



**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026  
COMMUNITY CAFE, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

Agenda items are recorded as per the agenda for the minutes but not necessarily conducted in that order during the meeting.

**SEDERUNT:**

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

Meic Evans (Vice-Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon:

Kate Mullen (Treasurer):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Norrie Smith (Chair):

Mike Tomlinson:

Julie Twaddell:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Cameron Ramsay:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

**EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:**

**Prestwick Community Association (PCA):** Morris Rollo, Chair:

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

A Malcolm: N Trollen:

**APOLOGIES:**

**PCC:** C/Cllr June Whittaker:

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):**

Oonagh Brown (Head P/W Academy): Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

**POLICE SCOTLAND:**

**1. Welcome:**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all, congratulating returning community councillors Julie Twaddell and John O'Donnell on their re-election.

**2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:**

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

**3. Police Report:** Police report for April showed 3 reported incidents of violence positively detected and referred to the PF. No reports of hate crime, house breaking, or robbery. 15 disturbances, 12 requiring police presence. Police encourage the public to continue phoning them at the time of any incidents to ensure they can respond and to also report any incidents of youth disorder. Complaints received on road safety, speeding and parking. 1 driver charged with driving a motor vehicle under the influence and reported to the PF. Local Policing undertook a planned intelligence led operation linked to the sell and supply of controlled drugs, with a positive outcome.

**4. Hearing/Open Forum:** There was nothing.

**5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy:** No report submitted.

**6. Minutes meeting 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026:**

Concern was raised at the non-attendance at meetings of SAC Cllr Martin Kilbride, and the Secretary to email him to ensure there were no problems.

SAC Cllr Hunter asked 'discussed and rejected by SAC' be added to the salient point on his report re: outsourcing parking enforcement on page 2.

There being no further amendments, the minutes were approved as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson and seconded by C/Cllr Kate Mullen.

**7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:**

**Donated Funds in PCC bank account:** The Chair has ordered the marketing/promotional material as agreed at the previous meeting from SM Signs. Lengthy discussion took place on ways to secure additional funding for PCC for the next year noting that there were still monies ringfenced in PCC funds. The Chair suggested the purchase of a digital notice board for PCC which could include advertising community events. Funding could also be sought from other groups associated with PCC. It was noted that applying for funding, especially over £5000, would require 3 quotes for best value. It was agreed that the Chair and C/Cllr O'Donnell would look into this project, and a sub-committee was formed comprising the Chair, J O'Donnell, Robert Muldoon and the Secretary.

**Town Twinning Cheque:** C/Cllr Park had given the cheque to Town Twinning and thanked PCC on their behalf.

**8. South Ayrshire Councillors' Reports:**

**Cllr Hugh Hunter:** A grant had been awarded to the Broadway from SAC Capital Ward Projects. Delighted that Cllr Ramsay had arranged the beach site visit and opened this up to the public.

**Cllr Cameron Ramsay:** Beach site visit arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> May between 3-4pm with members of the public welcome to attend. Fate of diving pool in Ayr under review to see if it can be saved. Discussion followed on this regarding its age and condition and the costs associated with renewing. Structural engineers report required, and SAC Cllrs Ramsay and Hunter will update PCC.

**Cllr Ian Cohrane:** Previous SAC Administration had advocated closure of diving pool and did not support review to appeal closure. The grass all along the prom has been badly damaged by the salt water from the sea, looks unsightly and needs to be cleared up. Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) service plan went before cabinet, which included a plan to build a car park off Shaw Farm Road to accommodate workers for the proposed expansion of maintenance hangers at the airport. A decision re: parking on grass verges still required. Cllr Ramsay advised parking consultation to be reopened and extended to include looking at this problem.

### **Issues for SAC Councillors:**

- Lights at the pedestrian crossing outside the community cafe have been out for over 3 weeks making it extremely dangerous to cross the road. Damage to cables from work being conducted at the bus shelters the cause; however, no temporary lights installed.

