

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2023
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.25hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Al Priestnall:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Mike Tomlinson

Iain Tulloch:

Julie Twaddell:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Craig Ross (Schools Liaison Officer):

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

M Tulloch: J Ferguson: A Malcolm: I & M Ferguson:

UNCUM Partnership – G Waters & K McFarlane:

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllr. Norrie Smith:

Police Scotland: Sgt Lisa Thompson:

SAC: Cllr Cameron Ramsay

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

Sederunt and apologies as noted above, and there were no declarations of interests.

3. Police Report:

This had been received from Police Scotland and circulated.

4. Presentation by UNUM Partnership – PoAN at East Road:

SAC Cllrs Hugh Hunter and Martin Kilbride stepped out of the meeting during the presentation, as both are involved with planning applications.

The presentation was given by Messrs Waters and McFarlane, who advised the proposal of application is being operated by Northcare, a private company. They are applying for a 60-bedroom care home and 22 assisted living flats on the site adjacent to St. Cuthberts Golf Club on East Road. This is the first stage of the process, prior to the application. Detailed illustrations were shown of the building, which is a ranch style design, and includes a café and communal sitting area; the designs in the main were reviewed favourably. In response to questions about the proposals, it was confirmed the bedrooms will be 26 square metres, which is larger than a Premier Inn bedroom, and that any drainage and access problems had been properly addressed by qualified personnel. Public drop-in events on the proposal take place in St Cuthberts Golf Club on 4th and 24th May between 14.00 hours and 19.00 hours on both dates, and it was agreed that further contact/meeting with PCC would take place at a mutually suitable time after this.

SAC Cllrs Hunter and McBride then re-joined the meeting.

5. Hearing/Open Forum:

No matters were raised.

6. Schools report:

Meeting held between Craig Ross, C/Cllr Iain Tulloch and SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter regarding progress on the Plaque Initiative. Craig Ross also met with SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter about Carers Day.

Prestwick Academy's prizegiving event to be held on 7th September 2023. The Secretary was given a letter of invitation for the Chair, or a representative from PCC, to attend.

7. Minutes Meeting 28th March 2023:

Two amendments:

Page1 – the Secretary apologised to C/Cllr Iain Tulloch that his name had been omitted from the sederunt.

Page 5 –In the schools report regarding litter pick, it should read 'agreed the Head would contact C/Cllr Jim Ronney to organise/arrange.'

The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr John O'Donnell and seconded by C/Cllr Shirley Harris.

8. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Paths for all Initiative: As C/Cllr John O'Donnell has been involved in various discussions regarding the proposed Ayrshire Link upgraded travel route between Ayr and Barassie, the Chair confirmed that he had spoken to Fiona Ross of Streets UK who is carrying out the community consultation. Cllr John O'Donnell to circulate information re: proposed community advisory group and Chair suggested that he keep PCC informed on progress. All agreed.

Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens: C/Cllr John O'Donnell received a thank you from resident regarding assistance with problem of youths gathering in the Garden. They now seem to be congregating at The Cross. SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride indicated that as a temporary measure Fiona Ross, SAC, had indicated the plants in containers could be moved in. The community council agreed to the Chair's proposal

that a sub-group including the local community might be set up to examine long term options for the site. The Chair confirmed his intention to set up a sub group on the future of the garden after the AGM, including involvement from residents.

Play Park: In response to a request from the Chair, Jill Tomlinson, Liaison officer had emailed him a copy of South Ayrshire Council's Community Engagement Strategy, published 2020. In response to events at the Play Park at Links Road, it is important to establish whether SAC had guidelines for consultation. This document to be critically examined in due course by PCC members. A copy has been emailed to all members. A future project.

Boydfield Gardens Community Managed Toilets: The Chair discussed creating a community managed toilet facility in Boydfield Gardens, referring to Colmonell as an example where their project had proved successful. It was agreed the Chair should write to them for information. The Chair confirmed he had received, and previously reported a response on the query about cashless payments in public conveniences owned by SAC, from Head of Service, which had stated that only a small minority had been affected by this.

