

PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK

The meeting commenced at 19.25hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

Heather Thomson:(Co-opted):

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay:

POLICE SCOTLAND:

PC Michael McClymont and PC Lauren Smith:

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

A Gibson:

APOLOGIES

PCC: C/Cllrs: Shirley Harris: Jim Ronney: Iain Tulloch: Patricia Young: Jim McLay:
Alison Smith:

SAC: SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride: Craig Ross, School's Liaison Officer:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. He then confirmed the recent passing of Archie Monkhouse, a former Chair of Prestwick South Community Council, (PSCC), who, In addition to carrying out a great deal of work for PSCC, had also been heavily involved in community work for many years. PCC members voiced their regret at the news, and agreed that a card of condolence with a bouquet of flowers be sent to his widow Jean.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

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

3. Police Report:

Officers McClymont read out the report which showed a better month for Prestwick re: violence; however, it did highlight an increase in anti-social behaviour, especially from youths. Repeat locations are St. Quivox Church, Sainsbury's, Ayr Road, Crofthead Road and Mossbank. Wheelie bins in Mossbank have been stolen and set alight, and Police are monitoring this area at key times while liaising with the School Campus Police Officer, who has spoken to several youths in connection with these offences. As a result of the increase in youth disorder, Police officers will carry out high visibility patrols and engage with youths where possible, and would also encourage the public to report any kind of disturbance and disorder to the Police. As the 101-telephone number can be extremely busy, especially at peak times, it should be noted the Police Scotland

Website can also be used for reporting incidents. In response to a question about trouble arising as a result of free bus passes for youths, Police are aware of problems but confirmed it is widespread, not just South Ayrshire. Parking problems in Links Road discussed, and again, although Police are aware of this, not illegal, as there are no parking restrictions there.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Resident from St Quivox Road unhappy at planning application for erection of a dwelling house at the Lock-ups in Sandfield Road. If approved this would have a detrimental effect on his property as the proposed dwelling house would look into his home, as well as blocking out daylight/sunlight to the rear. Parking problems were also an issue. He confirmed he had written a letter of objection regarding the proposed plans. A discussion followed, and the Chair asked if resident wanted PCC to take a view on this, to which the resident confirmed he did. The Chair then requested the resident to email a copy of his objection letter to the Secretary. Resident had originally contacted SAC Cllr Hunter on the matter, who advised this application had been submitted before, and was rejected. Chair confirmed on receipt of a copy of the resident's objection letter, PCC will write a letter of support to SAC.

5. Schools report:

No report as Liaison Officer unable to attend.

6. Minutes meeting 16th January 2024. There were two amendments; Page 2, Item 5 should read Director Roberts not Cllr Roberts. Page 3, item 8, should read Health & Social Care Partnership, not Prestwick & Villages Locality Planning Partnership

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

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

PCC By-election: The Secretary confirmed only 2 applications had been received for PCC vacancies, these being Jim Mclay and Heather Thomson, who are current co-optees. They will now become full members of PCC with effect from 1st April 2024, and both were congratulated on being successfully elected.

The Beach: No update available as C/Cllr Tomlinson not in attendance. He had sent an email to PCC in response to a previous update from SAC Cllr Hunter on the approach to the beach cleaning, stating that the e-mail referred mostly to litter rather than beach. Cllr Hunter agreed to chase up information on beach cleaning regime.

Pavement stencils- dog fouling: The Treasurer confirmed that despite this being raised over the past few months, nothing has been done about it. Cllr. Ramsay agreed to follow up on stencilling and Cllr. Hunter to contact waste management; Treasurer confirmed PCC had previously offered to get involved with stencilling. The Chair stated that PCC would await SAC Cllrs reporting back with updates before deciding on further action.

