



**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 26th AUGUST 2025
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.18hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Ronnie Caldow (Specialist Co-optee):

Meic Evans (Vice-Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Cllr.

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Hugh Hunter:

Fiona Ross (Strategic Environment)

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllrs: Kate Mullen (Treasurer): Alison Smith: Norrie Smith (Chair):

Mike Tomlinson: June Whittaker:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllrs. Martin Kilbride: Cameron Ramsay:

Craig Ross (Dep. Head P/W Academy):

POLICE SCOTLAND:

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Maurice Rollo, Chair Prestwick Community Association:

Tracy Winner-Scott, Partnership Engagement Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership:

1. Welcome:

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice -Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

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

3. Police Report:

Previously circulated, no questions arising.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

The Vice-Chair introduced Fiona Ross, Strategic Environment, SAC, here to discuss the recent tree felling at Kings Meadow, and also proposed plans for planting of new trees within specific areas of Prestwick. A detailed report on the reasons for felling (diseased trees becoming dangerous and overgrown, etc) already sent to PCC, therefore no requirement to go back over this. SAC have undertaken a commitment for further replanting work. Plans were shown to PCC of the contoured area of open space, with Ms Ross outlining proposals to plant different types of trees (approximately 100) to enhance the area, ensuring the trees are not causing obstructions, by being placed/spaced correctly. A notice board to be erected in Kings Meadow, Semple Road wildflower area, to give people an explanation as to what the aspirations are.

Trees at Prestwick Cross: Ms Ross then discussed the trees located by the War Memorial and those overhanging the bus shelter at Prestwick Cross. All of these trees are reaching the end of life, and the condition of those at the bus shelter is becoming increasingly dangerous; one tree came down during the recent storm, and another is leaning over heavily. Ms Ross proposes to remove and replant the first 4 trees which overhang and obscure the view of the War Memorial and block the light from other plants, plus remove those at the bus shelter. She showed photos of how picturesque the Cross looked in previous days when it was more open. She is aware the removal of said trees at the Cross has been a contentious topic in the past, and is seeking the support of PCC for the proposals, which would then be put to the Prestwick community. The Vice-Chair proposed a vote to PCC members present to accept the proposals in their entirety. All agreed their understanding of the proposals, had no objections and would back them. It was further agreed that rather than have 2 phases of removal of trees, work should be carried out in one go, probably early in the new year. Ms Ross to confirm all this to SAC to allow them to determine how to disseminate the information of the proposals to the public.

5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy:

The Secretary read out report received, confirming that Ms Oonagh Brown took up the position of Head Teacher on 18th August 2025. In the SQA results, Prestwick Academy had the overall best results for National 5 in the Authority, and were 3rd best for Highers. The Vice-Chair noted still awaiting further information regarding pupils' participation in Heritage Plaques trail map. The Secretary to attend the prizegiving on 3rd September to present the Community prizes on behalf of PCC.

6. Minutes meeting 1st July 2025:

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

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Pow Burn Riverwoods Project: Application submitted for the funding of the start of Riverwoods Project. C/Cllr Riach confirmed feed-back on the proposal from Airport was delayed due to there being no recent meetings held with PACC.

Short term lets: 100 granted in Prestwick. If this remains an issue, to be brought up in the context of the Local Development Plan for SAC to consider.

Community Centre: No further update as Committee still considering issues with the options presented to them by SAC.

Golf Club meeting: The Secretary, Chair and C/Cllr Tomlinson met with Members of Prestwick Golf Club Committee, who will attend PCC September meeting to discuss the coastal path.

Tree felling at Kings Meadow: Discussed under agenda item 4.

8. Community Development Trust:

Vice-Chair confirmed a meeting was held, and hoped there would be a range of projects introduced in addition to the important Lido project. Chair to update at September meeting.

9. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter: Cabinet meeting held today, August 26th where paper discussed on consultation of new blue book (community council guidelines). It was noted that although the Secretary had circulated the email regarding the consultation, there was no representation from PCC who were not asked. Liaison Officer confirmed Guidelines are due to go out for second –phase of consultation, probably September, so there will still be time to comment. A steering committee to be appointed and Community Council Secretaries will receive an email regarding this. Cllr Hunter had raised the question of SAC grant to PCC of £800 being inadequate.

- Cllr Hunter congratulated PCC for their participation in Powburn Woodlands project as this had shown real leadership. Vice-Chair confirmed this was the first time that any 2 community councils had come together to sponsor such a project.

