

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 29 March 2018

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

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

South Ayrshire Councillor – Cllr I Cochrane

Police Scotland – Sgt Alan MacDowall

Apologies: Cllrs L White, L Bowman, B McGowan, A Young and G Rae; Provost H Moonie and SAC Cllrs H Hunter and M Toner

Open Forum: As agreed at the previous meeting Sgt Alan McDowall from Police Scotland gave a presentation on the project Community Speed Watch which has been successfully implemented in Fife and which is under development at present in the South Carrick area of Maybole and adjacent villages such as Straiton, Kirkmichael and Crosshill. He reported that this initiative arises from the lack of police officers to adequately address speeding issues but that a visible presence can best deter offending motorists. The project requires volunteers to be trained to operate speed monitoring devices wearing high viz jackets in co-operation with the Police service and would be led and co-ordinated by one or more Community Councils. They would require to obtain funding to acquire at least one device (£2,500), have it regularly calibrated, and obtain other equipment such as notices and jackets. Offending motorists registration numbers would be passed to the Police who would issue a warning letter with a more severe action in the event of repeat offences. The Community Council agreed that this project is worthy of serious consideration and that the starting point would be to involve other adjacent Community Councils in Ayr and Prestwick.

Cllr J Riach reported that he had received a complaint from a resident in Waterloo Road regarding seriously defective street lighting. She had been invited to attend the meeting but had not appeared. Her main issue was that on complaining to South Ayrshire Council she was told that the problem lay with Scottish Power and that she should complain to them. As street lighting is a Council responsibility she did feel it inappropriate to ask residents to make contact with Scottish Power. Cllr Ian Cochrane agreed that he would take up the matter.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February were approved on the motion of Cllr M Dorans seconded by Cllr J Whittaker.

Matters Arising: The Chair requested that, as regards congestion in Doon Avenue, Ayrshire Roads Alliance report on their deliberations in respect of the issues raised. This would be done via Cllr Ian Cochrane.

South Ayrshire Council Report: Cllr I Cochrane commented on the problems being caused by the work on the gas network within the town over the next five months. He reported that the council had agreed to charge for

carparking in the Bellevue Road carpark and in the beach carparks at Grangemuir Road and Links Road. The proposed charge will be £2 for a day. The Order bringing this into effect will be made soon. The Council have decided to eliminate the use of single use plastic materials. Some litter bins have had to be scrapped due to corrosion and new bins which are designed to stop seagulls feeding on them have been ordered.

Treasurer's Report: Cllr L White in a written report advised that the current bank balance is £424.92. It was agreed that a laptop computer should be purchased for use by the secretary. The Chair and Vice Chair indicated their concern at the lack of available funding to enable the Community Council to work effectively and will draft a letter to South Ayrshire Council to this effect.

Planning Report: Cllr M Evans submitted a 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: The Chair reported that work was now in progress on the planning application.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that all current correspondence had already been emailed to members. The following items were discussed.

Bank Closures: Cllr A Quinn expressed an interest and left the meeting for this item. It was agreed that the consultation request on this issue be sent to members and that they submit their personal responses.

Dementia Friendly Training Session: It was noted that this has been postponed.

Beach Clean Up: It was noted that this project initiated by Prestwick North Community Council started on 24 March and will continue on a fortnightly basis.

A.O.C.B:

Community Council By Election: The Chair reported that there had been no applicants for the vacant positions.

Benefits Advice Service: Cllr M Dorans complained that this service run by South Ayrshire Council has to be approached by lengthy 'phone calls and was not, in his opinion, "user friendly".

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26 April 2018