

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023  
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Mike Tomlinson:

Iain Tulloch:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr, Cameron Ramsay:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

**PRESTWICK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:**

Ainsley Hunter (Chair): Andrew Hunter:

**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP:**

Neil Goudie:

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

J & R Taylor: M Tulloch: I & J Christie: S McPartlin

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:** C/Cllrs: John O'Donnell: Al Priestnall: Norrie Smith (Vice Chair): Alison Smith:

Julie Twaddell:

**SAC:** Cllr Martin Kilbride:

**Police Scotland:** Sgt Lisa Thompson:

**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. The Secretary stated she had received a further letter from a resident stating the Police had still not contacted them regarding their concerns about electric scooters being driven in a reckless and dangerous manner along Ferguson Avenue. Secretary to follow up.

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

An in-depth conversation took place after a resident once again raised problems associated with the new playpark at the seafront. Concerns voiced about disturbances caused by youths gathering in the evenings especially at weekends, meaning residents having to close their curtains to ensure privacy. Lack of consultation with residents regarding locality and design of playpark discussed, with the Chair confirming PCC had also never been consulted regarding this; however, evidence from e-mails, Facebook, etc suggested there were more residents in Prestwick who were in favour of the project than were against. PCC had previously agreed that the focus on consultation issues should be on the overall approach taken by SAC as set out in their Community Engagement Strategy 2020. The results of a critical review of this document would be a first step. That said, the chair suggested that perhaps SAC could investigate the possibility of redesigning the layout of the playpark to make it more amenable to the residents affected by its location and design. SAC Cllr. Cameron Ramsay confirmed he had visited the location to speak with residents, and was therefore of the opinion that this could be done, and he would take this up with officers. The Chair asked PCC Cllrs present if SAC should be contacted regarding the possibility of redesigning the playpark, and all agreed. In support of their decision the Chair confirmed he would write to SAC Chief Executive, with a copy to SAC elected councillors.

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

As no representative present there was no report.

#### **6. Minutes meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023:**

There being no amendments the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Thompson Piper, and seconded by C/Cllr John Park.

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

**Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens:** A sub-committee to take forward future use of the space is still to be established.

**Cleaning of Beach:** Apologies from SAC Cllr. Hugh Hunter; he has still to chase up matter of rubble The Chair looking for SAC to put in writing re: their intended maintenance programme for the beach and how they plan to take this forward. Vice-Chair Norrie Smith to be the main PCC point of contact/liaison person with SAC re: beach cleaning.

**Playpark at Beach:** It was brought to the Chair's attention that a resident had written to the Ombudsman about the problems occurring, therefore in respect of the decision taken earlier, it was concluded that PCC would be unable to discuss this matter further while a legal matter ongoing. SAC Cllr. Cameron Ramsay to update in due course.

**Dog Fouling:** SAC Cllr. Cameron Ramsay confirmed he had received a letter from the Vice Chair as agreed at the last meeting, and notices/painting being looked into.

**Motor Homes at Promenade:** The decision not to have parking for motor homes remains the same.

**Co-Option:** The secretary outlined the process and confirmed this had commenced, with applicants being given a month to apply; this would be finalised at the August meeting.

**Railway bridge at Grangemuir Road:** Brackets still broken – SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to chase up.

**Best Dressed Window Display:** PCC Cllr Jim Ronney confirmed the plaque had been purchased and was awaiting to be inscribed. It was agreed this would read 'Prestwick Community Council (above) Best Dressed Window Award (below). Ainsley Hunter to contact business to encourage them to take part. Theme would be 'we do like to be beside the seaside', and judging by a sub-committee of PCC Cllrs. Jim Ronney, Patricia Young, Shirley Harris, June Whittaker and Margaret Milligan would take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 20 03, the week of the Prestwick Prom. Award to be presented on the morning of Prestwick Prom. It was agreed this would be an annual award.

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

### **Cameron Ramsay:**

- Had been speaking with residents regarding playpark at seafront, and agreed consultation had fallen short.
- New school campus now completed and looking really good. The Chair expressed his disappointment at PCC not being formally invited to the opening.

### **Hugh Hunter:**

- Agreed new school campus looks good.
- 26/11/2023 date for Prestwick Christmas lighting up. The committee need another member for this; suggestion that PCC could join.
- SAC have awarded £5000.00 for the next 5 years to Prestwick Prom Committee and PrestFest.
- 29/9/2023 is carers day, to be held at Prestwick Academy.
- Statistics on hate crime are not encouraging.

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

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £556.16; however, this includes a £500 grant awarded to PCC from Virgin Money Foundation for the purchase of a projector for PCC meetings, meaning actual balance is £56.16. Last year's accounts have been verified and signed off, and are ready to go to SAC to process the 2023-2024 grant.

## **10. Planning Report:**

NATS (Air Traffic Control) solar panels: due to time limit unable to give presentation to PCC. Chair did however write to applicants, noting that an opportunity for PCC to comment will arise at planning application stage. Also indicated to the applicant that if requested he will meet with them in Glasgow. Asked if there was scope for some community benefit from project, but told that output would be for NATS sole use.

## **11. Licensing Report:**

Red Lion: SAC Licensing Board approved application to serve alcohol in the outside beer garden area from 09.00am to 10.00pm. Prestwick Cricket Club's application for extended hours from 11.00am to 12midnight plus 38 minutes also granted. Next meeting of the Board 23rd August 2023 at 10.00am to be held remotely.

## **12. Airport Consultative Committee Report:**

- Largest ever NATO airborne exercise held at Prestwick Airport.
- Passenger traffic – Ryanair filled 92% of seating on flights from Prestwick, with only 16 out of 200 unoccupied. Hopefully they will increase their routes.
- Spaceport funding forms part of the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD), however, AGD short of money, and only 2 projects on North and East Ayrshire have been completed. Of the £25m allocated for AGD, £6m has been spent on consultation fees.
- Monkton Community Council concerned about traffic noise from large vehicles going through village (not aircraft noise).
- SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter dealing with complaints regarding vehicles belonging to non-residents left in streets while owners go on holiday. He has contacted Roads Alliance requesting they carry out a review to enforcing sanctions in residential areas.

## **13. Correspondence/concerns received:**

Email received by the Secretary discussed earlier under Police Report.

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

**Golf Green Academy:** As PCC Cllr Iain Tulloch had to leave before 8.30pm, this item was discussed after matters arising from approved minutes. PCC Tulloch outlined the concept of the plan, which would give young people the opportunity to attend a golf academy and hopefully lead to future employment; Prestwick Golf Club have been very helpful regarding this. C/Cllr Tulloch intimated an intention to set up a working group which will include PCC Chair. PCC members agreed to support the project, and PCC Cllr Tulloch will report on progress at the August meeting.

**Common Good Fund:** Chair continuing his research into the circumstances of the Prestwick Common Good Fund. Suggested that the Golf Green Academy Project would be the kind of project to benefit.

**SAC approach to consultation:** Discussed under Open Forum.

**20 Minute neighbourhoods:** Consultation by Scottish Government closes on 20/7/2023 should any PCC member wish to respond via the consultation link.

## **15. Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.**

**There is no meeting in July as PCC are in recess.**

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