

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022
19.15hrs KINGCASE PARISH CHURCH 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:

Norrie Smith:

Mike Tomlinson

Iain Tulloch:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young (Licensing):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay

Craig Ross, Schools Officer:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

T Halpin: M Tulloch: J Park:

APOLOGIES:

PCC: Cllrs. Julie Twaddell: Theresa Sander:

Sgt Lisa Thompson, Police Scotland:

Ainsley Hunter. Prestwick Business Association:

SAC: Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed all, confirming C/Cllr. Bob Smith had resigned. He thanked Bob for his valued contribution and wished him well for the future.

Condolences were offered to C/Cllr. Theresa Sander on the passing of her husband whose funeral was today 27th September. A wreath had been sent on behalf of PCC.

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 meeting issues from the report will be fed back via Chair/Secretary. In answer to queries raised at the August meeting regarding (1) police procedures for installation of CCTV in shop windows, and (2) what the Police procedure was on their approach to drugs, it was confirmed - (1) the best contact would be the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) which can be accessed via Internet, and (2) any drug offences dealt with are governed by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Nothing from the members of public present.

5. Schools report:

- Craig Ross thanked C/Cllr. Jim Ronney for attending Prestwick Academy prizegiving on 8th September on behalf of PCC, and presenting the community prizes. PCC to look at their prizes for next year to ensure inscription is updated.
- C/Cllr. Alison Smith confirmed she had liaised with Craig regarding the PCC website and possible assistance from the schools.
- Crag confirmed he had met with C/Cllrs Ian Tulloch and Mike Tomlinson regarding the plaques.

6. Minutes Meeting 30th August 2022:

The following Amendments were made:

Page 3, Hugh Hunter's report bullet point 6: insert comma after youth project for all. 'Where carers', should read 'where young people'.

Page 4, Licensing report: should read 10.00am to 30minutes past midnight.

The minutes were then proposed by C/Cllr. Ian Tulloch, seconded by C/Cllr. Shirley Harris.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes

Co-optees: To date three nominations have been received for the vacancies, and the Secretary will process the paperwork for these after the closing date for applications on 20th October.

Public toilets: The Chair had chased up the matter of the new payment system; he will also go back to SAC regarding the lack of toilet facilities in Prestwick.

Portfolios: The Chair confirmed that once the co-optees were in place, will go through the portfolios, noting that some were already filled. PCC agreed the principle of portfolios together with the suggestions from the Chair.

Place Planning: A consultation event was held in 65 Club on 1st September; however, public are still able to put forward comments.

New school campus: Complaints had been made about the poor lighting at the campus, and youths climbing over the perimeter fence to hold drinking sessions. SAC Cllr. Martin Kilbride confirmed he would look into these matters.

Prestwick Development Group (PDA): A conversation took place on the remit of the PDG and PCC. It was noted in response to an email issued to PCC members by the Chair, those who had replied indicated while not against PDG, wanted more information. Various similar projects by PDG and PCC together with funding were discussed, noting that PDG had received funding of £15,000 towards plaques to be placed around Prestwick. As this is also a PCC project, PDG and PCC will work alongside each other on this to introduce 'Blue Plaque' information points around Prestwick. PCC Councillors Ian Tulloch and Mike Tomlinson are currently preparing a paper on the subject.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Hugh Hunter: salient points:

- Feedback on Dementia Friendly Hub at RAFA club very positive.
- The front of the new school campus building looks excellent.
- Parking in Shaw Road during football games– awaiting feedback from all concerned.
- Reports of vehicles driving the wrong way in Sherwood Road.
- Prestwick Lighting Up will be on Sunday 27th November 2022, where there will be market stalls and also entertainment from local performers.
- Bridge at Grangemuir Road: the cable tie repair to the round weight limit sign was carried out on an emergency basis to make safe. A more permanent repair will be carried out, and as part of this repair new chevron boards will be erected. All works need to be carried out in liaison with Network Rail, who are responsible for the structural management and maintenance of the bridge.

Martin Kilbride:

Prestwick Putting Green: The use of the putting green and costs associated with this was discussed. Dementia Friendly Prestwick had applied to use the space for various activities, and this had been granted by SAC. In response to a query regarding this decision, it was confirmed the use of the space had been advertised in SAC statutory notices.

Cameron Ramsay: salient points:

- Still working on problem with UWS buses.
- Dealing with cost-of-living enquiries.
- Increase in number of persons under 21 years of age using the buses.

9. Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer confirmed that all outstanding monies from the two previous community councils had been returned to SAC. Current balance for PCC still £710.00 due to several cheques not yet being cashed.

10. Planning Report:

The Chair confirmed he had not been receiving reports from SAC and had written to Planning Department.

11. Licensing Report:

At the licensing board meeting on 22nd September 2022, an application by Prestwick Golf Club for extending the opening times from 10.00am to 09.00am for a members and guest day on 2nd October 2022, was rejected on the grounds of Public Safety.

Distribution of a poster which described alcohol as the second biggest risk factor for cancer after smoking, was raised by C/Cllr. Norrie Smith, who would like to see a copy in every pub in Scotland starting with South Ayrshire. He asked if PCC could consider this, and if in agreement champion the proposal. PCC agreed in principle to promoting this, and C/Cllr. Patricia Young to write to the Convenor of the Licensing Committee with the proposal, copy to the leader of SAC.

12. Correspondence:

There was none.

13. A.O.C.B:

An update was given by C/Cllr. Shirley Harris on arrangements for the Remembrance Service in November, where funding for a band remained a problem. A piper and bugler were also now required, and C/Cllr. Harris looking into this.

In response to a question about repairs to the Community Centre, it was noted that SAC will continue to maintain essential repairs to the Community Centre including the roof, and the elected SAC councillors present at the meeting confirmed their support. The Chair emphasised that the Community Centre is an extremely important part of the town's wellbeing infrastructure, and that PCC were relieved that the repair of the roof was in hand.

18. Date of next meeting: 25th October 2022 @ 7.15 in Kingcase Parish Church.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.30hrs.