

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 30th MAY 2023
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.17hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith (Vice Chair):

Mike Tomlinson

Iain Tulloch:

Julie Twaddell:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Patricia Young:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

Cllr, Cameron Ramsay

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

K Tulloch: I & M Ferguson: S & G Harris: M Tanner: T Halpin: J & R Taylor:

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllr. Meic Evans: C/Cllr. Al Priestnall:

Police Scotland: Sgt Lisa Thompson:

1. Welcome:

The Vice 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 letter from a resident raising concerns about electric scooters being driven in a reckless and dangerous manner along Ferguson Avenue, and confirmed she had forwarded this to Community Police for investigation

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4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Matters raised were discussed under SAC Councillors reports.

5. Schools report:

No report received. C/Cllr Jim Ronney confirmed that as agreed, he had purchased medals from PCC for the schools and distributed them accordingly. The decision on how they will be awarded will be taken by the schools, and will help raise the profile of PCC for the future,

6. Minutes meeting 25th April 2023:

There being no amendments the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Shirley Harris and seconded by C/Cllr Jim Ronney.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Paths for all Initiative: C/Cllr John O'Donnell confirmed this was ongoing and as the process for coastal path between Ayr and Barassie was a lengthy one, would not be completed until 2025.

Community Garden in Boydfield Gardens: At the last meeting PCC 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: in the absence of the Chair, to be carried forward to June meeting.

Taking of Photographs at Prestwick Airport: C/Cllr Jim Riach confirmed this does not need to go the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC). The airport does have a policy that permission is required for photos within the airport boundary. Out-with the fencing is public ground and many photos are taken at both ends of the runway. With smart phones many people take pictures that way, and many serious photographers have long lens cameras which can take close up photos of aircraft from some distance. Updates from the next meeting of ACC will be tabled at PCC June meeting,

Cleaning of Beach: C/Cllr Jim Ronney had contacted SAC regarding the cleaning and maintenance strategy for cleaning the beach. He had received a reply acknowledging the beach was being cleaned and the intention was to do it 2-3 times a season and a weekly examination to be carried out as per the strategy. It was noted the rubble that had come onto beach was just being moved further along and was not solving the problem. Following a conversation regarding the rubble, SAC Cllr Hunter agreed to email an update to the Office Bearers to share with PCC members. Concerns were raised about the bins not being emptied and overflowing causing a mess. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter confirmed the bins were emptied regularly, but admitted the approach of summer and the good weather attracts more people, meaning the bins may fill up quicker than normal.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Hugh Hunter:

- Now that the Playpark is up and running SAC looking at installing picnic benches and tables there and at other play areas along the prom.
- Funding for events will soon be forthcoming, and a paper has been put before cabinet for funding for three events - Prestwick Prom, Prestfest and Christmas lights for a period of five years; however, the monies will not be available until the end of June.
- At a meeting with Dementia Friendly Prestwick today 30th May, the meeting centre was discussed and the way forward, with a detailed and sustainable plan put in place.

- Week commencing 5/6/2023 is carers week and an emotional film has been made by young carers. Carers day will once again be held in Prestwick Academy.
- A silent auction on behalf of teenage Cancer Trust being held on 10th June in St Cuthberts Golf Club.

Questions for Cllr Hunter:

Residents from Ardayre Road outlined the problems caused as a result of the new play park which had been built in front of their homes. On Saturdays and Sundays, especially after 8pm onwards, there is disturbance, excessive noise, and litter strewn everywhere. People are leaning on the residents garden walls and looking into their gardens and homes, making it impossible for them to relax outside, causing distress, upset and disruption to their lives. Residents still very unhappy at lack of consultation from SAC and no consideration given to alternative sites for the playpark or alteration of the design. A written complaint has been submitted by residents to the Scottish Ombudsman, and MSP Siobhan Brown has also been contacted. PCC confirmed they had not been consulted on the playpark, and recommended that residents should lodge complaints with the Police in respect of all disturbances and keep PCC notified.

