

## PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting of 25 January 2018

**Welcome:** The Chairman, Meic Evans, welcomed those present and wished them a Happy New Year.

**Sederunt:** Community Councillors – M Evans, L White, J Riach, L Bowman, J Park, J Whittaker, M Dorans, T Piper, A Young and G Rae.  
South Ayrshire Councillors – Cllrs I Cochrane and M Toner.  
Community Police – PC's B Wood and C McLean.  
P-RAAF: S Brierley.

**Apologies:** Cllrs.N Smith, A Quinn, B McGowan, Provost H Moonie and SAC Cllr H Hunter.

**Police Report:** A total of 50 crime reports were raised for the Prestwick area during December and a further 51 to date in January. These figures are normal for the period. Theft from motor vehicles, in particular tools left exposed in tradesmen's vans was particularly of note, and drivers should be alert to the problem. Cllr Martin Dorans produced a news item from Dundee where they are running a trial in speeding hot spots by placing cut out model policemen to deter drivers. He asked the Police representatives if the idea could be used in Prestwick. It was agreed that Cllr Dorans contact the relevant police division in Kilmarnock. The Chairman asked if a listing of crime reports could be made available for future meetings and was advised that the Police Service Delivery Unit at Kilmarnock may be able to assist.

**Open Forum:** Mr S Brierley was asked if his organisation had made any further progress with Scottish Water following from the public meeting on 11 December. He responded to the effect that discussions were ongoing and that some of the flooding situations do not involve sewage but ground water rising during heavy rainfall events. The Chairman commented that the Community Council's response to the consultation from the Planning Department on their Main Issues Report highlights the need to resolve the drainage issues. The Chairman voiced his concern that P-RAAF seemed to be moving their focus from concentrating on a small number of streets in Prestwick with obvious problems to seeking a ban on all new development.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November were approved on the motion of Cllr T Piper seconded by Cllr A Young.

**South Ayrshire Council Report:** Cllr I Cochrane drew the attention of the meeting to the 11 February deadline for the consultation on the Council Budget for the next financial year. The Chairman asked members to e-mail any comments to him which would assist him in drafting a response on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr Cochrane also mentioned the Ayrshire Growth Deal; an award to the Ayrshire Roads Alliance for the Best Improved Roads Service in the UK; and that engineers have check the seawall after the recent storms and found it to be in a safe condition.

Cllr M Toner commented on a number of issues including lock-ups to be built in James Street; parking issues in Main Street; consultation with parents regarding the new Glenburn School; and a presentation in respect of a project from Denmark involving special cycles designed for transporting infirm people with volunteers (probably young people) providing the effort required.

Referring to the financial problems facing the Council Cllr A Young suggested that they should be looking at the sale of now unused assets such as the Prestwick reservoir.

Cllr L White commented on the congestion at Doon Avenue caused by parents dropping off and picking up pupils. She suggested that one solution might be to make this street "one way" only. Councillors agreed that they would investigate.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cllr L White gave a brief report on the current financial situation.

**Planning Report:** Cllr M Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions. He tabled a draft response to the consultation on the South Ayrshire Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report following from the informal meeting on 11 January (which had been e-mailed to all members) which he will now submit on behalf of the Community Council. As regards the vacant former CO-OP store at the Cross he reported that this is now the subject of a planning application for subdivision into four units. South Ayrshire Council had contacted the CO-OP re possible renewed interest but that is not now going to happen.

**Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee:** Cllr J Riach reported that the meeting scheduled for December was held on 10 January and was addressed by the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary, Keith Brown, who spoke extensively about the Scottish Government's intentions for the airport. The new CEO Stewart Adams also presented his first report since taking over.

**Bruce's Well:** The Chairman reported that the Sub Committee had met recently to finalise funding arrangements and the lodging of planning and listed buildings applications. He was pleased to report that GE Caledonian were supporting the project by providing free of charge new railings at the location.

**Correspondence:** The Chairman reported that all current correspondence had already been emailed to members.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 22 February 2018