- Following on from August meeting, Cllr Hunter confirmed Parking Strategy update. Traffic regulations orders prepared by 30/9/2025, consultation finishes 31/12/2025, report on consultation to panel 31/3/2026, start of implementation 31/8/2026.

- He had been lobbying as requested by shop keepers for a disabled parking bay at Prestwick Toll beside the shops adjacent to Heathfield Road. A 2 hour waiting limit in the existing parking bays had also been requested. C/Cllr Muldoon highlighted parking problems with residents permits and poor workmanship on road repairs; Vice-Chair requested he prepare something for September meeting to allow PCC to follow up.

- Prestwick Prom a great success as was the new Community Marquee. Prestfest is up next, followed by Prestmas.

- Cllr Hunter talked about young people with learning disabilities and how they were supported by SAC to prepare them for independent living after they leave school. Prestwick are in the top 3 regarding support.

- C/Cllr Shirley Harris showed PCC the 2025 certificate for the Prestwick Cross War Memorial, which was very highly commended in the annual British Legion Scotland competition, asking if this could be put in the Prestwick Room in the County Buildings. Cllr Hunter confirmed she could do this personally, as he had been asked to invite her to have tea with the Provost in recognition for her work on this. The Secretary was asked to accompany Shirley, and would liaise with Cllr Hunter regarding suitable dates and times.

10. Remembrance Sunday:

Vice-Chair to circulate updated guidelines manual. Costs discussed, noting the need to find alternative funding. Liaison Officer to check what SAC will reimburse, or pay, towards event. Discussion followed on arrangements, including testing of sound equipment.

Formation of sub-committee agreed, comprising C/Cllrs Meic Evans, Margaret Milligan, Shirley Harris, John Park and Robert Muldoon. Date of first meeting to be arranged.

11. Treasurer's report: The Secretary confirmed the current balance as £1027.48p

12. Planning Report: The Vice-Chair went through the report which had been previously circulated, noting there had been no householder applications for July/August period.

13. Licensing Report: Previously circulated. The Secretary confirmed the variation of licensing hours for Midton Road Bowling Club had been approved. One 11 reopening under new ownership as Gracie O'Malley's, an Irish themed bar. Carlton Hotel has been sold to Henry Fitzsimmons Group, with staff being retained. Taj have leased their restaurant to Ashoka, but retained hotel business. Next licensing meeting is 17th September.

14. Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee (PACC):

C/Cllr Riach confirmed the committee had still not met; however, the Airport itself was busier than ever.

15. Correspondence/Concerns:

C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson had emailed to confirm the erection of the Memorial Wall at Grangemuir Road car park on Monday 18th August 2025.

The Secretary read out an email she had received from Austin-Smith-Lord Ltd , (a Glasgow firm of Architects}, with an invitation to attend 2 workshops relating to Prestwick Regeneration Programme. The purpose of the workshops is to update everyone on recent work undertaken and assess the options considered. The workshops will take the form of a presentation of the project proposals and a discussion around the approach on assessing each of the options. This is to allow the next steps to be agreed. Austin-Smith-Lord were appointed by South Ayrshire Council to lead a multi-disciplinary design team to undertake an assessment of options for the regeneration of specific areas within Prestwick Town Centre. The assessment has focused on proposals for Prestwick Promenade Public Realm Improvements and Prestwick Heritage – Freemans Hall Steeple.

It is noted that it is a Council priority to improve Prestwick Town area as a tourism destination to align with the Council priorities under Destination South Ayrshire. The assessment of options involves collaborating with stakeholders to identify the projects to be allocated priority funding from an assumed £2m Capital Budget. It is understood that the Capital Funding is available to be directed towards one or both projects.

A series of proposed options have been developed, with cost estimates.

The Secretary to forward a copy of the email to the Chair and Vice-Chair.

16: A.O.C.B: C/Cllr John Park advised that the plaque to commemorate Town Twinning's 50th anniversary with Lichtenfels has now been installed on the wall at Boydfield Gardens opposite the sundial.

C/Cllr Shirley Harris reminded the meeting the Battle of Britain parade and service takes place on Sunday 14th September at 3pm at Prestwick Cross.

17. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 30th September 2025, at 7.15pm in the Community Café (formerly 65 Club), Main Street, Prestwick.

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