

## PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting of 31 August 2017

**Welcome:** The Chairman, Meic Evans, welcomed those present.

**Sederunt:** Community Councillors – M Evans, N Smith, L White, A Quinn, J Riach, L Bowman, J Park, J Whittaker and T Piper.

South Ayrshire Councillors – Provost H Moonie, Cllrs I Cochrane and H Hunter.

Community Police: P.C's R McIntyre and G Mackintosh.

Community Gift Exchange: A Priestnall.

Residents: S. Brierley, S Wilson, M Michie and H Duncanson.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. B McGowan, M Dorans, A Young and G Rae. SAC Cllr M Toner.

**Police Report:** The Community Police reported no significant change to the normal for this time of the year. A resident from Craigpark Avenue complained that she was being seriously troubled by young men throwing stones and eggs at her windows in the late evening. The Police indicated that they would give additional surveillance in this area.

**Open Forum:** Al Priestnall from the Community Gift Exchange gave a power point presentation of proposals for a coastal active tourist site at Prestwick North Beach. He explained the proposals which could include beach huts, eco cabins for holiday accommodation, touring pitches for caravans and motorhomes, and a hub with café, toilets, showers, craft shop and bike hire. Advantages to the community should the project go ahead would involve new job training, involvement of disabled persons and community usage. After the presentation he answered several questions from members. He agreed that he would, over time, provide progress updates on the project. The Chairman welcomed the proposal in principle but was aware that it was still essentially early days.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June were approved on the motion of Cllr J Whittaker seconded by Cllr J Park.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**St Cuthbert's Crescent:** The Chairman reported that he has met with the concerned residents and drafted a letter to South Ayrshire Council. He is now awaiting their agreement before sending.

**South Ayrshire Council Report:** Provost H Moonie commented on progress in respect of the concept of community gardens. Cllr H Hunter expressed his pleasure at another very successful "prom day" and congratulated the organisers. He reported that the "Lighting Up" Sunday would be on 19 November but expressed concern about the event in Ayr being held on the same date and causing difficulty in setting the switching on of the lights at the preferred time. He also reported on the continuing success of the Dementia Friendly Prestwick project. Cllr T Piper asked about the legality of charging

for parking in the carpark behind the closed Budgens supermarket. After lengthy discussion it was noted that the ground is not in the Council's ownership and that the present owners have apparently leased out this area to a company who are carpark operators. If in compliance with the legal aspects of operating a "paid" carpark then they can charge for parking and can levy fines on drivers who do not pay which would be enforced through the civil court system.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cllr L White reported that Prestwick North Community Council appear to have been refused the additional grant required to support the Remembrance Sunday ceremony. The Chairman confirmed that he had also received an e-mail from the Chair of PNCC concerning the matter which contained a request for financial support from PSCC. As responsibility for the administration of this event will be due to fall with this Council in 2018, this situation is of concern to us also, but before consideration could be given to any financial support the Chairman requested that the Treasurer prepare a financial statement for consideration at the next meeting.

**Planning Report:** Cllr M Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions.

**Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee:** Cllr J Riach submitted a report on the most recent meeting.

**Bruce's Well/St Ninian's Hospital Sub Committee:** The Chairman reported that discussions are ongoing with South Ayrshire Council officials with a view to receiving clearance to make the necessary planning and listed building applications.

**Correspondence:** The Secretary reported that all recent correspondence received by e-mail had been forwarded to members. She also tabled a letter from Ayrshire CND requesting that the Community Council support their concerns in respect of the transportation of nuclear materials. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the next meeting.

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

**Flooding Due to Inadequate Sewer Capacity:** Two residents from Brandon Gardens raised the continuing problem of the sewer which runs along the side of the railway which surcharges into homes located close to the sewer at times of heavy rainfall. Although this problem has been known for several years Scottish Water have still not taken steps to remedy the situation. The only development has been that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency have identified the areas concerned to be included in their flood risk map. The Chairman indicated that the Community Council would lend its support to the efforts being made to resolve this issue and in the immediate short term would seek further information in respect of the problem and the required solution.

**New Website** – Cllr N Smith reported that the draft website was now available for members to view.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 28 September 2017