Cameron Ramsay:

- Had a very interesting visit to The Ark in Ayr, and would like to see the type of work for youth groups extended to Prestwick.
- Will be visiting the residents in Ardayre Road regarding the problems with Playpark and would keep PCC updated.

Martin Kilbride:

- Over 3 weeks there were 15 break-ins at St, Ninians and speed bumps there needing replaced due to vehicles racing over and damaging them.

9. Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance for PCC is £630.06; however, this includes a £500 grant awarded to PCC from Virgin Money Foundation for the purchase of a projector for PCC meetings. Outstanding cheques are £73.90, making the balance £56.16.

10. Planning Report:

This had been circulated. In response to a query on the application for a 60-bedroom care home and its approval, the Secretary explained it was only the proposal of application notice (PAN) that had been approved. At the April meeting the developers had given a pre-application consultation presentation using PAN, meaning there can be no planning application within a 12-week period following validation of the PAN. At the end of said presentation the Chair stated that should a planning application be submitted in due course, this will then provide an opportunity for a formal response; should the majority of members be against at that stage, then there would be a PCC objection. The Treasurer confirmed she had attended both the pre-application drop-in meetings by the developers, and at the second meeting the designs varied from those shown at PCC meeting, in that they had taken away the proposed assisted living accommodation.

11. Licensing Report: At the meeting on 18th May 2023 there were no applications from licensed premises in Prestwick. The Central Bar and The Hanger pubs are still up for sale, while Scruffy Duffy's remains closed as a result of a fire. Next licensing meeting will be 15th June 2023.

12. Correspondence/concerns received:

Email received by the Secretary discussed earlier under Police Report.

13. A.O.C.B:

Common Good Fund: In the absence of the Chair, to be carried forward to June meeting.

Best Dressed Shop Window/Display: It was agreed that a competition prior to Prestwick Prom would be a good idea, and would be good publicity for Prestwick. A shield would be presented by PCC to the winner of the competition helping to boost our profile. Cllr Jim Ronney to liaise with Chair of Prestwick Business Association regarding this.

Dog Fouling: The Treasurer asked for an update on what was happening to signage for dog fouling. SAC Cllr Hunter confirmed still no further forward. Discussion followed on why PCC could not paint signage on pavements, use of dog warden and putting contact number on website, as well as ways in which SAC could assist by putting up warning notices about possible fines and using CCTV. It was agreed this would become a PCC project with SAC Cllr Cameron Ramsay being nominated to follow this up, and to find out whether PCC would be permitted to get paint to carry out the marking, The Vice Chair/Secretary to email him with the necessary details, to allow him to report back to PCC.

Lights at Boydfield Gardens: The Treasurer stated there had been no response to the report she submitted regarding lights being out. This made the gardens dark and although there was CCTV, did not appear to be working, SAC Cllr Kilbride confirmed CCTV was now working and the portable CCTV which was moved every 3 months to various locations, was also utilised.

PCC Co-optees: The Secretary confirmed there were 2 vacancies on PCC that could be filled by co-optees; however, agreement from PCC members was required before the formal process could begin. All unanimously agreed, and the Secretary to contact SAC to start the process.

Bridge at Grangemuir Road: It was noted the problem with the straps on the bridge at Grangemuir Road had not been rectified. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter to chase this up.

Motor Homes in Prestwick: The Treasurer referred to a complaint raised by PCC regarding the decision by SAC to remove the Motor Home trial at Prestwick Sea front car park without consultation with PCC but trialled the scheme in Troon. This is the same scenario as the new playpark, where PCC are not being consulted on any relevant changes happening in Prestwick. SAC Cllrs present advised there were problems associated with proposed trial, including waste management, and a paper would have been submitted to cabinet for them to reach their decision.

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th June 2023, at 19.15hrs in 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.28hrs.