



PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 29th April 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

Kate Mullen

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

Thompson Piper:

Mike Tomlinson:

June Whittaker:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllrs.

Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Cameron Ramsay:

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Maurice Rollo, Chair Prestwick Community Association:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: J Twaddell.

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllr Jim Riach:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Martin Kilbride: Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer): Craig Ross (Dep. Head P/W Academy):

POLICE SCOTLAND:

1. Welcome:

The 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.

The Chair expressed his thanks to C/Cllrs Jim Ronney and Patricia Young, who have now retired from PCC. As C/Cllr Ronney has been a long-standing member of both PNCC and PCC, the Chair would like PCC to give C/Cllr Ronney a token of appreciation for all his years of service, but should funds be unavailable, perhaps members could donate as individuals, and make a decision at the May meeting as to an appropriate form of gift.

3. Police Report:

Already circulated, noting Police are aware of, and monitoring the rise in anti-social behaviour. Question was asked about rules and regulations regarding e-scooters, on roads and parks, as their speeds are equivalent to those of cars. The Secretary to ask for feedback from Police.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

The Chair had previously circulated a letter sent from Morris Rollo, Chair Prestwick Community Association (PCA), to the four SAC Councillors regarding the future of the Prestwick Community Centre. The Chair had invited Mr Rollo to the meeting to update PCC on progress, to allow PCC to make a decision on whether we could help.

Mr Rollo confirmed that for several years PCA had been in discussions with SAC on a lease agreement, whereby PCA would make a financial contribution to the running costs of the centre. At recent meetings it appeared that SAC officials in Asset Management wanted to move away from the 2year lease proposal and go straight into a Full Repair and Insurance agreement (FRI), as they were of the opinion that the Community Centre was similar in function and structure to other community assets already in an FRI. PCA disputed this by detailing the exceptional service the centre provides to the community, and resources used to run it.

SAC have agreed to investigate further the proposed 2year lease, but only with a view to moving to an FRI after the lease. It was also stated that estimated costs of repair to the roof (£200,000 in 2013, now £300,000) would only be progressed if SAC saw a future for the centre.

A lengthy and in-depth discussion followed, which included feedback from previous meetings held by SAC regarding the community centre; SAC Cllr Hunter happy to look into the feedback further. It was unanimously agreed that the Chair would write to the CEO of SAC with copies to various directors/heads of departments, confirming PCC's support for PCA regarding the future of the community centre.

5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy:

SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter reported that Ms Una Brown was the new Head Teacher of Prestwick Academy.

6. Minutes meeting 25th February 2025:

The Secretary noted a typing error on date of licensing meeting which should read 24th April. The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Vice-Chair Norrie Smith and seconded by C/Cllr John O'Donnell.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Beach: Covered in C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson's report which was previously circulated.

Community Lead Action Plan: The Chair confirmed that actions still to be agreed on taking this forward, and summary will be included in the annual planning report.

Heritage funding/Regeneration Master Plan Prestwick: C/Cllr Tomlinson's report on meeting with Chris Cox had been circulated to all. SAC Cllr. Ramsay confirmed that no decision had been made going forward. The Chair expressed concern that the estimated cost of restoring the steeple had risen from £250,000 to £750.000 and how this figure had been arrived at; conversation on costings, future budgets and consultations then took place. It was agreed the Chair would write to SAC asking for clarification on how the figure was reached, express concern on the project and suggest consultation take place.

Outstanding cheque: The Treasurer confirmed the cheque for Dalmellington Band still not cashed, and the Secretary agreed to send them a reminder.

8. Locality Planning/Capital projects: .

Covered under agenda item 7.

9. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane: St. Cuthbert's Golf Club currently looking for funding support and advice. Cllr Cochrane confirmed that there would probably be no funding available from SAC as the Golf Club is private. Conversation took place on the need to establish the requirements for the funding, with C/Cllr Muldoon suggesting the Golf Club contact Scottish Golf for assistance.

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay: Dealing with complaints from constituents regarding housing and problems encountered by 2 constituents moving into flats in Manson Avenue. He had received a complaint about signage by MKM at the Oval. Academy pupils studying for exams have been visiting MP's office leading to an interest in politics. Discussion ensued on 'boy racers', parking on pavements and grass verges, and parking in narrow streets leading to restricted access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Ramsay to ask Ayrshire Roads Alliance to clarify the guidelines and regulations for parking on pavements and grass verges and report back to PCC.

Cllr. Hugh Hunter: Also receiving parking complaints, noting that if the complaints are about blocking the road, because this is an obstruction it becomes a police matter and should be reported to them. There have been several complaints about the; plans for alterations to the driving range at Belleisle Golf Course. Although technically not Prestwick, it is a South Ayrshire facility, and is used by many Prestwick golfers.

10. Treasurer's report: As previously mentioned, the cheque for the Dalmellington Band has still not been cashed, and this will affect PCC budget for year 2025-2026 and also current year end accounting figures. Actual balance of funds after all deductions made, is £72.00. The Treasurer was still of the opinion that paying for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service should not be the responsibility of PCC; this to be on the May agenda to make a decision on reaching a resolution with SAC.

11. Planning Report: Already circulated. The Chair made reference to the LDP3 as in the report, stating the evidence gathering information can be carried out online as individuals, and as a group.

12. Licensing Report: Nothing for Prestwick. Next meeting 22nd May 2025.

13. Town Twinning Report: The visit to Aricca will take place week of 13th May.

14. Correspondence/Concerns: The Secretary reminded PCC about the email she had issued in March regarding the survey on Schemes of Establishment Guidelines, and encouraged all to complete if not already done so. A consolidated response could be sent if required. The Secretary had accessed the survey which required setting up an account and a great deal of navigation. The main point to note was the suggestion of a 3-year tenure for community councillors rather than 4, and a slight change to the by-election process. If PCC wanted a consolidated response the Secretary happy to send out a summary of points to members to return comments, but there appeared to be nothing contentious.

15. A.O.C.B:

- C/Cllr Shirley Harris confirmed the war memorial at Prestwick Cross, was once again recognised in the Royal British Legion Scotland awards for the Glasgow, Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway area, receiving a plaque for being highly commended for 2024. She was looking for ideas as to where these plaques could be displayed, with a suggestion being the 65 Club.

- Julie Twaddell, member of the public stated she was attending the meeting at the request of former C/Cllr Jim Ronney, who had asked her to discuss the Best Dressed Window display. The annual event was originally initiated by Jim Ronney and is organised by PCC. Jim Ronney had suggested to Julie Twaddell that PCC could link with Dementia Friendly for this year's event. The Secretary stated that she had actually spoken with him earlier in the week about the event, and he had suggested the theme purple which she agreed to discuss with PCC. A short discussion followed regarding the competition and the Secretary confirmed she would be happy to take over the running of the event, as she normally organised all the paperwork. It was agreed to discuss everything further at the May meeting, when a decision would be made on the way forward.

16. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 27th May 2025, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.52hrs.