

## **PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 28 March 2019**

#### **Sederunt:**

#### **PSCC Community Councillors:**

Chair Cllr M. Evans, Vice Chair Cllr N. Smith, Secretary Cllr A. Quinn,  
M. Dorans, J. Park, T. Piper, J. Riach, J. Whittaker

#### **PNCC Community Councillors:**

Chair Cllr D. Hart, Secretary Cllr M. Milligan, Cllr J. Twaddell

#### **South Ayrshire Council:**

Cllr I. Cochrane

#### **Police Scotland:**

PS D. Barlas

#### **Apologies:**

SAC Cllr M. Toner, SAC Provost Cllr H. Moonie, SAC Cllr H. Hunter, PSCC Cllr L.  
Bowman, PSCC Cllr R. Smith, Police Scotland PS J. Lyall

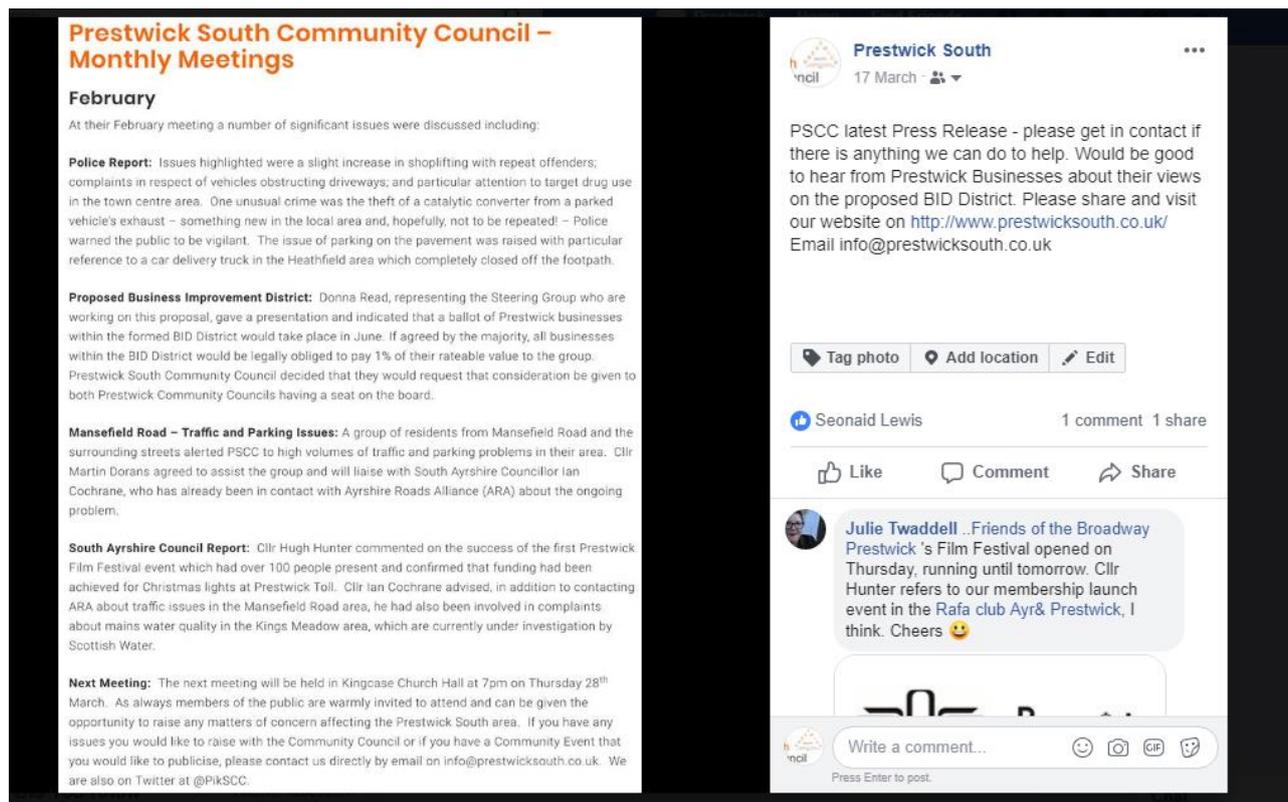
**Welcome:** The Chair, Cllr Evans, welcomed those present.

