

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 29 November 2018

Sederunt:

PSCC Community Councillors:

M Evans, N Smith, A Quinn, J Riach, T Piper, L Bowman, J Park

PNCC Community Councillors:

Chair Cllr Derek Hart

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs I Cochrane, H Hunter, H Moonie

Police Scotland :

PC J Dunlop

Scottish Water:

Bill Elliot, Dawn Lohead

Apologies:

L White, J Whittaker, M Dorans, G Rae, SAC Cllr M Toner, PC McLymont and PS Lyall

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the October meeting were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Park.

Matters Arising:

Correction to October Minutes – Apologies received from Mark Baker who is from SAC but not a Link Officer. It was noted that SAC Link Officer is Karen Monaghan.

Cllr Cochrane advised he was still working on the issue raised by Cllr Park about the traffic Island on Ayr Road.

Under AOCB re X77 complaints, Chair Cllr Evans noted that he had attended a Stagecoach Public meeting held in Ayr where they announced that additional buses would be deployed on the X77 route so he decided there was no need for him to send a letter as he had originally intended.

Police Report:

The Police reported that there had been an increase in drug use and additional officers would be deployed to combat this; there was a high detection rate of crime; additional patrols are taking place in the Main Street to combat an increase in youth disorder. Cllr Piper raised the issue about ongoing parking problems at the Biggart Hospital.

Hearing / Open Form:

Following up on their visit to Prestwick Community Councils in May 2018, Scottish Water (SW) Representatives Dawn Lohead and Bill Elliot gave a presentation about flooding issues in Brandon Gardens and the surrounding area. They reported that two potential solutions, a storage tank and upsizing sewers, had both been discounted by SW Senior Managers. It was decided

that the storage tank was not easy to use and there were constraints due to the proximity of the railway line; the cost of upsizing the sewers would be £5m and this would also cause huge disruption to the community. Ongoing investigation has identified 109 problem areas in Prestwick, 26 were confirmed flooding, 57 areas were visited but residents not at home. All information gathered will be discussed at the SW project team meeting on 5th December (2018). Main Road, Ladykirk Road and Salisbury Place are areas to be investigated with CCTV. There will be a meeting with a Stakeholder group, including local MP and MSP, Chairs of both PNCC & PSCC on 18th January 2019. Cllr Cochrane requested an invite as the Head of ARA. There was a discussion about the water table; the River Ayr and flooding on the footpath under the Railway Bridge; public engagement in Prestwick; SUDS and building regulations for driveways using permeable materials; the replacement of older buildings and piledriving; stakeholders share of duties and finances. SW confirmed that Prestwick is a 'Priority' area.

South Ayrshire Councillors Reports:

Cllr I Cochrane reported:

There is a Council officer who will maximise activities for the Prom and a calendar which he will send to us; he had received a phone call complaining about problems caused by travellers; flooding in Links Road; Prom Gym Equipment Annual Maintenance Cost – Kenny Dalrymple is looking into this; a new APP for Ayrshire Tourism funded by business, not public money; Meeting of PIK Airport Consultative committee discussed flooding re natural events; SAC expenses incurred by their emergency actions around Ayr's Station Hotel will be recouped by the Scottish Government; Re Cllr Piper's issue with parking on double yellow lines at/around the Biggart Hospital, evening Parking Wardens in Prestwick have proved successful; has asked questions re Secretary Cllr Quinn concerns about GDPR registration and Community Councils.

Cllr H Hunter reported:

Ongoing projects in Dementia Friendly Prestwick and the success of Community Cinema – December's film, "Elf", will be held on Friday 22nd December (2018); Christmas Lighting Up was a success although Police and ARA had concerns about the size of the crowd at 5pm; Prestwick was the runner up at the competition for the "Great British High Street". Cllr Hunter also gave his Apology in advance for the January 2019 Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: In Cllr White's absence, Cllr Evans reported that there will be deductions for costs relating to November's Remembrance Service for the Band, Order of Service and Wreaths. Cllr Quinn also advised re outstanding costs for letters and stamps for the Remembrance Ceremony; the GDPR registration – direct debit to be signed for and set up; a letter regarding Ayrshire Horizons will be passed on to Cllr White and sent by email to the Chair.

Planning Report: Cllr Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions.

Licencing Report: Cllr Bowman advised that the Licensing Forum were looking for new members, had contacted them and was awaiting their reply.

Prestwick Airport Report: Cllr Riach advised he could not make the next meeting. Cllr Park offered to attend and will go to the meeting at the control tower.

Bruce's Well: Cllr Evans advised a meeting took place on November 6th 2018. Further details to be provided by Chair on recommendation re joint venture with GE Caledonian and SAC.

Remembrance Sunday Report: Cllr Evans confirmed that approx 400 had attended and the service went well. A report will be written to update contact details and to advise on improvements for next year.

Correspondence: Cllr Quinn reported that all current correspondence had been emailed to members; had attended PNCC meeting where they had received brochures re the 'Trusted Traders' scheme and would contact them to provide more brochures for PSCC. A discussion took place re the scheme and the group were surprised that businesses on the register were not actually vetted by SAC for PVG or Disclosure Scotland.

A.O.C.B:

Due to time constraints, a discussion could not be held about the proposal of a potential merger of the two Prestwick Community Councils. Cllr Evans requested PSCC Cllrs to contact him directly, by email if possible, with their personal thoughts. Cllr Bowman asked how many councillors would there be. Vice Chair Cllr Smith confirmed that he had spoken to Linda Warwick who can give us assistance on how to do this. At the next meeting, Cllr Smith will update the group on what Linda Warwick advised.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 31st January 2019