

## PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting of 30 November 2017

**Welcome:** The Chairman, Meic Evans, welcomed those present making particular reference to this being St Andrews Day and thanking Alison Quinn for her efforts in organising a celebration purvey.

**Sederunt:** Community Councillors – M Evans, N Smith, A Quinn, J Riach, M Dorans, T Piper, A Young and G Rae.

South Ayrshire Councillors – Cllrs I Cochrane, H Hunter and M Toner.

Community Police – PC's C Meredith and P Douglas.

P-RAAF: S Brierley and S Wilson.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. L White, L Bowman, J Park, B McGowan, J Whittaker and Provost H Moonie.

**Police Report:** A total of 47 crimes were reported during the previous 4 weeks with 23 relating to shoplifting in retail shops and supermarkets. Other cases related to assaults, vandalism, road traffic offences, disorder, housebreaking, breach of bail, drugs, and abusive texts and calls.

**Open Forum:** Vice Chair N Smith gave a presentation in connection with a joint paper with SAC Cllr H Hunter which has been submitted to a competition run by the Scotsman newspaper. The paper headed Prestwick – Innovating for the Future has been circulated by email to members. He made specific reference to the section headed **Free Wi-Fi and A Digital Town** and outlined the vision for this concept with the main intention being the provision of free wi-fi from the airport to the Main Street. Part of this project would involve an APP providing information and services for both visitors and residents. He has been invited and will attend The Cross Party Group for Towns and Town Centres at The Scottish Parliament in Holyrood to take part in a discussion on **“Towns – More than a Retail Economy”**.

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

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Christmas Lights:** It was reported that there are no lights in storage which might have been available for use at Prestwick Toll.

**Tree Problems:** It was noted that the issues relating to trees in communal areas are being dealt with by South Ayrshire Council.

**South Ayrshire Council Report:** Cllr H Hunter commented on feedback in relation to the “Lighting Up” event which will be taken into account when planning the 2018 event. He also reported on another successful “Carers Day” and indicated that it may be moved to the summer next year.

Cllr M Toner reported that school meals can be paid “on line” with effect from January. She also advised that the seawall is showing signs of

damage which is being inspected with a view to any repairs required being put in place.

Cllr I Cochrane congratulated Prestwick Cricket Club on becoming the League Champions. He also advised that the missing speed cushion at Kingcase School is to be replaced; that complaints have been received about taxis parking at Prestwick Toll on double yellow lines and the bus stop; the consultation on 20mph speed limits; the completion of the beach regrading and a requirement for an upgraded notice board in order to comply with designation as a "Blue Flag" beach.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cochrane for his prompt response to dealing with the litter problem at the junction of Boundary Road and Heathfield Road and Cllr Hunter regarding grasscutting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cllr L White was unable to attend but the Chairman reported that there was no change from the previous meeting.

**Planning Report:** Cllr M Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions. He commented briefly on the Main Issues consultation and it was agreed that all Community Councillors meet on the 11th of January to consider the document in detail.

**Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee:** Cllr J Riach reported that the meeting scheduled for December has been delayed to January in order to accommodate a visit by the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary, Keith Brown. The Chairman asked whether the document prepared by SAC – "The Prestwick Proposition – Investing for Growth" had been considered by the Committee.

**Prestwick Business Improvement District:** Cllr G Rae reported on progress with this venture and advised that contact was being made with local businesses with a view to a ballot being held late in 2018. Cllr N Smith expressed concern that the project may not be helpful to some of the smaller independent businesses in the town. The Chairman recommended that the BID Lead Officer be invited to the February meeting of the Community Council.

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

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

**George Gemmell:** It was with sadness that the Committee was advised of the death of Mr Gemmell who had been one of those heavily involved in the beach improvement campaign.

**Kingcase School Parking:** Cllr A Quinn asked if it would be possible for parents collecting their children from the school could be permitted to use the Sainsbury's carpark. It was agreed that the Chairman make an initial approach.

**Bruce's Well:** The Chairman reported the outcome of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sub Committee. Intention is to submit planning and listed building applications early in 2018.

**Flooding from Defective Sewerage:** Mr S Brierley reported that Scottish Water would be holding a public information event in the Indoor Bowling Club on 11 December between 2.30 and 6.30pm.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 25 January 2018