**Recording of Minutes:** Cllr Evans confirmed that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy of the minute, with permission given from those present. Cllr Park queried for how long the recording is retained: Cllr Quinn requested that the recording be kept at least until the Minute is approved. (After consideration, Cllr Quinn would like this period to be more than one month after the minutes are approved, to provide the opportunity for further feedback)

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

**Hearing / Open Form :** PNCC Cllr Twaddell attended the meeting to raise a concern that an error had been made in the PSCC Minutes published on a social media post. Secretary, Cllr Quinn confirmed that the PSCC Minutes had not been posted to Social Media but a Press Release had. Cllr Quinn also confirmed that the Minutes at the current meeting were in a 'Draft' format that would be approved at the same meeting, as per usual process; also, that only 'Approved' Minutes were uploaded to the PSCC website. Cllr Twaddell advised that she had questioned the PSCC post on Social Media but had not received a reply. Cllr Quinn advised that she had not perceived the comment as a question and apologised for any mis-understanding. There was a discussion about the differences between the Press Release, Draft and Approved Minutes. Cllr Twaddell confirmed that the Draft Minute description was indeed accurate. This issue refers to SAC Cllr Hunter's section in the February PSCC Minute, 'Prestwick Film Festival to be held 14th – 18th March'. The Social Media Press Release and post is copied below for the record and for

those without access to Facebook:



**Police Report:** PS Barlas arrived approx 730pm and reported:

PSCC will be invited to a meeting to discuss the taxi situation in Prestwick Main Street in late April.

Police Incidents in Prestwick to date:

Road Traffic Incidents: 19, 5 of which were taxis

Missing person: 1

Thefts: 14 (Shoplifting)

Anti-Social behaviour: 7 (Noise Complaints, SAC working with Police on this)

Vandalism: 2

Drugs: 2

Housebreaking: 1

Assaults: 2 (Night time economy)

Street Robbery: 1

There was a discussion re timescales and how these numbers are reported as these numbers are indicative. Further info will be provided in an annual report.

Police do not view a boundary between Prestwick North and South. PSCC confirmed the group are happy to receive statistics for Prestwick as a whole. Police Anti Social Team will be working throughout the Spring and Summer using a problem-solving approach.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

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

### **Matters Arising:**

**Re BID**, Cllr Evans confirmed email correspondence had been received by Ms Read and had been replied to.

**Re Bruce's Well**, Cllr Smith advised that he had spoken to 'Gilmours' and had looked at the site with a view to restoring the railings, as opposed to a replacement, and also tidying up the area. Cllr Evans agreed that the area could be restored and rehabilitated re Historic Scotland guidance. Cllr Evans thanked Cllr Smith for attending the site. Cllr Park suggested applying to the Common Good to access funds for the project and Cllr Evans suggested he liaise with Cllr Cochrane to look into this.

**Re Treasurer's Report**, Cllr Evans discussed the current vacancy.

**Re Town Twinning** £20 contribution, Cllr Park requested an update, which the Chair was unable to provide due to Treasurer's vacancy. Should be able to provide an update in the near future.

**Re Licensing Report**, Cllr Bowman had confirmed an update to be provided by email

**Re former Malcolm Sargent building**, Cllr Hart confirmed that McCarthy & Stone have withdrawn from the proposed development and the building is back in the ownership of Clic Sargent. Cllr Evans declared an interest and refused to comment due to Subjudicy. Cllr Piper shared his concern that the building would become Prestwick's version of Ayr's dilapidated Station Hotel.

**Re traffic issues on Mansefield Road**, Cllr Dorans reported that he had met with Mr K. Braidwood of Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) and had discussed the '20 Plenty' Scot Gov policy, which ARA suggested could be progressed in this area. The area consists mainly of three streets surrounding Mansefield Road, suggested using a 'table top' similar to the one in Crandleyhill Road. ARA will consult with the residents. Cllr Park asked for a timescale. There was a discussion about the various streets in Prestwick that required attention. ARA will be monitoring the area and will feedback to PSCC via Cllr Dorans and PNCC via Cllr Hart. Chair thanked Cllr Dorans for his work on this project.

