

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**  
**19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.18hrs.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Kate Mullen (Co-opted):

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

Mike Tomlinson:

Patricia Young:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllrs. Iain Cochrane: Cameron Ramsay:

**EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:**

Laura Cowan, Commodore, Prestwick Sailing Club:

Maureen Leonard. Troon Development Trust:

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:**

C/Cllr: John O'Donnell:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllr. Hugh Hunter: Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

Craig Ross, Depute Head Prestwick 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. Adoption of Co-optee:**

Kate Mullen was introduced and welcomed as the successful co-optee to PCC, proposed by Margaret Milligan, and seconded by Meic Evans.

**4. Police Report:**

The Secretary received notification from the Police that they are aware of ongoing youth disorder and are actively monitoring repeat locations. The Chair reminded PCC members to raise any concerns at meetings to ensure these are passed to the Police.

SAC Cllr. Ian Cochrane confirmed he had attended a quarterly meeting with police, where he discussed a report on county lines drug gangs in small Scottish towns, noting a 400% increase in violence. Fortunately, no significant increase in South Ayrshire, mainly due to trains being closely monitored by Transport Police.

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

No members of public present.

## **11. Representative from Troon Development Trust: - (Agenda item brought forward).**

The Chair welcomed Maureen Leonard, Chair of Troon Development Trust (TDT) who gave a very informative talk outlining what is involved in setting up a Development Trust. She confirmed TDT was set up in 2018 with approximately 6 people. In 2019 they managed to secure funding of £20,000 via SAC who then match funded this. A public event was held thereafter and a steering group set up. On the SAC website there is an action plan called Troon Together which includes information on TDT.

(<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/media/1897/Troon-Together>). TDT can also be found on-line at <https://www.troondevelopmenttrust.co.uk/>

TDT work closely and in partnership with Troon CC, and 2 C/Cllrs are on the Board of Trustees. TDT currently have 6 members although have the capacity for 15.

The Chair thanked Ms Leonard for her talk, and she confirmed should PCC decide to set up their own Development Trust, TDT would be happy to assist in any way they could.

The Chair then proposed to members a sub-group be set up to look into options for a PCC Development Trust, with C/Cllrs Jim Ronney, Shirley Harris, Mike Tomlinson, and Norrie Smith confirming their interest in joining this. C/Cllr June Whittaker she may be available to join next year. It was agreed that monthly reports from the sub-group to be submitted to PCC.

## **6. Schools Report:**

An email from Craig Ross, Depute Head Prestwick Academy confirmed Elaine Campbell had returned to her substantive post and he would once again be attending PCC meetings as Schools Liaison Officer. The carers event was a success and approximately 100 pupils helped in various ways with the event.

## **7. Minutes meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024:**

There being no amendments, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Jim Ronney and seconded by C/Cllr. Norrie Smith.

## **8. Matters arising from the approved minutes:**

**Remembrance Service:** The Chair offered sincere thanks to C/Cllr Shirley Harris for her help in obtaining funding from the British Legion for the sum of £250.00, which is now in our bank account. The sub-committee were updated on 11<sup>th</sup> October by email from the Chair on outstanding actions required, including confirming with Vice-Chair that sound system must be tested prior to PCC October meeting. The Secretary was nominated to lay PCC wreath at Prestwick Cross.

**Dog Fouling:** Although stencilling has been carried out on many streets and the esplanade, some areas still need covered including Moor Park and East Road. SAC Cllr Cameron Ramsay to take this up with SAC.

**The Beach:** C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson confirmed the beach strategy was not being implemented, and had been advised there were not enough funds to carry this out. He also confirmed he was still not receiving responses to the emails sent to SAC. It was noted that SAC guidelines state replies to queries should be answered within 21 days; however, complex cases, could take up to 3 months.

**Oral History:** The Chair has been offered a zoom meeting to discuss this, and the costs associated with this project. When date arranged, PCC members are welcome to attend.  
**Powburn Collaboration:** Steering group are holding a meeting on Tuesday 5/11/2024.

