

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 28th MAY 2024
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.20hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Patricia Young:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Laura Cowan, Commodore, Prestwick Sailing Club:

APOLOGIES

PCC: C/Cllrs: Shirley Harris: Jim Maclay: Alison Smith: Norrie Smith: Heather Thomson:

Mike Tomlinson:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC): SAC Cllr: Cameron Ramsay

Craig Ross. Schools Liaison Officer:

POLICE SCOTLAND: Community Officers:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. There were no objections to the meeting being recorded.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

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

Prior to the remainder of the agenda, the Chair intimated his wish to make a statement, which he hoped PCC would support. It was noted he gives feedback to PCC on an intermittent basis re: the Ayrshire Growth Deal, via correspondence received from the Ayrshire Growth Committee which is made up of representatives from the three local authorities. Although the event was some time ago, it would be appropriate for PCC to formally record its disappointment on the collapse of the MANDGATA project leading to the loss of 75 highly skilled and well-paid jobs. These may not all have gone to local residents, but a significant number probably would have. Reasons given by MANDGATA do not say a great deal, and as the economic stability of Prestwick is a priority, PCC should express its disappointment at the loss of these jobs.

3. Police Report: Report circulated to all and formally noted. The Secretary confirmed Police representatives have said to advise them if there were any issues. The Secretary to request clarification on what is considered high numbers in their report.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

No issues raised.

5. Schools report: No report submitted. The Treasurer confirmed Kingcase Primary were holding their annual fete and she would confirm date.

6. Minutes meeting 27th February 2024.

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

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

The Beach: C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson had sent a report to all, noting he was unhappy at the state of the beach and the lack of activity from SAC regarding same. He was also disappointed at the lack of responses to any emails sent to SAC requesting information. SAC Cllr. Hugh Hunter stated parts of the beach were good, especially at sailing club, but other parts not so, which was disappointing. It was noted it was not litter that was a problem but stones.

Pavement stencils- dog fouling: The Treasurer confirmed that still no report from SAC on anything being done regarding pavement stencilling. As PCC not allowed to carry out this task, the Treasurer to contact Kenny Dalrymple at Ayrshire Roads Alliance for update.

Local Biodiversity Plan(LBP): Nothing new at moment. The Chair confirmed a collaborative meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th June re: the Pow Burn, and invited C/Cllr Thompson Piper to attend,

Remembrance Service: A sub-committee was set up comprising C/Cllrs Shirley Harris, Meic Evans, John O'Donnell, John Park and Jim Ronney. The Secretary agreed to be a reserve if required. Members to look at all previous documents issued on the service which Chair will recirculate, and it was agreed an ad-hoc meeting of the sub-committee should be held, if possible, prior to the June meeting, if not, as soon as practical thereafter.

PRESTMAS: Ongoing. C/Cllr John O'Donnell will keep PCC updated.

SAC Consultations: It was confirmed that PCC were still not being informed of all consultations by SAC. Liaison Officer Jill Tomlinson had sent guidelines on protocol to PCC some time ago. The Chair agreed to recirculate the document for members to look at as part of a fact-finding exercise before further contact with SAC made on lack of consultation,

Defibrillators: A report on management of defibrillators was circulated to PCC following April meeting. The Chair confirmed that much more information regarding funding, upkeep, maintenance etc, was needed to ascertain whether PCC had the capacity to take responsibility for the 3 defibrillators purchased by previous PNCC Cllr. John Wallace, who had sent information to the Secretary about the defibrillators. Generally, there were many unanswered questions, and it was felt that PCC has neither the capacity, knowledge, or funds to take on this task. SAC Cllr. Hugh Hunter advised Monkton Community Council maintain and manage their defibrillator by members helping on a rotating basis. Liaison Officer Jill Tomlinson, attends Monkton meetings and will find out how they fund it. An informal discussion took place regarding possible funding sources, such as Health & Social Care Planning Partnership, and it was suggested the Community Association, (who run the Prestwick Community Centre), could apply to them for funding to maintain the defibrillators, with individuals and other groups also applying when replacement parts are needed. Further discussion required.

