):

Al Priestnall:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Norrie Smith:

Iain Tulloch:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young (Licensing):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

Tracy Whiteford, Snr. Communities Officer:

**PRESTWICK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (PBA):**

Ainsley Hunter, Chair:

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

M Tulloch: A Hunter: F Tanner: V Murray: C Ferguson: F Cassidy: A Cassidy: L Moffat

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:** C/Cllrs. Julie Twaddell: Theresa Sander: Derek Hart: Mike Tomlinson: Alison Smith: Thompson Piper:

**Police Scotland:** Sgt Lisa Thompson:

**SAC:** Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer): Cllr. Martin Kilbride: Cllr. Cameron Ramsay: 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.

The Chair confirmed SAC definition of declaration of interest, to be found in Guidance for Community Councils, Section 4, point 4.1. This states '*all members must declare in advance any financial or other interest however minor, that they or their direct relatives may have in any matter which comes before the Community Council for consideration. The member shall withdraw from the meeting during consideration of this item of business and shall take no part in the discussions or decisions thereon*'. There was no declaration of interests.

The meeting was then handed over to Tracy Whiteford, Snr. Communities Officer SAC to conduct the process of appointing Co-optees to PCC. There were 4 nominees for the 2 vacancies on PCC, Messrs. James Mclay, Stevens Fawcett, John O'Donnell and

John Park, all confirmed as resident in Prestwick. As there were no objections received from members of PCC present to any of the applications, the 4 names were then placed in a bowl, and 2 were drawn at random by Tracy Whiteford. The successful applicants were John O'Donnell and John Park, and both were welcomed on to PCC as co-optees. It was confirmed they will receive relevant paperwork from SAC including Community Council Guidelines. The Secretary to write to the unsuccessful applicants, who will be encouraged to attend future meetings.

### **3. Police Report:**

This had been received from Police Scotland and circulated. As Police Officer unable to attend, they had requested any issues from the report to be fed back via Chair/Secretary. There were none.

### **4. Hearing/Open Forum:**

Concerns were raised by Ms C Ferguson about the land behind her house in Marina Road, where the adjacent lane was continually flooding and overflowing into her garden and up to her property causing a hazard. She had contacted various sources for help regarding this problem, including MSP Ms S Brown, Cllr. Hugh Hunter and Cllr. Martin Kilbride. SAC had also been contacted on several occasions with no response. Cllr. Hunter confirmed he would check this out with SAC Estates, and remind Cllr. Kilbride to contact Ms. Ferguson.

The Chair agreed PCC could offer their support by writing to SAC, and requested Ms Ferguson to forward all the information about her concerns to him, and this will be presented to SAC for them to pursue the matter.

### **5. Schools report:**

Craig Ross had advised the Secretary anything of note will be brought to the next meeting.

### **6. Minutes Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022:**

The following Amendment was made:

Page 3: Date of next meeting should read 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022, not November 2022.

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December instead of 28<sup>th</sup> November, to ensure there was a minute taker. The minutes were then confirmed as an accurate record.

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

**Portfolios:** The Chair confirmed that he would send his previous email on portfolios to the 2 new co-optees, and hopefully these can be allocated at the next meeting.

**Place Planning:** C/Cllr. Norrie Smith had attended the consultation event in 65 Club on 1<sup>st</sup> September; 630 returns from the consultation had been received by SAC.

**Glenburn Campus:** The Secretary received information from Cllr. Kilbride regarding the question raised about the height of the fence at the new Campus, and he confirmed the new fence is lower as this is the current height for new school fences. However, the new football area will have a high fence to keep footballs in the caged area. The CCTV does cover the back fence, and there has been no reports of any vandalism in the new school grounds, however the school will feedback if this does become an issue.

### **Prestwick Development Group (PDG):**

In response to a question on whether PCC were working with PDG and if a vote was to be taken on the issue, the Chair replied that if this matter was to be discussed, the 2 SAC Cllrs. present might have to step out of the meeting, as all 4 SAC elected members were now involved in the PDG. The members requested that they should remain. The Chair confirmed that this matter had been discussed previously with PCC at length, and in various ways; however, a vote could be taken if members present wished.

A discussion took place on the merits of PCC working with PDG, following which it was without dissent agreed by members present to work together. It was also agreed that a separate meeting to discuss this further would not be required. The Chair confirmed that going forward it would be made clear more transparency from PDG would be required, and hopefully we can now move forward to the benefit of Prestwick. The Chair to invite Ian Welsh to the January meeting of PCC.

### **8. Plaques: Water Quality:**

C/Cllr. Ian Tulloch had issued a paper to all members regarding the project, and confirmed that Craig Ross, schools liaison had indicated willingness of schools to be involved. Ian suggested a sub- committee be formed, to include representation from PCC, PDG, and schools. The Chair congratulated Ian on an excellent piece of work, the framework of which was now in place. Cllr. Hugh Hunter confirmed funding had been received by PDG for this project and looked forward to working together with PCC.

Water quality at seafront discussed, noting that SEPA is responsible for looking after this, but that reports will be made to future meetings of PCC.

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

**Hugh Hunter:** salient points:

- Car park at Prestwick academy can be used when football events take place a Shawfarm Road.
- Prestwick Business Association (PBA) organising Prestwick Lighting up, which will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00 – 5.30pm. Entertainment will be on the main stage at Prestwick Cross, with market stalls in Boydfield Gardens and a funfair in Station Road.
- Complaint received about trees in Ardfin Road which need cut down.

**Ian Cochrane:**

SAC had been gifted land at East Road, but had not accepted this. CCTV – funding still a problem.

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

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £399.31

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

Planning reports were now being received, and the Chair had issued a report to all members. There had been a few objections to extending parking spaces at the old indoor bowling club, mainly about apparent loss of open space,

### **12. Licensing Report:**

The next meeting of the licensing board will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am, and will be a remote meeting.

C/Cllr. Patricia Young had written to SAC as directed, on the proposal of leaflets/notices which link drinking to cancer being displayed in licensed premises. The reply from SAC Licensing stated there was no provision in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 to instruct that these posters be displayed, meaning it was not feasible to request premises display the posters as it is not legally enforceable. All licensed premises must take note of the 5 licensing objectives, one of which includes 'Protecting and Improving Public Health', but this does not include instructions to display individual posters or support individual campaigns.

PCC agreed that the campaign to display such leaflets would be a worthwhile project to take forward to the Scottish Government, with the Chair agreeing C/Cllrs. Norrie Smith and Patricia Young work together in taking this forward as a Health and Wellbeing project. Ainsley Hunter, Chair PBA, indicated willingness to be involved, and the Chair suggested all work together.

### **13. Correspondence**

There was none.

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

C/Cllr. Shirley Harris gave an update on arrangements for the Remembrance Service, stating that everything was in place, including band and buglers. She was still hopeful of securing the services of a piper. The Chair congratulated her on all her hard work, which was greatly appreciated.

C/Cllr. Jim Ronney confirmed that all going well, the Community Carol service to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> December at New Life Church.

The Chair confirmed a draft strategy had been circulated to PCC using East Ayrshire strategy as an example. He asked members to look at agreeing this for the town. Members present agreed in principle.

### **15. Date of next meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 @ 7.15 in Kingcase Parish Church.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.40hrs.