Local Biodiversity Plan(LBP): The Chair has been liaising with David Houfe, Vice Chair of Symington Community Council, and the lead person in promoting Community Councils (CCs) involvement in producing an LBP with SAC; PCC are now part of a group of 10 community councils petitioning for CCs involvement. SAC are still looking at their strategy to see how community councils can be involved, but emphasised Locality Plans could be a possible vehicle for bringing forward ideas.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Cameron Ramsay: Salient points:

Attended symposium for young people at Prestwick Academy to gain their views on local development and also attended a meeting at Heathfield. Conversation on bus passes for youths and youths stealing and setting fire to wheelie bins, which Police are actioning. Standard queries from constituents, including housing problems.

Hugh Hunter: salient points;

- Interactive story telling event at Prestwick Library, 9/3/24 from 10 – 11am
- Was unaware that disabled toilet at links Road out of order for over 2 weeks, he and Cllr Ramsay have now raised this issue
- Feels resurfacing work at sea front patchy and of poor quality; parts will need to be redone, however, has been assured that it will look ok when finished
- Symposium at Prestwick for young people a great success and well attended. Awaiting feedback. The Chair confirmed that 2019 Planning Act requires young people to be consulted on Local Development Plan 3. The Chair apologised that although invited, neither he nor Vice Chair had been able to attend, but emphasised the importance of the contribution of the views of young people in planning for the future of Prestwick.

9. Coastline Protection:

Chair had received notification from Cllr Hunter that SAC in partnership with Ayrshire Roads Alliance have received £180,000 from Scottish Government's Coastal Change Adaption Programme. Chair circulated to PCC for comment and received 2 suggestions from C/Cllr Mie Tomlinson: 1) To stabilise and secure the open tip adjacent to ST. Nicholas Golf Club near Newton to prevent building rubble coming onto our beach, which in turn would help to stop coastal erosion and pollution; 2) To repair and secure slipways and seawalls at Prestwick Promenade. It was agreed that these would be forwarded for action/consideration, and other ideas could be suggested in future.

10. Prestmas:

The Chair indicated he would like PCC to consider the principle of involvement in Prestmas, noting however, it may turn out that we don't have the resources. SAC Cllr Hunter felt participation by PCC would be a good idea, and extended an invitation for any of their members interested to attend a meeting about Prestmas on 5th March, to be held in the Regency Premises at Prestwick Airport at 5.30pm. As PCC had agreed in principle to be involved, C/Cllrs Meic Evans (Chair), June Whittaker (Treasurer), John O'Donnell and Heather Thomson would attend.

11. Treasurer's report:

Current balance £283.26. The treasurer confirmed once remuneration for use of premises January to March and any other incidentals were paid, funds would be low, and if there were any other expenses they should be submitted now. Although a yearly grant of £800.00 is received, if there any funds left at the end of the financial year, these are not carried forward but get 'topped up' to make up to £800.00.

12. Planning Report: This had been circulated. Lock-ups at Sandfield Road, discussed under Open Forum. We did submit an objection re: Care Home at St. Cuthbert Golf Club, on grounds of loss of land for housing. Treasurer confirmed an update on planning application was issued, therefore Chair agreed further objection to be submitted by PCC.

13. Licensing Report: No report as Licensing contact unable to attend.

14. Correspondence/concerns received:

The Chair expressed his disappointment of notification received regarding the closure of the Post Office situated within the Toll Pharmacy at Prestwick Toll, due to licensee retirement. It was agreed that PCC would write expressing our concerns about the closure of the post office, and the hope that someone will take it on, as it is an extremely busy post office.

15. A.O.C.B:

Member of public asked if Cllrs present could give their views on the restructure of various golf clubs starting with Belleisle, which is having its layout drastically altered for a new enhanced practice centre, basically an academy. Seafield would appear to be going down the same route and possibly Troon. Architects have already drawn up plans; however, golf clubs/groups were never consulted or shown plans, and when they confirmed they were opposed to the plans, were advised by SAC that consultation not required as the golf clubs were their property, therefore making it difficult to object. A lengthy conversation took place on what could be done and who should be contacted on this, noting that community councils in the various areas should also be contacted/consulted to see if they can help. Chair agreed that PCC could perhaps look into this on receipt of more information.

16. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 26th March 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.

Members present agreed AGM to be held on 9th April 2024.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.55hrs.