

PRESTWICK NORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick on Tuesday 24th September 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.00hrs

Present:

Community Councillors:

Derek Hart, Chair: John Wallace, Vice Chair: Margaret Milligan, Secretary:
Shirley Harris, Treasurer: Al Priestnall: Jim Ronney: Patricia Young: Julie Twaddell:
Theresa Sander: John Wallace: Tracy Wallace:

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Margaret Toner: Provost Helen Moonie:
Linda Warwick, Liaison Officer: Craig Ross, Schools Liaison:

Police Scotland:

Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:

Prestwick South Community Council:

Norrie Smith, Vice Chair:

In Attendance:

Residents: I Ferguson: M Ferguson: J Morris: J & R Taylor (65 Club)

1. Apologies, Minutes of last meeting, and matters arising:

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting by congratulating Julie Twaddell on being awarded Volunteer of the Year for her work with Dementia Friendly Prestwick, by Paths for All.
 - 1.2. No apologies, or declarations of interest with any agenda items, and no objections to the minutes being recorded.
 - 1.3. Cllr. Hunter advised he had contacted Kevin Braidwood regarding potholes and pavement problems, and was awaiting a response.
 - 1.4. Lengthy response on LED lighting, indicating they functioned as they were supposed to do. It was agreed this could be discussed further.
 - 1.5. The treasurer thanked those who had made donations for the purchase of the wreaths for the Remembrance Service.
- The minutes were proposed by John Wallace and seconded by Theresa Sander.

2. Police Report:

2.1. PS Barlas delivered the following report:

Violence/Disorder/ASB. 20 calls mainly youth disorders in evening, noting vandalism in Boydfield Gardens; police have identified culprits for damage to community garden. Sexual assault, arrest made.

Alcohol and Drugs. Small number of drug possessions.

People at Risk: Less than 10 missing persons, no hate crimes. Less than 10 domestics and less than 5 child protection issues.

Road Safety: 5 traffic accidents, none serious.

Acquisitive Crimes: No robberies, housebreakings, vehicle or door step crimes. Less than 5 shoplifting.

3. Schools Report:

3.1. Craig Ross thanked PNCC for kindly donating medals for the Academy prize giving, with a thank you letter being distributed. Thanks were also given to the Vice Chair for attending the prize giving and presenting the medals.

3.2. Lengthy discussion held regarding the recent vandalism of the community garden in Boydfield Gardens. The Police had identified the culprits via CCTV, noting a pupil was amongst them; parents of pupil had apologised profusely and had disciplined said pupil. All culprits to assist in restoring the damage.

3.3. The Chair reminded all of the letter received previously from Mr Ronald Hughson, a former resident of Prestwick, whose family wished to donate a large silver Quaich to PNCC. The Quaich had been presented to Mr Hughson's great grandfather, Alfred James Cochrane, (a former provost of Prestwick) and his wife Elizabeth on their Golden Wedding by the Town Council. It was always the family's intention for the Quaich to be returned as a gift, and used as a trophy for school or other event. After contact with Mr Hughson, it was agreed the Quaich would be presented annually by Prestwick Academy for a highest achiever award. Craig Ross thanked PNCC and especially Mr Hughson and family for this extremely generous gesture.

4. Public Forum:

4.1. Member of public complained about the street lighting in Midton Road, advising it cast shadows whereby people unable to see clearly, especially where there are footpaths. Discussion followed on this and street lighting in general; item to be placed on October agenda. The Chair agreed to contact Roads Alliance to invite Kevin Braidwood or representative to attend PNCC meeting to discuss the issues.

4.2. The Chair advised the broken lamp post on East Road required specialist repairs, and as contractors not willing to travel from England, Roads Alliance will have to make the repairs.

5. South Ayrshire Council Reports/Link Officer Update:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- Great British High Street competition voting open until 7/11/19 and all encouraged to keep voting for Prestwick.
- Transport Survey to be submitted by SAC.
- Consultation with SPT on concessionary travel. Needs to incorporate as wide a range of people as possible.
- SAC has given grant to Food Bank to assist with shortages.
- Library has a fines amnesty from 2- 31/09/19.

Provost Helen Moonie:

- SAC have been gifted a large bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi which will be located in the Town Hall.

Cllr. Margaret Toner:

- Dementia Friendly Prestwick nominated for Community Star award.
- Outstanding peoples' award to be held in November.
- Attended airport apprenticeship community challenge,

- Enquired if any progress with the Cycle Stands. The Chair advised sites had been identified and put forward; the stands had been purchased, but still awaiting installation.

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Apologised for giving incorrect date for Prestwick Christmas Lighting up at last meeting. Correct date is Sunday 24th November 2019.
- Civic reception held for Town Twinning.
- Workshop held regarding the new campus to be situated at Glenburn Primary.
- Judges for the Great British High Street had visited Prestwick, and seemed very impressed with all Prestwick had to offer.
- West Coast Foods at Prestwick Cross, now make deliveries to America and parts of France.

Linda Warwick, Link Officer:

- Next phase for Community Council guide 'blue book' is October.
- A full and lengthy discussion was held regarding the joining of PNCC and PSCC to become one. The Link Officer advised it was not a merger, and if both PNCC and PSCC voted to become one, they must disband and a new community council formed. A form of discussion should be held with the public, and 20 signatures would be required to support proposal.

The feedback from the Joint Prom stall was distributed, noting the public, when questioned, felt there should be one community council.

PSCC had voted unanimously for a joint community council at their August meeting, and although PNCC had indicated at a previous meeting they were in agreement, a formal vote would be required.

An e-mail was discussed which had been sent to some community councillors but not all, which contained incorrect information about joining the two community councils. It was noted that the e-mail was considered contentious, and should possibly be discussed at a separate meeting.

The Chair called for an extraordinary meeting to discuss combining PNCC and PSCC, which would be held on Tuesday 8th October at 19.15hrs in the 65 Club. PSCC would be invited to attend the first half of the meeting, and PNCC would then hold a vote in the second half.

6. Feedback from Joint Prom Stall questionnaire/consultation:

Covered in Item 5.

7. Correspondence:

7.1. Some correspondence had already been distributed, and it was agreed that future correspondence would be issued prior to meetings where possible.

8. Regular updates:

8.1. **Licensing:** SAC granted extension to weekend hours for Taj. The Vics & Vine wished to sell beer from 10.00am. Golf Club allowed extended licensing hours for

Members and Guest event on 6/10/19. It was noted that the Tavern was owned by the same company who owned 7 Saints.

9. A.O.C.B:

9.1. The Treasurer advised the war memorial at Prestwick Cross was highly commended at the recent Royal British Legion Scotland awards for Best War Memorial.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.10hrs.

9. Date of Next meeting:

Tuesday 29th October 2019, at 19.00hrs in the 65 Club, Main Street Prestwick.