Planters on the Main Street: SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride looking for suggestions on redistribution of the 3-tier planters to more suitable locations, and he will discuss with Fiona Ross, SAC, the length of road we have available for this. PCC were to have a week to come up with ideas, and it was suggested perhaps Office Bearers carry out a survey to find suitable locations, and send ideas to the Chair to make a final decision.

PCC Funds: In response to a query on what happens if there are funds left over at the end of the financial year, the Treasurer and Secretary confirmed a new grant was given each year, and if any previous funds left, they would be topped up to the maximum grant of £800.00. It was agreed to look at future projects, such as medals for Prestwick schools, and C/Cllr Jim Ronney to get a quote for these.

9. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Martin Kilbride:

- New play park to be completed by 1st week in June.
- Boydfield Gardens – Fiona Ross, SAC happy to replace plants. Chair requested Ms Ross attend a future PCC meeting to discuss future plans for the garden.
- PrestFest to go ahead with a new committee and in conjunction with SAC.

Hugh Hunter:

- Asked Alasdair Malcolm to update on plaques initiative as he had been involved from start of project. This was given, confirming 33 plaques in total had been commissioned, and a diagram of the plaques was shown. Memorial to victims of an air crash in WW2 going ahead. C/Cllr. Iain Tulloch thanked Alasdair, Hugh Hunter and Craig Ross without whose involvement the Plaque Initiative would not have been possible. The Chair agreed this was a good example of co-operative working.
- PrestFest to be held first week in September; Prom 29th July; Carers Day 9th September.

10. Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £192.56; outstanding cheques £82.00

11. Planning Report:

There were no queries arising from the report which had been previously circulated.

12. Licensing Report:

At the Licensing Board meeting on 20th April, an application for extended hours for the Buff was granted. The application was for a terminal hour of 3.30am on the evening of the 21st and 22nd April 2023, as being of a local or national significance, i.e. Scottish Grand National Festival. Next Board meeting to be held remotely on Thursday 18th May 2023 at 10.00am.

It was noted Scruffy Duffy's is currently closed as a result of a fire.

13. Airport Consultative Committee:

It was confirmed reports would be given quarterly, next report due June.

14. Correspondence/concerns received:

There was none.

15. A.O.C.B:

- SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to chase up signs for dog fouling, advising SAC looking at old police signs which could be placed on lamp posts.
- C/Cllr Al Priestnall gave a detailed and informative presentation on the Community Gift Exchange and a project about active travel accommodation, with camping sites situated specifically at Prestwick Beach. The idea is for mainly cabins/pod camping, the running of which would bring in much needed revenue and employment to the area and benefit tourism. The Chair stated if the project was being put forward as a result of the forthcoming ward funding, then a decision could not be made until we have a better idea about allocations of the funding.
- A lengthy and in-depth conversation took place on the cleaning and maintenance of Prestwick beach. Problems still exist with rubble coming down from Newton shore and the removal of same proving inadequate, leaving the beach in an unsightly mess. SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride confirmed there was a programme for cleaning the beach and the distribution of samples. The Chair stated that an important point had been raised, and enquired if the programme/maintenance strategy was written down, and if so, he would like a copy sent to him, together with a copy of the maintenance programme for distribution to all C/Cllrs, so that all were collectively aware of the agreed position and could in effect let individuals monitor the situation. This will also provide a basis for a dialogue with SAC. SAC Cllr Kilbride advised he would get Fiona Ross from SAC to discuss this when she attends future PCC meeting regarding Boydfield Gardens.
- A question was raised as to whether photographs should be taken at the airport runway due to the presence of military aircraft. C/Cllr Jim Riach to discuss with Airport Committee and report back to PCC.

- C/Cllr Shirley Harris confirmed the war memorial at Prestwick Cross had once again been entered into the competition for the best war memorial in Scotland, with the judging taking place on 31st May and 1st June. Although we have never won, we have in the past been highly commended. The coloured stones which are placed on the war memorial every November will be temporarily relocated across the road where the old post office used to be. SAC have agreed to help with cleaning, and flower beds are to be yellow and blue.

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th May 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.35hrs.