### **South Ayrshire Councillors Reports:**

**Cllr I Cochrane** reported:

SAC is now considered as a 'Super Local Authority' due to its awards for Sustainability through various projects, including its work with the Energy Agency, the Provost's Carbon Footprint Challenge; work by local schools; Earth Hour - lights will be switched off in SAC buildings for Earth Hour and Cllr Cochrane encouraged others to take part in the international campaign; SAC pre-consultation for £1m Town Centre Fund and £72m for the Capital Fund. Prestwick Airport is on the short list as a Logistics Hub, in conjunction with its road and rail connections, for Heathrow's expansion; complaints have been received re motorists driving on the wrong side of the road on Ardfin Road. (Cllr Dorans confirmed he will also look into this. There was also a discussion re problems on Prestwick's roads and traffic lights at Heathfield Road and East Road); (Cllr Twaddell noted that beach improvements would take place the first week in April); Cllr Cochrane confirmed the SAC Capital Fund will be used to repair the beach at Newton Shore, once

the winter storms have ceased.

**Cllr M. Toner** submitted a written report by email that was read out the group by Cllr Quinn. The full report is provided below:

(1): Resurfacing works - these works are scheduled to take place commencing Sunday 24th March.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>                                      Prestwick Toll – NORTHBOUND ROAD CLOSURE FOR 1 DAY

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> East Road – ROAD CLOSURE BOTH DIRECTIONS FOR 5 DAYS FROM                                      0930-1530hrs

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>                                      Main Street – TWO-WAY TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS FOR 1 DAY

This programme is anticipated to last for 7 days but unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather could result in a delay. All adjacent residential properties have been issued the attached letters and advance warning signs will be in place ahead of works.

(2): Queen Margaret Academy – the school had a Learning and Teaching Inspection recently and got a good report. New Head Teacher has made such a difference. More work is required to develop the curriculum but signed off and no more visits are required.

(3): New bin system – Bins are being stolen from addresses in Mossbank. At least 30 have been trashed and taken to the bing and set fire to. This is very upsetting for residents but the fence is to be repaired in order to deter this happening.

(4): Police Station & social work offices, Main Street – Tender should be completed by April with work hopefully starting at the end of the year with the new build. There will be full consultation with residents and the Community Councils.

(5): Ayrshire Growth Deal – the document has now been signed by the 3 Ayrshire councils to achieve full implementation of the Ayrshire Growth Deal. This will deliver £80m of targeted investment in infrastructure and projects to support the continued growth of the Scottish Aerospace industry.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's Report – See Matters Arising

**Planning Report:** Cllr Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions; Cllr Evans declared an interest in one application 124 Ayr Road and therefore did not discuss this proposal. SAC Planning Department had not published a list of consents due to an internal email system issue.

**Licencing Report:** No Licencing Report – See Matters Arising

**Prestwick Airport Report:** Cllr Riach advised he had attended the latest meeting where

the Chief Exec had reported the Airport was unlikely to increase passenger traffic but would focus on Military and logistics; new service from Cargolux on 18<sup>th</sup> March to Houston; major military operation to take place from Lossiemouth to Prestwick with anti submarine aircraft; Land to be sold outwith the perimeter; investment in the food and beverage area to take place in the winter; new radar system launched; New PIK Airport group to be formed and Vice Chair Cllr Smith confirmed he was keen to be involved; Cllr Cochrane confirmed he had emailed the Airport Plan

**AGM Requirements:** Chair Cllr Evans confirmed the AGM would take place in April for the first time and requested all portfolio holders to submit a report to the Chair as soon as possible, before the third week in April.

**Correspondence:** Cllr Quinn reported that all current correspondence had been emailed to members; Discussed CC elections, new member Cllr R. Smith had been contacted by letter; confirmed the AGM need not take place in April, as advised by SAC; An invoice for the hire of the church hall had been passed to the Secretary by Cllr Bowman and this had been posted to SAC Communities; GDPR Registration had been delayed by Direct Debit Issue and this had been resolved.

**A.O.C.B:**

**East Ayrshire Council (EAC) Local Development Plan 2 – Placemaking:** Cllr Evans questioned if 'we might go down this route?'; the document has Community Plans for areas outwith the Kilmarnock area and tackles social and economic issues. It is in Cllr Evans opinion, pioneering and predicted it may be the shape of things to come. Cllr Evans will circulate this to the group.

**PNCC Report:** PNCC Chair Cllr Hart will attend the meeting in Ayr Town Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April to take part in the discussion for the future of the Town. Cllrs Milligan, Park and Smith will also attend.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 25th April, 2019