



**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2025
19.15hrs COMMUNITY CAFE, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Vice-Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon:

Kate Mullen (Treasurer):

Norrie Smith (Chair):

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Mike Tomlinson:

June Whittaker:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr.

Hugh Hunter:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Prestwick Golf Club: Rob McGuire, Secretary: Dave Edmonson, Head Greenkeeper:

Prestwick Community Association: Morris Rollo, Chair

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllr: Alison Smith:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Craig Ross (Deputy 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.

3. Police Report:

Previously circulated. As the figures reported for domestic abuse were rather high, the Secretary to contact the Community Police Sergeant to ask for definition of domestic abuse. The Secretary confirmed that she had been contacted by a concerned member of the public regarding an Asian gentleman who regularly sits outside Tesco Express in the Main Street, begging. Several complaints have been made against him as a result of his attitude towards people and the fact that he and his daughter are transported from Glasgow to Prestwick and also to Ayr in what appears to be an organised fraud/ crime operation. The Police are aware of the complaints and are investigating, as the gentleman is often mentioned on social media pages as a result of his actions.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

The Chair introduced Rob McGuire, Secretary of Prestwick Golf Club and Dave Edmonson, Head Greenkeeper, who were invited to give a talk to PCC. Rob outlined the structure of the Golf Club, membership, and the forthcoming celebrations planned for next year for their 175th anniversary. They are keen to be a key part of the community and to discover how they can work alongside PCC. Although they are currently in the process of purchasing the old Malcolm Sargent site, the future plans for the land have still to be decided. Challenges facing the Golf Club include dog walkers along the coastal path next to the Golf Club and deliberate grass fires. Dave outlined their ecological development and sustainability plan, apprenticeships, and how events within the Golf Club bring recognition and income to Prestwick. The Vice-Chair asked if PCC could have a copy of the Plan if it was available to share in the future. All present were happy to work with the Golf Club in future projects, and also to help in any way with their anniversary celebrations next year. The Chair, on behalf of PCC, thanked both Rob and Dave for their talk and looked forward to working with them in the future.

5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy:

No report received.

6. Minutes meeting 26th August 2025:

There being no amendments, the minutes were approved as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Vice-Chair, Meic Evans.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Tree Felling at Prestwick Cross: SAC to come back with proposed programme, noting It would probably not take place until sometime after the New Year, to avoid disruption to Christmas Lighting Up.

Pow Burn Riverwoods Project: Dates required for the screening of the film in the Community Cafe.

Community Centre: Morris Rollo confirmed committee still awaiting further communication from SAC Estates following visit from surveyors, and architects. Committee will keep PCC updated on any developments.

Residents Parking: C/Cllr Robert Muldoon discussed his suggested proposals which had been e-mailed previously to PCC; these included extending the 8am – 6pm restrictions for non- residents, to enable residents to get parked. C/Cllr Muldoon to update the proposal by putting together a letter to SAC/Ayrshire Roads Alliance for consideration by PCC before submitting on our behalf.

Road Repairs: PCC discussed the report submitted by C/Cllr Muldoon, and all present agreed that they were happy for him to submit a letter on behalf of PCC to Ayrshire Roads Alliance/SAC. This would include concerns about potholes and road markings, together with a request to meet with SAC/Ayrshire Road Alliance representatives to discuss the concerns. C/Cllr Muldoon was thanked for his work on both of these topics.

Remembrance Service: The sub-group chaired by C/Cllr Meic Evans had met on 26th September. The Secretary confirmed that prior to this evenings PCC meeting, she had received a cash donation of £200.00 from a benefactor who wished to remain anonymous, to be put towards the cost of the Remembrance Service. She will ensure sincere thanks and gratitude are expressed to them on behalf of PCC for their generosity. The Secretary handed over the money to the Treasurer to bank.

8. Community Development Trust (CDT):

The Chair advised CDT are currently working on their constitution and he will update PCC on the progress.

9. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter: - Delighted to have arranged for C/Cllr Shirley Harris to be presented by the Provost with the plaque commending the war memorial at Prestwick Cross in the Best Kept War Memorial competition. This is in recognition for her hard work over the years in entering Prestwick in the annual British Legion Scotland competition. The Secretary thanked Cllr Hunter for arranging this, and confirmed that Shirley will also be interviewed by That's TV Ayrshire on 2nd November.

-Budget has a gap of £13.3million and an overspend in Health & Social Care . Some hard decisions to be made.

-Street pastors have been doing excellent work, especially during the Gold Cup weekend.

-Dementia Friendly Prestwick, which is a very rewarding service, is, like many other charities finding funding difficult.

- Received numerous complaints about buses not turning up, especially evening services.

– There is still approximately £500,000 available in the Ward Capital Projects Fund with suggested projects to be submitted to SAC before the end of the financial year. It was suggested CDT could propose a feasibility study to be carried out on the Prestwick Prom Lido project.

– Christmas Lighting Up is Sunday 30th November.

10. Remembrance Service: Covered under Item 7, matters arising.

11. Treasurer's report: The hand-over as Treasurer to C/Cllr Kate Mullen nearly completed. Current balance is £1230.16. This includes the £200.00 donation, but does not include outstanding cheques.

12. Planning Report: The Vice-Chair went through report confirming figures were householder applications only. Things very quiet at moment.

13. Licensing Report: The Secretary confirmed the September Licensing Board meeting had been cancelled. Request for extension of licensing hours from 2.30am till 3.30am at Halloween, 31st October at the Buf. Next licensing meeting is 23rd October.

14. Town Twinning Report: C/Cllr John Park confirmed there would be a wine testing event on 7th November. A few tickets still available. Planning for the visit from Lichtenfels next August is progressing well.

Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee(PACC): C/Cllr Riach advised it was a strange situation at present. Secretary of the committee has resigned, and presumably the Chair will be negotiating with the Airport to arrange a meeting within a week. Nothing heard to date. C/Cllr Riach suspects the Airport will be looking to see if they are legally required to host the meetings, as they are far too busy at the moment. Legally they may be able to stop the committee operating as the airport don't have over a million passengers, as Ryanair, the sole operator, currently runs at 700,000, just short of the required figure. Airport has been working for months at putting it under new management with a view to selling, or organising it themselves. It will be up to the Scottish Government to decide on the sale. The Vice-Chair expressed disappointment at the possible loss of PACC. It was agreed to wait and see if a further meeting to be held, before deciding whether to write to various personnel expressing our concerns.

15. Correspondence/Concerns: E-mail received referred to in Police Report

16: A.O.C.B: Cllr Hugh Hunter agreed to provide an e-mail summarising the recent changes to the Guidelines for Community Councils handbook.

17. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 28th October 2025, at 7.15pm in the Community Café (formerly 65 Club), Main Street, Prestwick.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.30hrs.