

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of 31 January 2019

Sederunt:

PSCC Community Councillors:

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

PNCC Community Councillors:

Chair Cllr Derek Hart

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs I Cochrane and M Toner

Members of the Public

Mrs C. Scott and Mrs M. Sturgeon

Apologies:

L Bowman, M Dorans, L White, SAC Cllrs H Hunter and H Moonie

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

Police Report: No Police Report

Hearing / Open Form:

Two residents from Mansefield Road attended to bring their concerns about road traffic on Whinfield Road and Mansefield Road. This had previously been reported at an earlier PSCC meeting and they were looking for feedback from Ayrshire Road's Alliance (ARA); they reported that a serious road traffic accident had taken place at the crossroads, the road markings were poor and the speed limits confusing as they change from 20-30–20mph at Crandleyhill Road. There was a discussion about recent road traffic accidents in the area. Issues with Flooding on Mansefield Road was also brought forward, Scottish Water (SW) were called and had attended but could not identify an issue due to heavy rain. Chair Cllr Evans advised that PSCC held a recent meeting with SW and for the residents to contact SW again if flooding became an issue. SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane agreed that he would request ARA to revisit the traffic situation in the area.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed by Cllr Riach and seconded by Cllr Park.

Matters Arising:

Re the traffic Island on Ayr Road, Cllr Cochrane advised that the light was still not working; Re X77 complaints, Chairman confirmed that more buses were running and the Scotrail issues seemed to have improved but PSCC would keep monitoring the situation; Re Trusted Traders, there was a discussion and the group thought the term was misleading - Cllr Quinn to contact to obtain brochures; Re Potential merger with PNCC, Cllr Smith advised that he had not yet spoken to Linda Warwick and he would try to contact her before the next meeting.

South Ayrshire Councillors Reports:

Cllr M Toner reported:

Prestwick is a Fairtrade Town and part of the Fairtrade Zone which is renewed annually; a Big Breakfast will be held on Saturday 9th March from 10am – 12 noon at Kingcase Church Hall with school choirs, painting competition, Fairtrade products and stalls; Social Isolation Strategy – Sheltered Housing at Adamton Road South have three common rooms that can be used by any groups, poster provided for promotion; Prestwick Participatory Budgeting (PB) day on Saturday 9th March at Prestwick Academy where individuals/groups can apply for grants up to £1k; Planning appeal for the flats at Grangemuir Road was upheld; Cllr Toner left the meeting at 735pm.

Cllr I Cochrane reported:

Provost Moonie had mentioned there was sewage discharge into Prestwick Bay and Cllr Cochrane had requested the Water Quality Officer to look into this. SAC will check the quantity, SEPA charge SW. (Cllr Riach commented about the orange foamy discharge at the beach was caused by naturally arising iron deposits); Budget had been set by the Scottish Government and SAC had received an additional £1.9M; Integration Joint Board (IJB) between NHS and SAC will be settled by 28th February; the Ayrshire Growth Deal will see £100M received from Westminster - Cllr Evans said he would send out the report to inform the PSCC members about the deal; The Prestwick 'Bing' is coming back in to use – group discussion about past and potential future uses: (Cllr Hart mentioned that NATS wanted to use an area near the Bing for storage and Cllr Evans advised that the area is part of the airport's masterplan on the LDP. Cllr Smith advised we need community support to obtain Lottery Funding and Cllr Whittaker we publicise its use for dog walkers and runners etc - Cllr Evans recommended that PSCC should formally support developing the area as a community open space); there will be an event at the John Pollock Centre, which Cllr Dorans will attend; ARA are reviewing the slipways at the beach, lights at Heathfield and yellow lines outside Elliot's on Prestwick Main Street; SAC Information Open Day 27th Feb – there was a discussion re Citizens Advice Bureau in Ayr. South Ayrshire does not have one as SAC provide these services; Prestwick Bid – Cllr Cochrane asked BID Manager Donna Reid to send a brochure to Cllrs Evans and Hart, which will be discussed at next PSCC meeting.

Christmas Lights:

Cllr Hunter confirmed by email that Prestwick South will get Christmas lights this year. Focussing on the Toll, Cllr Cochrane advised there were funds left and he would check the name of this fund. There was a discussion re the flower tubs in the main street – some thought they were nice and others thought they caused problems for pedestrians, like A frames/ advertising boards.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report

Planning Report: Cllr Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions; there was a discussion about reports of litter outside the café Flakes

Licencing Report: No Licencing Report

Prestwick Airport Report: Cllr Park reported about his visit to Prestwick Airport at the control tower. More training flights will be coming into Prestwick.

Bruce's Well: Cllr Evans gave a written report about his meeting that took place on November 6th 2018, which confirmed that progress had been made in terms of managing and delivering the project in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council. As GE had, without prior consultation and via email to Cllr Evans, pulled their support for the project and had not responded to a subsequent offer of a meeting, PSCC decided that alternative options should be looked at: suggestions were using local tradespeople, fix rather than replace, write to other sources for funding/sponsorship. Cllr Quinn suggested contacting the writer/director of the recent film about Scotland's King Robert the Bruce, 'Outlaw/King' to request their support/sponsorship. Cllr Quinn will research who best to contact, details to be sent to Cllr Evans who will write a letter, if appropriate.

Prestwick Key Stakeholders Meeting: Cllr Evans reported to the group that he had attended the Prestwick Key Stakeholders Meeting at Scottish Water Offices on Friday 18th January 2019, alongside Cllrs Cochrane, MSPs and MPs; Prestwick is a testbed for SW engagement, working with communities, collecting info about the scale and areas of flooding - minutes to be distributed.

Correspondence: Cllr Quinn reported that all current correspondence had been emailed to members; Reminded all Cllrs about CC elections; re recent discussions about requirements for the PSCC Laptop, Cllr Park had suggested using a free download - an open source office style package - After short discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Quinn would install this on the PSCC laptop; Cllr Quinn to email Cllr Evans details of the Scottish Community Council Website.

A.O.C.B: Cllr Thomson advised about lamp posts on East Road & Arran Park that had been left in situ during recent upgrades; also queried the lights at Liberator Drive at Asda and who was responsible for them – Cllr Cochrane will contact the owners of the Retail Park to check; there was a general discussion about the recent Town's Competition; 20mph zones in Prestwick; Cllr Whittaker reported about ongoing issues at St Cuthbert's Crescent re a request for a road sweeper; Cllr Thomson raised school traffic and parking issues at Nursery Avenue, where vehicles are parking on double yellow lines and zig zags. It was agreed the parents be contacted via the school council, "Family Partnerships", to suggest using Sainsbury's Car Park instead. Cllr Whittaker will attend the School Council meeting on 20th February; Cllr Smith advised that the PNCC website had lapsed - there was a discussion about

merging PNCC and PSCC onto one website, which had already been agreed in principle a number of years ago. It was formally agreed that PSCC are happy for PNCC to share their website and will work towards merging information.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28th February 2019