Prestwick Parking Consultation: PCC members agreed that there should be double yellow lines on both sides of Links Road, and this recommendation to be sent to ARA.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Hugh Hunter: Salient points:

- Scottish Water have completed works outside Shelter Shop in Main Street.
- Freemans Hall and Seafront consultation ends 31st May. This has been widely circulated; however, a further consultation meeting has been arranged at the last minute, and will take place on Thursday 30th May in the 65 Club, between 6- 8pm, when the architect for the project will do a presentation outlining the plans. The Secretary confirmed she would publicise this on PCC Facebook.
- There is an opportunity for community coastal funding should PCC be interested. The Chair confirmed that this was to have been the next item on the agenda, and that C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson had offered suggestions which PCC have submitted. Chair will send copy to SAC Cllr Hunter.

Community Coastal Funding could also be available for public arts project. Prestwick does not have anything like this and SAC Cllr. Hunter would like PCC support in supporting a bid for this project. Chair agreed support in principle for the idea and Secretary to confirm in email to Cllr Hunter. Chair stated that public arts are part of the place plan strategy. Chair confirmed that as PCC is within the designated coastal area, a list of projects should be drawn up to submit for capital funding.

- Community Empowerment Fund now launched and SAC Cllr Hunter will send information and guidelines to the Secretary for distribution.

- The premier of Breaking Free, a film about adults with learning disabilities will be held in the Town Hall in Ayr on 5th June.

- SA community transport (SACT) has introduced a 'Hopper Shopper' to Heathfield Retail Park. A door-to-door service in an accessible mini bus to assist with a big shopping on dates in June. Arrive at Heathfield retail park at 10.30am and depart at 12.30pm.

Route 1: Coylton, Alloway, South Ayr and surrounding areas on Tuesday 4th and 18th June.

Route 2: Troon, Prestwick, North Ayr and surrounding areas Tuesday 11th and 25th June.

Cost is £5 and to book contact SACT on 01292 270864.

- Complaint received regarding SAC cutting grass and not clearing grass off roads and pavements, passed to Fiona Ross.

- Attended a Wellbeing Stroke event in Troon Town Hall which was excellent and very informative.

– C/Cllr John Park asked if the large refuse bin outside the Central Bar could be moved while the scaffolding there is in place, as it blocks access to pavement. Cllr Hunter to look into this.

9. Coastline Protection: Refer to Item 8 under SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter's report

10. Place Planning:

Chair recently circulated a report for review of governance arrangements for ward capital, place plans and shore regeneration projects. This is a very important document and it is recommended PCC ensure they have read it. Discussion followed on regeneration strategy master plan, and what was seen as discrepancies within. Chair has been in contact with Audrey Gatt regarding the Place Plan for Prestwick, and will invite her to the June meeting to discuss this.

11. Common Good Fund: Chair to invite SAC representative to August meeting.

12. Ayrshire Link – Community Advisory Group (CAG):

C/Cllr John O'Donnell updates by email regularly

13. Treasurer's report:

Current

balance £722.80. SAC had agreed that monies for school medals would be reimbursed to PCC funds, provided they were submitted under correct category.

14. Planning Report:

The Chair confirmed PCC had received notification of local body reviews regarding lock ups at Sandfield Road, and the proposed care home at St. Cuthbert Golf Course, and had submitted further information to Planning.

15. Licensing Report:

- The Secretary confirmed she had requested an extension to comment on plans for former Caprice. Although at the April meeting the licensing hours had been discussed, she had not noted the range of additional activities. After discussion the Chair felt that the additional activities represented big changes and would have potential consequences on the surrounding residential area. Although not all PCC members were against the changes, the Chair confirmed a statement of concern from PCC as opposed to an objection, would be submitted to Licensing.

- The Taj Bar and Kitchen have submitted an application for proposed changes to premises licence, which are: accommodation to be provided in the 10 bedrooms on the upper floor; hotel services and facilities will be available to residents and their guests at all times; change to layout plan to incorporate the upper floor to create 10 bedrooms with ensuite facilities; occupant capacity increases from 160 persons to 180 persons to allow for occupancy of the 10 bedrooms. Reference www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/licensing

16. Correspondence/concerns received:

None.

17. A.O.C.B:

- Best dressed window display. Secretary to collect trophy from current holders, Grants. C/Cllr Jim Ronney to issue email to sub-committee regarding the theme and arrangements prior to June meeting, to allow Secretary to include in submission to Prestwick Going Out.

- It was agreed that the Secretary, Treasurer, and C/Cllr John O'Donnell would assist C/Cllr Ronney with presentation of medals to schools.

18. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 25th June 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.05hrs.