-The bus shelter at the Community Café has not been replaced, while the shelter at Boydfield Gardens has been replaced but moved against the garden wall, meaning that pedestrians have to walk across the front of the shelter which makes it difficult for wheelchair users and people with prams.

The Vice-Chair to check if planning required regarding repositioning of shelters, and SAC Cllr Hunter to chase up ARA about the traffic lights.

Other problems were highlighted including problems with a traffic island in Ayr Road and road repairs. It was agreed that a representative from ARA be invited to a future meeting to discuss road problems and their timescales.

**9. Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer confirmed balance in bank is £394.79 which includes the separate funding received. The annual accounts have been prepared and independently audited and will be send to SAC after approval at the AGM.

**10. Planning Report:** The Vice-chair read through the report confirming that SAC sometimes have duplicate information in reports as is the case in the March report, and he will point this out to SAC. A reply has been received from SAC to the Vice-Chair's letter on short-term lets, and this will be circulated to PCC. When asked about the Pow Burn project, the Vice-Chair outlined the project to C/Cllr Twaddell, including the recent film screening in January,

**11. Licensing Report:** There was nothing for Prestwick.

### **12. Updates Town Twinning & PACC:**

**Town Twinning:** (C/Cllr J Park). AGM was 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. Preparations underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in August and the visit from our visitors in Lichtenfels.

**PACC:** The Chair confirmed he had attended the April meeting with former C/Cllr and representative Jim Riach. On the question of flights from Prestwick to London, legislation means the aircraft must be registered in the UK. When asked if he was now the representative for PCC, he confirmed it had been agreed he was to be at a prior meeting. The Vice-Chair was aware a strategy for the airport was being developed, and it would be interesting to know what stage it was at.

### **13. Correspondence/Concerns:** Several pieces of correspondence received:

- Letter from a Mr Ellsworth regarding a relative, Hugh Chapman who was Prestwick Lord Provost 1966-1969. He has commemorative medals of Mr Chapman and wanted advice on an appropriate location to display them. It was suggested he contact SAC Archives.

- Letter regarding the problems with the pedestrian crossing lights and bus shelters; this was covered under agenda item 8, Issues for SAC Councillors.

- An invitation from the Secretary of the Golf Club (Old Course), inviting any PCC golfers to attend the community golfing day on 11<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golf Club, and also inviting PCC Executive Committee to lunch as guests of the Golf Club. C/Cllr Robert Muldoon accepted the invitation to play golf, and the Secretary to confirm his attendance, as well as that of the Executive Committee.

#### **14. A.O.C.B:**

C/Cllr Thompson Piper complained about fly tipping on the grass at the corner of Biggart and East Road where a sofa and other items had not been removed. ARA/SAC had been notified to no avail. SAC Cllr Cochrane to check on this.

C/Cllr John O'Donnell wished it noted that he could find no reference in previous minutes regarding an appointed representative for the Airport Committee. He had also written to the Secretary expressing his interest, to which the Secretary replied she had not received this, otherwise she would have responded. A discussion followed with the Chair agreeing that the position would be looked at again. The Chair advised that in addition to himself at the APCC meeting, chairs from other organisations were also in attendance. It was agreed any interest in the position of representative should be resent to the Secretary, and this would be reviewed at the PCC May meeting (not the AGM). Should there be several notes of interest, then a closed vote would be held, facilitated by the Liaison Officer.

Conversation took place at the lack of a school's report and school liaison officer. The Secretary explained that as a result of management restructuring at Prestwick Academy, Ms Oonagh Browne the Head teacher was now the liaison officer; however, due to multiple commitments she could only attend irregularly. It was suggested that perhaps representatives from the other Prestwick schools should be contacted to ascertain interest in attending PCC meetings to give feedback on their activities. The Secretary agreed to write to the other schools.

#### **15. Date of next meeting:**

**Next meeting is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026, at 7.15pm in the Community Café (formerly 65 Club), Main Street, Prestwick.**

**The AGM will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.15pm in the Community Café (formerly 65 Club), Main Street, Prestwick.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50hrs.