

PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 30th May 2019

Sederunt:

PSCC Community Councillors:

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

PNCC Community Councillors:

Chair Cllr D. Hart,

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllr I. Cochrane, Cllr H. Hunter,

Police Scotland:

PC McLymont

Apologies:

PSCC Cllr M. Dorans, PNCC Secretary Cllr M. Milligan, SAC Cllr M. Toner, Provost H. Moonie

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.

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

Police Report: PC McLymont reported:

- PS Lyall is leaving and will be replaced by PS Dean Barlas.
- There is a new Chief Inspector, Brian Anderson
- PC McLymont reported that there had been complaints re vandalism and he had concerns about injuries on the site of the former gym at Grangemuir Road. Cllr N. Smith advised he had checked the site (re previous complaints), could not see any openings as it looked like repairs had been completed, but would provide contact details for the developer to the Police. Cllr Quinn to send these by email to PC McLymont.
- A major theft was reported when decking was stolen from a builders merchants' yard to the value of £4k.

Questions asked by PSCC were:

- Is a 3 point turn on the Main Street against the law? - No
- Taxi issues on the Main Street poss 15 in a row
- The position of the Taxi Office is not ideal
- Is there a Taxi Marshall?
- Is the Taxi meeting still on? - Mid June, date to be confirmed

- PSCC had heard a child had been knocked down on the Main Street? - the child suffered a minor injury
- PSCC had heard there was a heroin seizure at Prestwick Airport? - Confirmed that the traffic police had stopped a car without road tax outside the airport and discovered the drugs.
- Do we have sniffer dogs? - Yes

Police Incidents in Prestwick in May to date:

Road Traffic Incidents:	32 (7 relating to taxis)
Disorder:	11
Breach of the Peace:	11
Assaults:	05
Thefts:	21 (Including shoplifting, mainly in ASDA)
Vandalism:	09

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the April meeting were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Whittaker.

Matters Arising:

Re May AGM, The Planning & Licensing positions were omitted from voting at the AGM. Cllr Evans and Cllr Bowman were proposed by Cllr Quinn and seconded by Cllr N. Smith for Planning and Licensing respectively.

Re Biodiversity Audit, Cllr Evans advised he would circulate the information by email.

Re Prestwick BID, Leadership Panel the 14th May, SAC Cllr Cochrane advised the meeting did not take place.

Re Treasurer's Report, SAC Cllr Hunter raised the issue of Ayrshire Horizons and that PSCC may be able to claim funds from the Administrators. Cllr Whittaker will check re Bruce's Well and Cllr Quinn confirmed a letter had been received from the Administrator that had been circulated to Chair and former Treasurer, Cllr White. Cllr Quinn to check for email & attachment to re-circulate.

South Ayrshire Councillors Reports:

Cllr I Cochrane reported:

Donations to the Chernobyl Collection could be made at Council Offices until 21st June; recent teachers negotiation resulted in another two inservice days on 3rd April and 24th September; the 'Best Start Grant' is now available for some expectant mothers and newborns, to find out more go to the Scottish Government website www.gov.scot/beststart SAC won an award for their work at the Station Road Hotel making it safe for the public and trains; there is a £9M Road Improvement Grant.

Cllr H. Hunter reported:

Dementia Friendly Prestwick events for Dementia Awareness Week beginning 3rd June; attended the opening of the Dementia Friendly Hotel Room at the Carlton Hotel (Cllr Evans asked why PSCC had not been invited to come along?) Prestwick Prom will be held on Saturday 3rd August: Carers Day is at Prestwick Academy on Friday 4th October; there

is a Memory Cafe at Kingcase Primary; Carer's Academy at Kilmarnock by Susan Holland; The Christmas Lights will be lit up on Sunday 24th November (Cllr N. Smith advised he was in discussion with an events group to bring a fun carnival to Prestwick South and would approach Sainsbury's as a potential venue); toilet and car park charges were discussed.

SAC Q & A:

BID District:

Cllr N. Smith asked the SAC Cllrs about an issue that had been raised about the boundaries for the proposed BID District as there had been an accusation on Facebook (FB) saying that the boundaries were 'rigged'. There was a discussion about the process and Cllr Cochrane advised that although he was the SAC representative on the BID Steering Group, he had not been invited to all of their meetings. Cllr Hunter advised this was just FB. Cllr Evans asked what we could do as PSCC? It was suggested that Cllr N. Smith reply on FB and ask for more information.

