

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024  
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.20hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair):

Jim Mclay (Co-opted):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Alison Smith: (Left 8.05pm due to other commitment):

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair): (Left 8.05pm due to other commitment):

Heather Thomson:(Co-opted):

Mike Tomlinson:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:**

J & R Taylor: S McKenna: T Halpin:

**APOLOGIES**

**PCC:** C/Cllrs: Shirley Harris: Jim Ronney: Iain Tulloch: Patricia Young:

**SAC:** 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: there were no declarations of interests.

**2a.** The Secretary introduced Jim Mclay, confirming he was the only applicant for the Co-optee vacancies. Those members present approved his nomination, and he was proposed by the Secretary, Margaret Milligan, and seconded by the Vice Chair, Norrie Smith.

The Secretary then outlined the process for the forthcoming community council by-elections, confirming PCC had 4 vacancies. The current co-optees would be required to apply for full membership during the by-election, closing date being 16<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm.

**3. Police Report:** Received from Police Scotland; and circulated.

A query was raised as to whether Police dealt with mental health issues when responding to calls. SAC Cllr Hunter advised although they do try and assist, the responsibility for this lies with the Metal Health professionals.

**4. Hearing/Open Forum:**

No issues were raised.

**5. Schools report:**

New lunch times to be introduced and campus police officer will be proactive in the town at lunchtimes. 4th year pupil been chosen to be a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Another pupil been awarded most talented athlete of year. On 30/01/2024 there will be consultation with SAC and a group of pupils on the current strategy. A meeting to be held in February with Director Roberts and Cllr Hunter, looking at Your Prestwick, where pupils will be given the chance to look at the future development of Prestwick. The Chair then referred to the Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3), where there is specific reference to young people, and suggested Craig Ross may wish to look at this and get pupils views. The Chair has already circulated information to members of PCC with a view to developing a plan for Prestwick.

## **6. Minutes meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023:**

**Page 4, Point 12, Planning Report:** C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson referred to emails he had circulated and queried why PCC had not objected to the planning application for flats on the land where the Parkstone Hotel used to be. The Chair explained as agreed at a previous meeting he had written to SAC Planning requesting an extension to the application deadline, to enable comments to be gathered from members of PCC, particularly regarding the scale and massing, SAC granted an extension of 2 weeks, and as he was on holiday the Chair instructed the Secretary to issue an email to PCC for comments to be returned to her within a week, to allow Chair to respond before the deadline. The Secretary confirmed she had received no response from any member of PCC, to which the Chair expressed disappointment. C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson stated the application status was still pending, and he was unhappy with the explanation. The Chair confirmed it would be minuted that despite the Chair's in-depth explanation, C/Cllr Tomlinson did not agree with what was said in the minutes.

The Treasurer asked it be minuted that despite numerous requests over the past few months for new pavement stencilling on dog fouling, to date nothing had been done.

The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Vice Chair Norrie Smith and seconded by C/Cllr Heather Thomson.

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

**Boydfield Gardens:** C/Cllr John O'Donnell advised no further problems; planters still to be removed. C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson expressed his disappointment that everything had been removed and whether anything could have been relocated elsewhere. He was advised that this had already been discussed with Dementia Friendly Prestwick, with the Chair confirming this topic had also been discussed and minuted at previous meetings with a full report from C/Cllr John O'Donnell regarding meetings with residents circulated to all members. The Treasurer confirmed she had contacted Ayrshire Roads Alliance to report several lights in the garden were not working.

**The Beach:** C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson confirmed small areas of the beach were being cleaned, stating that he would have preferred the money that has gone to resurfacing the prom to have been spent on the beach. SAC Cllr Hunter agreed to get information on beach cleaning regime and send to Secretary to distribute. Conversation followed, querying why Troon beach was so much better than Prestwick. SAC Cllr Hunter agreed to look into, but stated SAC would not have given preference to one beach over another. Amount of litter and rubbish lying in Main Street and continuing down to beach was mentioned, querying what could be done to rectify situation. Resurfacing work behind Kidz Play was discussed as well as the possibility of motor homes being allowed at Promenade car park. SAC Cllr Hunter confirmed resurfacing work at prom long overdue. He was asked about motor homes parking at prom and the opportunity to bring revenue to Prestwick. SAC Cllr Hunter will pursue this as an opportunity to

attract people to Prestwick.

**Remembrance Service:** The Chair has been liaising with C/Cllr Harris and has issued guidelines to be followed to all PCC members. This will be on the March agenda. Ruby Taylor from 65 Club confirmed no notification had been received last year; the Chair replied this year will be different as a result of guidelines being introduced, together with forward planning.

**Place Planning:** The Chair had circulated information on Government guidelines together with results of a recent survey to all PCC members; he asked that members look at this and bring any comments/ideas to the March meeting. The Chair is very keen that PCC become involved and suggested a sub-committee be set up.

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

**Hugh Hunter:** Salient points:

Motor Homes – already discussed.

Rent increases – from 01/04/2024, 4.5% for years 24-25/25-26/26-27. This had been proposed at SAC meeting 17/01/2024 and subsequently passed.

SAC have agreed to give Broadway project 5% towards purchase price of the building.

Prestwick Academy pupils working on a website for the Prestwick heritage plaques.

Prestwick Civic Pride looking at ideas for Freemans Hall and Steeple, liaising with Health & Social Care Partnership. Discussion ensued regarding consultation with various groups, and how/why PCC should be involved.

Conservation plans being discussed for the Saltpans.

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

Current balance £303.26.

**10. Planning Report:** This had been circulated.

**11. Licensing Report:** No planning report as Licensing contact on holiday.

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

C/Cllrs Jim Riach's report had been circulated prior to the meeting, noting that Prestwick Airport had made a profit of £2.1million for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, up from £1.9million the previous year.

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

None received.

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

**Pavement Stencils re: dog fouling:** The Treasurer requested this be included on February agenda, as no action has been forthcoming from SAC despite various requests to them.

**Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP):** SAC going to update the LBAP. PCC have agreed to support Monkton Community Council's request to SAC to allow all community councils to be involved in the LBAP process.

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

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50hrs.