

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 25 April 2019

Sederunt:

PSCC Community Councillors:

Chair Cllr M. Evans, Vice Chair Cllr N. Smith,
Secretary Cllr A. Quinn, Treasurer J. Whittaker, L. Bowman, M. Dorans, J. Park, T. Piper
(Co-Opted), J. Riach

PNCC Community Councillors:

Chair Cllr D. Hart, Secretary Cllr M. Milligan

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllr I. Cochrane, Cllr H. Hunter, Cllr M. Toner, Provost H. Moonie,

Police Scotland:

PC McLymont

Apologies:

PSCC Cllr R. Smith

Welcome: The Chair, Cllr Evans, welcomed those present. The AGM took place prior to the standard meeting and the current Office Bearers remained in place with the exception of Treasurer. Cllr L White resigned from PSCC and was thanked by the Chairman for her many years of service. Cllr J Whittaker was voted in as the new Treasurer.

Recording of Minutes: Cllr Evans confirmed that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy of the minute, with permission given from those present.

Sederunt / Received Apologies /Declaration of Interest: Sederunt and Apologies as above. There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

Police Report: PC McLymont reported:

Police Incidents in Prestwick in April to date:

Road Traffic Incidents:	21, 3 of which were taxis
Missing person:	2
Thefts:	13 (Shoplifting)
Anti-Social behaviour:	19
Drugs:	3
Pub Disorder:	3 (Bellrock & Main Street)

There was a discussion re taxis and the Main Street; Cllr Whittaker raised the issue about kids having access to the disused gym on the beach and Cllr Smith advised he would contact the owner to ask if he could board up the area as kids were causing a problem.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the March meeting were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Evans.

Matters Arising:

Re the new software format used by the Secretary for documents (Open Office Writer) - this had caused problems for some of the group opening the new format on their mobile devices. Cllr Quinn advised a pdf document would be issued to replace the March Draft Minutes and going forward, would instead use a pdf document.

South Ayrshire Councillors Reports:

Cllr H Moonie reported:

Leadership Panel had a review of the Community Council Scheme; Biodiversity – Not a lot of tree planting in Prestwick. Many of the 100 Millenium Oak Trees that were planted in secret locations have been vandalised and careful thought is required for where any more new trees should go. (Cllr Evans commented that he hoped there would be a biodiversity Audit in Prestwick, highlighting the need for education and a Local Development Company; Cllr Toner advised the Kingsmeadow trees survived); Cllr Moonie also discussed the Powmill Road Wildlife Site with a green urban migratory corridor - need to get more people aware of the rare plants, fish and wildlife in the listed wildlife site.

Cllr M Toner reported:

There is a tree preservation order from Monkton Road to the Main Street – The Buf had removed some trees from their beer garden, SAC are aware have since taken action and The Buf have been told to plant new trees; ASDA are promoting Prestwick made Wee Willie Winkie Sausages in their stores in England; Toilets in the Links Road are to be closed for the next 6 weeks (there was a discussion about the toilets in Links Road - Cllr Whittaker thought it unfair as Mancini Cafe had recently been refurbished & Cllr Hunter advised he had written to SAC to delay the temporary closure and after a vote, it was decided that Cllr Evans will write to SAC D Gillies to back up Cllr Hunter's letter).

Cllr I Hunter reported:

The largest number of complaints he received recently were about parking charges – any complaints about parking should be emailed to enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org (Cllr Piper felt that charging for parking simply moves the problem from one street to another and Cllr Dorans advised that K. Braidwood from ARA was looking at this as this is the same issue in Mansefield Road, where the possible solution might be to use parking permits); Cllr Hunter also reported that SAC received £1.68M for regeneration. £750k to be spent on Ayr with a possible tranche for next year. (Cllr Evans suggested finance for Bruce's Well, Cllr Smith suggested the Prestwick Putting and Cllr Cochrane warned of time constraints – Cllr Evans also shared his concerns about Biodiversity in Ayrshire and fishing boats in the bay carrying out electric shock fishing - investigation is required so would write to Marine Scotland)

Cllr I Cochrane reported:

Had received 2 letters of complaint about parking charges; The Business Improvement District (BID) will come to the Leadership Panel on the 14th May and SAC will determine the date for the Ballot; Blue Book consultation – Cllr Hart was concerned that stakeholders on the select committee were not consulted and that CCs would not be able to comment - Cllr Cochrane confirmed SAC's M Baker will visit Community Councils (CC) and will circulate the draft; TSB to open 2 days a week – discussion re banking and some ATMs, e.g. Brysons, now charging for withdrawals, perhaps writing to Prestwick's MP would help; new online process for changing signatories with Bank of Scotland had proved simple.

Treasurer's Report: As Cllr Whittaker had just been appointed Treasurer, there was no report but change of signatory requirements were discussed. A letter of resignation would be required from outgoing Treasurer L White.

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

Licencing Report: Cllr Bowman reported that Iceland, a new store in Heathfield Retail Park, had applied for a drinks licence; Licensing forum to be held on 5th June.

Prestwick Airport Report: Cllr Riach advised there was no meeting in April

Correspondence: Cllr Quinn reported that all current correspondence had been emailed to members; in addition to the AGM report submitted, Cllr Quinn added their ambition is to be a paperless CC and PSCC required a projector and up to date software to achieve this; thanked Cllr Cochrane for assistance in raising the issue about CC having to pay to register for GDPR registration as this annual charge (£40) had now been waived. CC paid up until April 2019 and payment no longer necessary although adherence to GDPR is still required.

PNCC Report:

PSCC Cllr Evans raised the issue about the state of the Mercat Cross at Prestwick Cross. There was a discussion about its history. Cllr Hart will take this up and write to ARA K Braidwood. Cllr Dorans brought the issue of the trees at Prestwick Cross causing problems at the bus stop and Cllr Hart confirmed he would contact SAC F Ross.

AOCB:

Cllr Park advised there was a new plantation of trees in Dean Park as memorials – can we ask how they do this and Cllr Evans suggested Cllr Park write to them to enquire.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30 May, 2019