Lamp Post in East Road:

Cllr Piper raised the issue again that there is a damaged lamp post causing an obstruction on the path at East Road. Cllr Cochrane will look at this.

Treasurer's Report:

Cllr Whittaker reported that a letter had been submitted to the Bank to change signatories; had applied for the SAC Grant on the 9th May; there was a discussion about the PSCC Insurance and concerns that there were not enough funds to pay for it. Cllr Quinn confirmed the insurance company, Zurich had agreed to provide cover while we sort out the finances. Cllr Whittaker will chase up the Grant Payment with SAC.

Planning Report:

Cllr Evans submitted a written report on recent planning applications and decisions; there was a refusal for signage at Wren's Kitchens at Heathfield Retail Park.

Licencing Report:

Cllr Bowman reported a quiet month; reminder that the application for Iceland drinks licence was open for comment until 7th June; Cllr Bowman will attend the Licensing forum on Wednesday 5th June.

Prestwick Airport Report:

Cllr Riach reported about the recent meeting where the CAA Noise Report was discussed and the general consensus about Prestwick's residents via social media is that the busier the Airport is, the happier we are; discussion about military use of the airport and social media comments about engine noise at night time;

Cllr Riach suggested that Cllr R. Smith to join the PIK Airport Committee and Cllr R. Smith was formally appointed by PSCC to be their Representative. Cllr Quinn to write to Nigel Wallace, the Secretary of the Pik Airport Committee to advise of the change.

Bruce's Well:

Re recent email correspondence, Cllr N. Smith confirmed he had met with a company to fix/replace the fence by sandblasting and all that was needed was the money. Cllr N. Smith confirmed that photographs showed that the fence had undergone refurbishment before. Cllr Bowman asked where do SAC sit on this. Cllr Evans said he was glad that Cllr N. Smith had done this but wanted confirmation of the position from SAC that the fence could be repaired/replaced as in the past, some from SAC had said it could be replaced, others had said refurbished. GE said they would replace the fence, then pulled their support just as SAC had agreed the replacement.

Ayrshire Community Councils Meeting:

Cllr N. Smith told the group about a great meeting that took place in Saltcoats he attended with PSCC Cllr J. Park, PNCC Cllrs Hart & Millgan. It was a Pan Ayrshire meeting for Community Councillors and the Ayrshire Growth deal was discussed. Overall, there was a poor turnout from South Ayrshire 6 councillors.. Cllr N. Smith said he was awaiting the presentations and would distribute these when he received them. Cllr Evans noted that this was an admirable concept for Pan Ayrshire and if there would be another meeting. Cllr N. Smith advised it would be next year and there is interest from other areas.

Correspondence: Cllr Quinn reported that all current correspondence had been emailed to members; emails from Zurich Insurance as referred to earlier in Treasurer's Report; Prestwick's Going Out Press Release and Publishing dates; meeting attended with PNCC Cllrs D. Hart, M. Milligan, SAC L Warwick & K Monaghan about potential merger for Prestwick's two Community Councils into the one. SAC asked CC to go back to their respective councillors to gauge opinion. At the meeting, Cllr N. Smith had suggested a joint Community Council Meeting to share some reports and PNCC had obtained consensus from their group to trial and had suggested August. Some PSCC Cllrs requested further information about the meeting and delayed voting on the joint meeting until further info provided. Cllr Evans noted that he had previously chaired Pik CC meetings when they were one CC and mentioned 'democratic accountability' and requested a formal minute from the meeting with SAC, although no formal minute was taken; Cllr R. Smith commented on changing the type of Reports that should/could be provided by Police; Requested permission from Cllr R. Smith to add to the PSCC info@ email address, which was granted; printed forms for co-opted Cllr Piper that were signed by Cllr Piper and submitted to SAC by Cllr N. Smith; discussed Prom Parade request and confirmed PSCC had no objections.

AOCB:

Cllr Whittaker confirmed attendance at the meeting for Kingcase School's Family Partnership and reported on their fund raising success from their many events, raising £10k, £2k to be spent on lights; a new play park is currently being arranged; their chair is retiring this year; to date, Kingcase new intake will be 58 new pupils;

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27 June, 2019