

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 26 April 2018

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

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

South Ayrshire Councillor – Cllr I Cochrane

Prestwick North Community Council – P Young, J Ronney and T Wallace.

Scottish Water – D Lochhead, B Elliot, J Branagan and K Jack.

Prestwick Residents – D Bowen, M Sturgeon, S Docherty and L Docherty.

Apologies: Cllrs L White, L Bowman, B McGowan, M Dorans and A Young.
SAC Cllr H Hunter.

Open Forum: A team of Bill Elliot and three senior officers from Scottish Water attended, at their request, to brief the Community Council on the current situation since the public event at the Indoor Bowling Club. Members from Prestwick North Community Council were also present by invitation. The presentation identified the various locations within the town where problems have arisen and it was explained that the flooding was normally caused by heavy rainfall. They are currently working on the best (and affordable) methods of resolving the issues through a longer term phased approach with a range of interventions such as upsizing sewers or constructing offline storage tanks. Decisions on the type and timing of actions are still to be made with the prioritisation criteria based on frequency and consequences. The availability of a 24 hour Helpline 0800 0778778 was highlighted. The presenter indicated that the approach being developed for Prestwick was seen as a model that could be applied to other settlements in Scotland. The Chair thanked the team for the effort that they had made and asked that they return in 6 months to report progress.

A resident from Mansefield Road asked if action could be taken to stop heavy lorries using this street and commented that it has become very congested. She commented in particular that there is a sign at Crandleyhill Road which reads “not suitable for long vehicles”. It was suggested that roads in this locality be made “one way” only but it was agreed that the need for a zone wide approach so that the problems were not simply shifted from one street to another. SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane said that he would raise this issue with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

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

Matters Arising: The Chair noted that in respect of a possible Community Watch project it had been agreed at the meeting that Sgt MacDowall would provide written guidance notes via Community Cllr Martin Dorans and that the Chair would in due course open up dialogue with the other Community Councils. Cllr T Piper asked that his opposition to the proposal be recorded.

South Ayrshire Council Report: Cllr I Cochrane reported on a number of issues: New Data Protection Legislation which may affect Community Councils; (The Vice Chair will take this up with the Association of Community Councils.) Health and Social Care Strategy consultation; Local Issues Report with particular reference to the Committee looking at the provision of housing for the elderly on the Adamton Road site; Extending procurement policies to local companies; (the Chair was of the view that this is a major step forward by the Council in terms of a local economic development strategy.) work in progress on the Prestwick BID proposal (the Vice Chair indicated his concern regarding this issue.); litter problems behind the retail units at Heathfield (the Chair will check on ownership of the location.); and public concerns regarding the proposed carpark charges.

Planning Report: Cllr M Evans submitted a report on recent planning applications and decisions. He mentioned in particular the rejection of the appeal against refusal of the seafront development at Grangemuir Road. The Committee discussed possible alternatives for this location.

Bruce's Well: The Chair reported that work was now in progress on the drawings required for the planning application.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that all current correspondence had already been emailed to members. The Chair advised the meeting that a letter had been received in respect of the procedures for the AGM. Portfolio holders were reminded that their annual reports will be required for that meeting.

A.O.C.B:

Cllr J Park reported on Town Twinning and his attendance at the meeting in respect of the Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan issued by the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Cllr Tracy Wallace from Prestwick North Community Council asked if the Council would support her in getting funding for the provision of defibrillators at public locations within the town. The Council agreed to give her the support requested.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 31 May 2018