

PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 30th APRIL 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:

Heather Thomson:

Mike Tomlinson:

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Laura Cowan, Commodore, Prestwick Sailing Club:

John & Ruby Taylor, 65 Club:

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

J Simpson

APOLOGIES

PCC: C/Cllrs: Shirley Harris: Jim Ronney: Patricia Young: Norrie Smith:

Alison Smith:

POLICE SCOTLAND: Community Officers:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. There were no objections to the meeting being recorded. He confirmed that at the AGM on 9th April, the previous Office Bearers were re-elected.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

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

3. Police Report:

Report circulated to all.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

No issues raised.

5. Schools report:

1. Positive last day for S6 pupils on 19th April. Leavers' ceremony, with in school activities. Coverage in the National press of some other secondary schools was not positive – Prestwick however, did not experience anything like this.
2. S6 leavers prom will be Thursday 6th June at Brigadoon

3. SQA exams started on 22/4/24, involving S4 – S6 pupils; ongoing until 30th May. As a result, the town centre will be quieter at lunch time until around 28th/29th May.
4. Junior prizegiving will take place on either 19th or 20th June and the Senior prizegiving will be on either 4th or 5th September. A representative of PCC will be invited to attend the senior prizegiving by Mr Ross from the school.
5. Young people from the school are on the board of directors for Friends of the Broadway. Attended the key handover ceremony on Monday 29th April. The ceremonial key was designed by an S6 pupil and made in the Design and Tech department.
6. Looking for other opportunities for young people to be involved in the local community either as ambassadors (similar way to the board of directors at the Broadway), or through volunteering, work experience etc. If there is anyone who can provide a work experience placement for a young person or a volunteering opportunity, please contact Mr Ross who will direct you to the correct person.
7. Two groups from the school were represented at the recent South Ayrshire Youth Forum Awards ceremony at Ayr Town Hall on Wednesday 17th April. And the good news is they won in their respective categories, Young Environmentalist and Youth Project. This is an award ceremony that recognises the hard work of young people all across South Ayrshire Council. It was the first time it had been held since 2019.

The Chair asked if the defibrillators at the Academy were covered by a warranty agreement and who was responsible for them; he was advised there would probably be an agreement with the manufacturer and it was assumed the school/ SAC would be responsible. It was noted in respect of Point 7, help was required with PCC website; SAC Cllr Cameron Ramsay had previously agreed to liaise with the Academy on this, and Secretary to contact him for an update.

6. Minutes meeting 27th February 2024. The Secretary confirmed that as the March meeting was not quorate it was informal, therefore no decisions could be made and only notes could be taken. She then Introduced Laura Cowan from Prestwick Sailing Club, who had expressed an interest in working with PCC.

There being no amendments, the February minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr June Whittaker and seconded by C/Cllr John O'Donnell.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Parking Restrictions: SAC Cllr Hunter advised a 4-week consultation was now available on- line and on the Ayrshire Roads Alliance(ARA) website, where comments could be submitted. The Chair felt that it was a very short timescale, and PCC should be given an opportunity to comment collectively. When asked, Secretary confirmed she had received no prior notification from ARA. It was agreed that PCC's disappointment should be registered with ARA re: lack of contact with PCC. Cllr Hunter to contact ARA re: extension to consultation date for PCC.

The Beach: C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson has been liaising with SAC and in March had requested an update on cleaning/maintenance. To date he has had no response.

Pavement stencils- dog fouling: The Treasurer confirmed that despite SAC Cllr Ramsay advising by e-mail stencilling would be carried out during the better weather, no update has been issued.

Local Biodiversity Plan(LBP): Chair continues to liaise with David Houfe, Vice Chair of Symington Community Council. A film night was held in Symington Community Hall on 23.4.2024 -Riverwoods, a feature length documentary narrated by Peter Capaldi, which informs communities about nature that has been lost. C/Cllr Heather Thomson and Chair discussed various issues including SEPA's flood maps showing the potential for flooding from Ladykirk and Pow Burns. A collaboration project on this and a biodiversity audit in respect of what exists in Prestwick would be the way forward. It was agreed further discussion be held with David Houfe.

Remembrance Service: The Chair referred to an e-mail and attachments he circulated to PCC, which outlined guidelines for the Remembrance Service, noting that this now needs updated as names/contacts of organisations will have changed, It was agreed that members revisit document to provide information for updating. A sub-group to be set up to assist C/Cllr Shirley Harris, and It was agreed that this should be done at the May meeting. It was also agreed that the original document be sent to C/Cllr John Park, who will circulate to Council of Churches for their input.

