



**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**  
**19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.20hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon (C/Cllr effective 01/04/2025):

Kate Mullen (Co-opted):

John Park:

Jim Riach:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Cameron Ramsay: Jill Tomlinson(Liaison Officer):

Tracy Winner-Scott, Prestwick & Villages Locality Planning Partnership:

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:**

C/Cllrs. John O'Donnell: Thompson Piper: Jim Ronney: Alison Smith:

Mike Tomlinson: June Whittaker (Treasurer):Patricia Young:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Craig Ross (Deputy Head Prestwick Academy): Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

**POLICE SCOTLAND:**

**EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:**

Laura Cowan, Commodore, Prestwick Sailing Club:

**1. Welcome:**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, advising all meetings are recorded, and asking if there were any objections to this, There were none. At the last meeting there was a great deal of background noise including some members holding discussions between themselves, resulting in the Secretary having great difficulty in scribing from the tape. The Chair reminded everyone that if they had any questions or points for discussion, this should be done though the Chair by raising their hands during the appropriate agenda item, thus avoiding members talking over each other.

**2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:**

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

Robert Muldoon was introduced as one of the successful applicants from the recent by-election, with current co-opted member Kate Mullen being the other. Both were congratulated on their appointments as full community councillors effective from 1<sup>st</sup>April.

The Chair introduced Tracy Winner-Scott, from Health & Social Care Partnership, who had come along to the meeting to inform PCC of small grants that are available. Tracy confirmed she was the Partnership Engagement Officer for Prestwick & Villages Locality and also Troon, and explained there is one grant totalling £2000.00 available to Prestwick Locality for small groups to apply for, as long as they have a constitution and a bank account. Due to a delay the advert has not gone into Prestwick Going Out Magazine. Application forms together with leaflets explaining the role of Locality Planning Partnerships (LPP) were left with the Chair to distribute to those interested. The required priorities for applications must align with, and address one or more of the following:

- Tackling social isolation and loneliness with consideration of the following
  - Impact of shielding, cost of living impact (including fuel poverty)
- Promoting good mental health and wellbeing with consideration of the following
  - physical activity, bereavement, suicide prevention

Tracy confirmed she can be contacted to answer any questions and give assistance if required. [Tracy.winner-scott@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Tracy.winner-scott@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

### **3. Police Report:**

Previously circulated. The Secretary confirmed the Police had responded to PCC's question regarding domestic abuse cases, advising the numbers given covered the period November 2024 through to January 2025. PCC members asked if police could clarify if the yearly statistic trends, especially in relation to domestic abuse, were up or down on previous years. Secretary to ask Police. SAC Cllr Hunter confirmed a yearly Police report to SAC service panel identifies trends, and the report can be found on SAC website and also on police website.

The Secretary confirmed C/Cllr Alison Smith had proposed that the initial presentation on Fraud Prevention be held with PCC after the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Majority of PCC members present were in favour, and the Secretary to email members not present asking for their views.

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

No members of public present. It was confirmed that Laura Cowan, Commodore Prestwick Sailing Club. will now present the Sailing Club development proposal at the March meeting of PCC.

### **5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy:**

Previously circulated.

#### **1. Staffing**

Ms Harrigan (Head Teacher) has announced that she will retire at the end of the summer term meaning a new Head Teacher will take over from August 2025. South Ayrshire Council have begun the recruitment process for seeking a new Head Teacher and this is expected to be concluded by April. All staff, pupils and parents/ carers have been informed.

#### **2. Prestwick Heritage Trail**

The school are now working with Kyle MacFarlane from the *Friends of the Broadway* to create a website for the Prestwick Heritage Trail. Kyle will work with a group of pupils from the Computing department to create a website for the initiative. The work will include:

- Coding the basic structure for the website.
- Teaching pupils how to upload relevant information as well as looking at how to maintain the website and how to update it.
- Switching the destination of the QR code from the South Ayrshire Council website to the new website.

Discussions also took place about securing the legacy of the website long term should school staff/ pupils move on which they inevitably will do. It is expected that the basic structure of the website will be in place in the coming weeks. Once this is in place when people scan the QR code they will be directed to a home page for the new website rather than the home page for South A further update to be provided at the March meeting. (At the February PCC meeting. SAC Cllr Hunter confirmed that Alastair Malcolm has taken photographs for the project, to be included on the new website.)

### 3. Rotary Quiz

Final preparations are underway between the Rotary Club and the school to host the annual local P7 quiz, with winners progressing to the district final. The quiz will be held in the school on 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – 12 noon.

### 4. Prestwick Academy – Young Musician of the Year

The Music department are hosting the annual *Young Musician of the Year* competition on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Assembly Hall.

Tickets are on sale now from the Music Department priced at £5 (Adult) and £3 (Child/Concession). There will be a junior and senior round with one winner chosen from each category to represent Prestwick Academy at the authority round in April. There will also be an opportunity to hear from the Music Prefect Band and our School Show Cast. Coffee will be available to purchase from the wonderful senior Barista team as well.

### 5. Prestwick Academy – School Show (Save the Date - Advanced Notice)

The English and Music departments are presenting *Little Shop of Horrors* as the school show for 2025. The show will run from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Information about tickets and times will follow later.

