

PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2023
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK

The meeting commenced at 19.18hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell (Co-opted):

John Park (Co-opted):

Thompson Piper:

Al Priestnall:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Norrie Smith:

Mike Tomlinson

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllrs. Iain Tulloch: Alison Smith:

Police Scotland: Sgt Lisa Thompson:

SAC: Craig Ross (Schools Officer): SAC Cllrs. Cameron Ramsay and Martin Kilbride:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all back to the 65 Club, stating it was widely recognised as the spiritual home for the community council for many years. The 65 Club is an integral part of the community, hosts to many community groups and events, and the Chair thanked Ruby and John Taylor for all their dedicated hard work, and for looking after the Community Council so well at our meetings. He understood wi-fi may soon be available, which can only be good for PCC as this would enable meetings to be shared to the community electronically.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

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

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. The Secretary advised that at a recent meeting held between Police Commander and Chairs of Community Councils, it was confirmed that due to work priorities and shortage of staff, attendance of Community Police Officers at community council meetings would be affected. It was noted that PCC Chair had been omitted from this meeting, and the Liaison Officer would follow this up. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter confirmed there was an annual police report which he would forward to PCC.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

- Concerns were raised by a resident of Kirk Street about inconsiderate parking beside their home. Vehicles constantly park across their driveway preventing access and exit for their car, and also park on the double yellow lines causing congestion. Dominos drivers sometimes cause parking problems, and since it opened there has been an increase in litter. The Chair asked that a dossier, including photographs, be sent to PCC. Several members of PCC including the Chair agreed to visit the location on Friday 10th March to investigate. In respect of parking on double yellow lines causing an obstruction, and the blocking of driveway, this is a matter for the police and should be reported to them. The Chair confirmed PCC would contact Dominos to highlight the problem with their drivers.
- Resident of Hunter Street once again brought up the problem with the refuse bin from Flakes, and produced photographs. Bin is still situated in Hunter Street, pushed up against a wall and constantly overflowing. Environmental Health had been contacted previously by PCC regarding this matter, but as they could find no issue, nothing further could be done. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to follow up and seek clarification from Environmental Health.
- Problems with street furniture, and also disabled parking bay at 65 Club where people were struggling to get out of car and into a wheelchair were highlighted. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter will look into this, although no-one had reported any problems to him.

5. Schools report:

No report received.

6. Minutes Meeting 31st January 2023:

These were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Thompson Piper and seconded by C/Cllr John O'Donnell.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Paths for all Initiative: Chair asked if C/Cllr John Park's suggestion regarding coastal path is suitable. Chair to circulate information on existing Core Paths to members to look at and come up with ideas; C/Cllr Park has contacted Paths for All regarding criteria.

Coastal Fund: Suggestions had been put forward to obtain funding, including help for Prestwick Prom and a projector for PCC. As time is limited, C/Cllr Norrie Smith to try and put a package together prior to the deadline.

Community Development Trust: Chair has already issued information to members, and at the last PCC meeting C/Cllr Norrie Smith was nominated to lead on the project. C/Cllr Smith confirmed he had started work on this, with the first step being to set up a steering group. He is also working on computer logistics for PCC to discuss and has representatives from a company who are willing to attend PCC meeting and share information. C/Cllr Smith to give a further report at the next meeting in March.

Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens: The project was started by Prestwick North Community Council, with funding from Locality Planning Participatory Budget. Maintenance and restoration now a priority, and a lengthy discussion followed, with suggestions being put forward on how this could be achieved. Chair recommended that a site visit be carried out on Friday 10th March, and a report on the outcome will be drawn up for consideration thereafter.

Prestwick Plaque Initiative: C/Cllr Iain Tulloch is currently unwell, however has been liaising by email. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter confirmed still awaiting response from Schools on Coat of Arms.

Christmas Carol Initiative: C/Cllr Jim Ronney collating information on suitable date

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Ian Cochrane: Salient points

- SAC budget 1/3/2023.
- Complaints received about street lighting and parking issues.
- Enquiries on social housing.
- Foodbanks still being used.

Hugh Hunter: Salient points:

- People not coping with the cost-of-living crisis.
- Increase in people looking for sheltered accommodation.
- Ayr Ark report to be sent to Secretary to share.
- Young Carers Day 15/3/2023.
- Health Campaign calendar programme of events in 2023 available.
- Concerns regarding no filter to turn right at the junction between Heathfield Road and Hunters Avenue onto Afton Avenue. This had been deemed too expensive, and SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane confirmed this matter had been raised some time ago, with police advising no action to be taken unless a serious accident. He would email Chair with information to make contact with Roads Alliance.

9. Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £279.91, with cheques to the value of £40.00 still to be cashed.

10. Planning Report:

This had been distributed. There were 3 non- householder applications, and the National Planning Framework 4 (NPS) became part of the development plan as of 13th February 2023.

11. Licensing Report:

The February meeting was cancelled; next meeting scheduled for 9th March 2023.

12. Correspondence/concerns received:

- The Secretary confirmed she had received an email regarding the amount of litter outside the new Keystore in Adamton Road, and the suggestion a waste bin may help. SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane will look into this.
- Signs on pavements regarding dog fouling are faded and need refreshed, SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to chase up,
- The Secretary was contacted by residents of Gardiner Street regarding vehicles driving up Gardiner Street the wrong way. This occurs almost daily, and is an accident waiting to happen. Suggestions had been offered that the no entry signs be lowered, and Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) to paint signs at the bottom of Gardiner Street saying NO ENTRY. The Secretary to contact ARA..
- The Secretary has also been contacted by members of the public in connection with the state of the pavements in the Main Street, especially on the side from Mary Jane Jewellers to Prestwick Cross. Pavements are uneven, slabs are broken, and where gas/water points are, they are broken and a hazard. There

have been several incidents where people have tripped and fallen. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to follow this up.

- Chair asked if it was possible to obtain a copy of ARA's programme for pavement maintenance. SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane agreed to check.

13. A.O.C.B:

- Airport Consultative Committee report to be put on next agenda.
- When asked about the position of Vice Chair, the Chair confirmed this will be decided at the forthcoming AGM. C/Cllr Norrie Smith offered to help in the interim, and will act in a temporary capacity until the AGM.
- It is hoped that the Prestwick Prom celebrations will go ahead this year, possibly between July and August.

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th March 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.00hrs.