

# PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 29th August 2019

### **Sederunt:**

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

Vice Chair Cllr N. Smith, Secretary Cllr A. Quinn, Treasurer Cllr J. Whittaker, Cllrs M. Dorans, T. Piper (Co-Opted), J. Riach, B. Smith

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

PNCC Secretary Cllr M. Milligan

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

Cllr I. Cochrane

#### **Police Scotland:**

PC Coulter

#### **Apologies:**

Chair Cllr M. Evans, PSCC Cllrs L. Bowman & J. Park, PNCC Chair Cllr D. Hart, PS D. Barlas, SAC Cllrs H. Hunter, Provost H. Moonie & Cllr M. Toner

**Welcome:** The Chair, Cllr N. Smith welcomed those present

**Recording of Minutes:** Cllr N. Smith 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. The meeting was quorate.

The meeting took place in the larger hall of Kingcase Church and Chair Cllr N. Smith brought a projector, where the group successfully achieved their aim of a 'paperless meeting'. The Agenda, Minutes, Website and Presentations were displayed by projector.

**Police Report:** P Coulter reported:

- Disorder reported at Prestwick 'Bing'
- Traffic issues and Speed checks at Glenburn School, working with the street
- Prest Prom was a good day, no issues to report
- The Prestwick Locality Team is down to two Police Officers from four
- Prestwick has been nominated for High Street of the Year
- Young children had broken into the playground and damaged equipment at Kingcase Nursery and had been caught on CCTV

There was a discussion about traffic issues around schools, East Road and AdamtonRoad. Cllr M. Dorans had previously suggested using 'Pop Up Policeman' as a deterrent to speeding traffic and reminded the group about a previous request to be trained in the use of speed guns. A formal request was made to PC Coulter to look into

this on our behalf with Community Speedwatch.

Cllr N. Smith had attended the PNCC meeting on Tuesday 27th August and read out the statistics that had been provided there:

- Assaults - 9, all in the evening
- Disturbances in Public Houses - 10
- Case submitted to Procurator Fiscal re an incident at the Prest Fest
- Drugs - 10
- Domestic Incidents - 18
- Road Safety Incidents - 53
- Public Nuisance - 77

Questions asked/Issues raised by CCs were:

- Police members down to two? Will these two vacancies be filled?  
This is the Locality Team only and not the Response Team which is completely different and is covered by a larger amount of Officers. Not confirmed if the spaces in the Locality team will be re-filled.
- A Cllr reported they had caught an individual setting fire to the bushes at the Oval, extinguished it themselves and called 101 to report the individual who started it. No feedback had been provided

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the June meeting were proposed by Cllr Piper and seconded by Cllr Whittaker..

### **Matters Arising:**

**Re Prestwick Airport Report**, Cllr B. Smith highlighted a correction to the Draft minute which has been corrected.

**Re Christmas Lights**, Cllr N. Smith informed the group that he had made an official request by email and telephone to SAC about the Christmas Lights allocation to Prestwick South and was told that the money had already been allocated to the PBA for the whole town. The PSCC Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction. Cllr N. Smith has now made a Freedom of Information Request (FOI) to SAC about funding allocated to the PBA and evidence of expenditure for the Christmas lights events over the years.

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

**Cllr I Cochrane** reported:

- there will be a family fun day at the Citadel in Ayr on Saturday 14th Sept, 11am - 4pm with Park and Ride
- The Childrens Panel are looking for four new members, deadline is 10th September
- Electoral Registration - Letters are being distributed by the AVGB to ensure all household members are registered to vote - go online if you have not received a

letter

- Best Start Food Payment - low income families can call 0800 182 2222 to see if they are eligible for funding
- Prestwick Former Police Station will be demolished when Scottish Power have disconnected the power.
- Scottish Water Stakeholder meeting will take place on ...

### **SAC Q & A:**

#### **Lamp post on East Road for SAC Cllr Cochrane:**

Cllr Piper reminded Cllr Cochrane about the lamp post on East Road.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Cllr Whittaker reported that the signatory issue with the bank seems to be sorted and had some forms for the Secretary to sign. Current balance is £751.23.

#### **Planning Report:**

Although Cllr Evans was absent from the meeting, he had prepared his usual report in advance, which had been circulated to the group. Cllr N. Smith asked if there were any questions for Cllr Evans regarding planning. There was a discussion about supermarkets and the impact on the local economy.

#### **Prestwick Airport Report:**

Cllr B. Smith will attend the next meeting on 17th September and will check if the information can be published.

#### **Correspondence: Cllr Quinn reported:**

That all current correspondence had been emailed to members; discussion about emails from subscription sites; it was agreed by the group that PNCC Cllrs D Hart and M. Milligan could be added to the email info@ distribution list; attended Prestwick Promenade Celebrations - Prest Prom, as a volunteer and it had been a great success, bringing approx 10k people into Prestwick over the course of the day; thanks given to Cllr Whittaker and PNCC Cllr Milligan for running the Prestwick Community Councils Stall on the Prest Prom day and for completing 46 questionnaires that were prepared by Cllr Milligan. Cllr Quinn prepared an Excel Spreadsheet and presented the results to the group. The questionnaire had been intended for members of the public, although it was noted that approx three were completed by Community Councillors on the day.

#### **AOCB:**

##### **Maybole Regeneration Project**

SAC Cllr Cochrane informed the group about the Leadership Panel with regard to the Maybole Regeneration Project, which had raised £8m in grants. Historic Scotland pulled their £314k funding. As the project was dependant on this £314k, its withdrawal would have jeopardised the entire project. SAC decided to give the £314k from the £1m town

centre fund, to the project so that the Maybole Regeneration Project would not lose its other funding.

### **Prestwick Community Development Trust**

Cllr N. Smith gave the group an update about the formation of a Community Development Trust and requested Cllr Milligan to discuss this with PNCC.

### **Joint Facebook & Twitter**

In the interests of engaging more effectively with the Public, Cllr N. Smith proposed merging the Twitter and Facebook pages of Prestwick North & South, which was agreed to by the group. In addition to better community engagement, Cllr Quinn supported the merging of the social media pages for clarity on the joint website, which contains only the links to PSCC FB & Twitter.

### **What's App Group**

Cllr N. Smith proposed setting up a 'Whats App' group and all present agreed to this. Cllr N. Smith will help anyone who needs further support to access it.

### **Re Merger of PNCC & PSCC to form One Prestwick Community Council,**

Cllr N. Smith asked the group about their feelings on a merger, given the now extensive discussions that had taken place over the last year, the joint press release in the last two month's Prestwicks Going Out and the Public Consultation that had taken place at the Prest Prom, which provided feedback giving a huge majority in favour of One Prestwick Community Council. (from 46, 33 said yes, 4 said no and 9 had no opinion). The group felt the current set up is 'antiquated'. A formal vote was proposed by Cllr N. Smith and was seconded by Cllr Quinn to merge/re-establish both PNCC & PSCC into the one Prestwick Community Council. A formal vote was taken of the seven PSCC Councillors present, who voted unanimously in favour of a merger. Cllr B. Smith asked if we could write to the CEO of SAC to ask formally to take action and arrange the merger as soon as possible. It was also voted and agreed unanimously to continue the monthly joint press release with PNCC going forward.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> Kingcase Church Hall**