### 6. Construction Roadshow

The school is hosting a construction event for pupils on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February for pupils who are interested in leaving school to enter either the construction industry or a trade. There are many businesses both local and national present, and are providing young people a hands-on experience at trying many different skills including excavating, stonemasonry, and roofing. So far, the event has been very popular with young people and has been visited by local politicians including councillors and MSPs.

## 6. Minutes meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025:

There being no amendments, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Chair Meic Evans, and seconded by C/Cllr Jim Riach.

## 7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

**Health & Fitness Centre (old gym) Grangemuir Road:** In response to a query from C/Cllr Muldoon regarding concerns from St. Nicholas Golf Club on planning proposals for the site, the Chair confirmed this was discussed at the January meeting when he agreed to circulate paperwork on previous similar objections by the old Prestwick South Community Council. The Chair outlined the difficulties in objecting now, as the site has been recognised in the Local Development Plan for housing, changing the status.

**Troon Development Trust:** The Chair had agreed to send the strategy to PCC, however, at 90 pages it is too lengthy; therefore, he will send the link to view it on line, noting that this version is going to be superseded. In respect of a local development trust, C/Cllr Tomlinson had suggested an open meeting with as many parties as possible to set up a working group.

**Remembrance Service:** Meeting held with sub-committee, and Chair in process of preparing notes to reflect on the problems incurred and the way forward for the future.

**Oral History:** Correspondence issued to PCC by the Chair. Name of contact person

from the Miners Club still to be sourced.

**The Beach:** Email from C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson circulated to PCC, which outlined work required as a result of recent storm, and suggesting a beach inspection meeting with SAC, which the Chair supported. Discussion ensued on whether there was an actual strategy for beach cleaning, and SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter agreed to resend report previously circulated on this. Previous 2017 strategy from SAC Chief Executive was also discussed with Chair noting this needs to be updated, which is why he would like to see a strategy with proposed actions that are regularly monitored. C/Cllr Kate Mullen mentioned rubbish and seaweed not cleared around benches at beach. Chair suggested photographs of any problem areas be taken and presented to SAC when drawing their attention to these issues.

**Prestwick Airport:** The Vice-Chair still to draft a letter from PCC to the Scottish Government, asking them to float the idea to the Trump organisation, (not Donald Tr.mp), for the potential acquisition of, or providing funding for, the airport. Following a conversation on this, it was agreed that the Vice-Chair will write the letter, and then PCC to discuss further and take a vote.

## **8. Community Led Ward Capital projects- Prestwick:**

The Chair confirmed that SAC has begun the consultation on Prestwick masterplan and regeneration with the survey closing on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm. No prior warning was given to PCC, with the Chair getting the information on-line. The Chair continues to send PCC members any information he does receive on projects for Prestwick. The meeting was informed the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are attending a joint meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February with the Community Association and Prestwick LPP to discuss the process of producing a Community Led Action Plan; other groups will become involved in due course. This will give us a vehicle in which to express our views on what Prestwick should be doing. This is not confined to practical issues such as bricks and mortars but also issues such as health and wellbeing. Chair will update PCC on a regular basis.

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

**Cllr Ian Cochrane:** Report issued by email and circulated to PCC noting SAC has been working on the budget proposals for 2025-2026. Issues have been raised by constituents regarding social housing, threat of homelessness, pavement parking, unkempt state of promenade, Chinese airlines using Prestwick Airport and lack of progress with Ayrshire Growth Deal. In addition, anti-social behaviour by adolescents is a real problem, with youths causing disturbances in the Moorpark area. Many complaints received about dog fouling, which is becoming a major problem.

**Cllr Cameron Ramsay:** Similar issues as Cllr Cochrane. Youth disturbances a real problem, especially since the introduction of free bus travel for under 22-year-olds, noting that police have been called numerous times to disturbances on late night buses. After discussing various issues and problems caused by the bus scheme, it was agreed the Chair would draft a letter on behalf of PCC to the Scottish Government, highlighting the issues caused by the scheme.

**Cllr Hugh Hunter:** SAC budget the main topic at the moment, with council tax rise predicted to be 8 percent. Cllr Hunter still hoping to arrange a screening to PCC of the carers film, but will see if he can obtain a link for it. eAyrfest event was a great success and was well attended. As part of his portfolio with Health & Social Care Partnership, Cllr Hunter will be visiting various front- line services starting with Girvan and Maybole. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Wee Carers' will be holding an event – Night at the Oscars, and Cllr Hunter to send Secretary the poster advertising this. Stephen Cooper of Daisy Chain and Prestwick post office opening a further banking hub in Kilwinning, (already opened one in Maybole) and is hoping to establish one in Prestwick. All present agreed in principle to support this; it could only be good for Prestwick as there are no longer any banks in the Town. Cllr Hunter to establish whether he can forward Mr Cooper's email about this to PCC, otherwise a summary of the contents will be sent.

**10. Treasurer's report:**

The Secretary apologised that she was unable to give an update to the meeting from the email the Treasurer had sent to the office bearers. The Secretary stated she was having problems with some of her emails going into the junk and archive boxes, and she had been unable to find the email. Updates would be provided by the Treasurer at the March meeting. It was confirmed the summary of the October 2024 finance meeting had been circulated to PCC.

**11. Planning Report:**

This had been circulated and there were no questions arising.

**12. Licensing Report:**

No report available.

**13:Correspondence/Concerns:**

There was none.

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

There was none.

**16. Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.45hrs.