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

**Cllr Ian Cochrane:** Dealing with various complaints from residents, one of which was for an additional pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ayr Road and Kingscroft Avenue. Perhaps PCC could support this request. This has been raised with Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) on various occasions; however, their response was they had measured the footfall and it was not sufficient to warrant the crossing. PCC agreed to support the request for the additional crossing and a letter to be sent to ARA confirming this. Proposal passed at cabinet that any changes to the formation and dissolution of community councils should be allocated to the cabinet, without consultation. Cllr Cochrane referred to community council guidelines which stated any such changes required consultation. Chair confirmed he would check guidelines statement and also minutes of SAC meeting and raise this with SAC.

**Cllr Cameron Ramsay:** Problems with parking at Station Road through to Midton Road, with residents complaining that much of this is due to holiday makers leaving their vehicles resulting in traffic congestion. Temporary traffic lights at St Quivox Road causing traffic tailbacks.

Laura Cowan, Commodore Prestwick Sailing Club, asked SAC Cllrs about the former gym building adjacent to Sailing Club which has lain empty for many years. She then outlined the plans for the extension of the Sailing Club and the work already carried out. An in-depth and lengthy conversation followed on the many ways the former gym could be utilised and the benefits that could be produced. However, the current owner's asking price for the building, which is in a state of disrepair and infested with vermin, has escalated to £500,000.

Laura spoke on the success of the Sailing Club, the events they hold, and how these could be enhanced if something could be done with the gym, confirming Prestwick Sailing Club has produced a development plan which they would be willing to share. The Chair agreed that this was a prime example of how the generation process can be used.

SAC Cllrs were again advised of the state of the roads which were discussed at October's meeting, with pot holes and lack of road markings a prime example. The Chair confirmed that SAC Cllr Hunter had sent a list of roads due for repair and perhaps PCC should submit concerns raised to ARA. Cllrs Cochrane and Ramsay stated concerns could also be sent to them.

**10. Representative from SAC re: Common Good Fund:** Still awaiting notification from SAC – carry forward to a future meeting.

**11. Representative from Troon Development Trust:** Brought forward (after agenda Item 5).

**12. Treasurer's report:** Treasurer confirmed balance of £425.08, however this includes donation of £250.00 from British Legion to be offset against part of costs of Remembrance Service. There are other costs to be deducted from the balance including hire of 65 Club till March 2025. Treasurer concerned at the yearly outlays for PCC including cost of Remembrance Service, as the annual grant received from SAC will not cover everything. The Chair pointed out to SAC Cllrs present that SAC need to revisit the grant allocation. Short discussion on funding followed, with the Chair confirming that should the fund raising by PCC cover the cost of this year's Remembrance Service, the monies received from the separate SAC grant PCC had

applied for would have to be repaid as per conditions of the grant. Notes from the recent finance meeting have been circulated by the Secretary, and many of the points raised in the Treasurer's report were discussed at that meeting. It was agreed to put this item on the November agenda.

**13. Planning Report:** Circulated to members. Local Development Plan (LDP) prepared for consultation and paper should be ready before Christmas.

**14. Licensing Report:** Vics and Vine granted extended licensing hours – Christmas Eve closing at 2.30am and New Years eve closing at 3.00am.

The Burgh Bar was granted a change to allow indoor/outdoor sports activities. In practice what is to happen is the installation of a darts board. Objectors present who had objections not related to this application were advised and invited to discuss their objections with the owners of the Burgh Bar.

**15. Correspondence/concerns received:** There was none.

**16. A.O.C.B:**

C/Cllr John Park advised that Prestwick Town Twinning in previous years had to come to Prestwick Community Council to ask for permission to use the Prestwick Burgh logo. It may be the case therefore that the Burgh Bar should make contact with PCC to discuss the use of the Prestwick Burgh logo outside their premises.

C/Cllr Jim Ronney confirmed there will be no Prestwick community carol service this year, as feedback from local churches indicated that all the Christmas services organised by them were more than adequate.

**17. Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.**

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