PRESTMAS: C/Cllr John O'Donnell attending meetings, next meeting scheduled for 1st May 2024. He will keep PCCC updated.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Hugh Hunter: Report was circulated to members prior to meeting. Other salient points noted that SAC young carers won 1st prize for Great British Care Award in Birmingham. This can be uploaded on u-tube. Open meeting held on future Freemans Hall discussed, noting 60 plus people attended, although it was well advertised. As not everyone can find information about consultations/events, it was suggested perhaps a list of these could be published on PCC website/Facebook for information. The Secretary asked if Cllr Hunter could look into Scottish Water works outside the Shelter shop in Main Street. Pavement dug up, but nothing has been done for over 3 weeks. Cllr Hunter will chase this up.

9. Defibrillators:

General discussion took place on Defibrillators, following a report that the one located outside the 65 Club was out of order due to the casing leaking. The Chair stated information needed on how this was installed, by whom, and who has responsibility for upkeep, insurance, and maintenance. It was confirmed that former PNCC C/Cllr John Wallace and his wife Tracy had personally initiated a fund-raising campaign approximately 5 years ago and secured funding for 3 defibrillators. These are located outside 65 Club, at Mancini's at Prom, and at Prestwick Toll. As no information was held regarding ownership etc, it was suggested that perhaps PCC should take over responsibility for the 3 defibrillators; however, as more information would be required regarding maintenance, installation and upkeep, this would not be feasible as PCC could not afford costs and insurance. The Chair read out an e-mail he received from the National Association regarding the responsibility associated with defibrillators and their upkeep, maintenance etc. In the short term it was agreed that the Secretary to contact John Wallace for more information on the 3 defibrillators; she would also arrange for a notice to be placed on the one outside 65 Club advising out of order, and mention this in the PCC article for PGO. Member of public in attendance then read out an extract from what appeared to be authorisation advice re: defibrillators. Chair would like to obtain a copy to circulate, to form part of decision- making process. It was suggested perhaps putting something on social media to see if anybody would be interested in taking responsibility, however more information required before this could be considered. It was agreed that consideration of this matter be continued awaiting the outcome of further information. Not at all clear that PCC shall take responsibility.

10. Prestwick Capital Projects Meeting:

Report from meeting circulated to PCC members.

11. Coastline Protection: Carry forward.

12. Place Planning: Ongoing.

13. Common Good Fund:

SAC in early 2024 considered a report on the state/situation re: the Common Good Fund. Chair has circulated this previously.

It was agreed the fund should be looked into as a possible a source of income from SAC and the Chair would arrange for a speaker to attend a future meeting to discuss.

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

Information circulated by Chair and C/Cllr John O'Donnell to keep PCC members up to date. Chair identified CAG as possible source of funding for small projects such as cycle racks. Installation of Cycle racks at Boydfield Gardens discussed, with Secretary and C/Cllr Tomlinson confirming these had already been installed when Community Council was Prestwick North and South.

15. Treasurer's report:

Accounts have now been submitted to SAC. Current balance £104.84p.

16. Planning Report:

Already circulated. Chair stated there was an application for residential flats on former Malcolm Sargent House site, and asked for comments. Responses indicated concerns on increased traffic and parking, which is currently a major problem in Links Road. Height of flats, scale, massing and design may also be a problem.

Chair confirmed he had been invited to attend a Notice of Application Hearing with SAC regarding the proposed Care Home at St. Cuthbert Golf Club. This will be held on 9th May 2024; however, as he will be unable to attend, requested a representative from PCC. C/Cllr John O'Donnell agreed to attend.

17. Licensing Report:

Secretary confirmed she would be interim Licensing Contact while C/Cllr Young unavailable, and would circulate any correspondence from Licensing. At the March Licensing meeting on 7.3.2024 transfer of licence agreed from Viva Garden in Main Street to Gaik Keow. Nothing for Prestwick at 18.4.2024 meeting. Next meeting will be virtual on 16.5.2024.

Information received regarding an application for change of licensing hours in respect of premises at Caprice, 112-114 Main Street which will be available to view from 1.5.2024. Proposed new licensing hours Monday – Sunday 11.00am – 1.30am. Those members present felt this was similar to other licensed premises in Main Street.

18. Town Twinning:

AGM was held in March 2024. Further events in 2024 - wine tasting event to be held in May, and visit to Germany in July to celebrate 50-year anniversary.

19. Correspondence/concerns received:

None.

20. A.O.C.B:

None.

21. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 28th May 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.

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