

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 28 September 2017

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

Sederunt: Community Councillors – M Evans, L White, J Riach, J Park, J Whittaker, M Dorans, T Piper and G Rae.

South Ayrshire Councillors – Cllrs I Cochrane and H Hunter.

P-RAAF: S Brierley and S Wilson.

Residents: F Mullen, J Sloan, T Bath, J Hodgson, L Downie, N Cree, J Watt and E Dougall.

Apologies: Cllrs. N Smith, A Quinn, L Bowman, B McGowan and A Young, SAC Cllr M Toner.

Police Report: The Community Police were not in attendance.

Open Forum: A presentation by Belle Doyle of SWSCRIP has been postponed to the November meeting.

The two residents from Brandon Gardens who 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 at the last meeting were in attendance accompanied by another seven householders from the affected area. Sid Brierley reported that, since the previous meeting, a campaign group has been formed under the title P-RAAF (Prestwick Residents Action Against Flooding) and that they have already been in contact with South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Water, SEPA, MSP's, MP's, Government Ministers and both Prestwick Community Councils and will continue to highlight the issue on social media. After considerable discussion it was agreed that this problem, which has been in existence for at least 40 years but getting worse, can only be tackled by the Scottish Government providing Scottish Water for funding to secure the required infrastructure improvements. The Chairman, Meic Evans, agreed to draft a letter, with the agreement of the residents involved, to the Scottish Government seeking early action on this serious issue.

Evelyn Dougall raised the problem of a lack of maintenance of the trees on the grass verges in Auchincruive Avenue. Sid Brierley commented that a similar problem was affecting Southpark Avenue where the footpath is being damaged by tree roots. The SAC Councillors present noted this problem.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 31 August were approved on the motion of Cllr J Park seconded by Cllr J Whittaker.

Matters Arising:

St Cuthbert's Crescent: The Chairman reported that he has met with the concerned residents and sent the letter with their agreement to South Ayrshire Council.

CND letter re Transport of Nuclear Materials: It was agreed that the letter be noted and that individual members should respond if they wish to support the terms of the letter.

South Ayrshire Council Report: Cllr I Cochrane reported that he had received a number of complaints in relation to the railway bridge at Grangemuir Road. The Ayrshire Roads Alliance has been asked to respond to the problems raised. He advised that the beach cleaning proposals had been agreed. He also raised the possibility of Christmas lights on the street lamps at Prestwick Toll, a matter raised by the Chairman in August. It was agreed that the Community Council consider how this might be funded and that the Chairman circulate some preliminary information provided to him by Cllr Cochrane.

Cllr H Hunter commented on the continuing progress being made as regards Dementia Friendly Prestwick with a reminder that the monthly cinema show in the Community Centre is open to all. He confirmed that the "Lighting Up" Sunday would be on 19 November with the lights going on at 5pm. He also reported that the "Carer's Day" would be on 24 November at Prestwick Academy.

Cllr J Park asked if it would be appropriate for CCTV cameras to be placed in the Ayr Road area. He also asked if it could be confirmed who had installed a streetlight camera in Edmiston Avenue.

Treasurer's Report: Cllr L White reported that, after reviewing the financial situation we would be able to give Prestwick North Community Council the sum of £125 to help finance the cost of the band on Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that she would contact PNCC's Treasurer to confirm this.

Planning Report: Cllr M Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions. The prices of the new houses at the Lyons Gate development in Heathfield Road was queried by Cllr White as regards what constitutes low cost housing for sale and if the Council has a set figure for "affordability". The Chairman has asked South Ayrshire Planning for their definition of affordable housing to buy.

Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr J Riach submitted a report on the most recent meeting. The Chairman noted that the airport authorities were reviewing the Airport Master Plan and enquired as to the role of the Consultative Committee in this process.

Correspondence: The Chairman reported that he had received a copy of the Annual Report of the Prestwick History Group together with a list of their meetings over the 2017/8 period. This to be e-mailed to members.

A.O.C.B:

Use of Adamton Road Grassed Area: Cllr M Dorans queried the ban on "ball games" on the area which is used as an overflow carpark for the

Northfield Bowling Centre. He was of the opinion that this should be classed as a children's play area.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26 October 2017