

PRESTWICK NORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick on Tuesday 25th June 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.00hrs

Present:

Community Councillors:

Derek Hart, Chair: Margaret Milligan, Secretary: Shirley Harris, Treasurer:
Patricia Young: Al Priestnall: Jim Ronney: Julie Twaddell:

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Margaret Toner: Linda Warwick, Link Officer:

Police Scotland:

Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:

Prestwick South Community Council:

Norrie Smith, Vice Chair: Bob Smith, Airport Contact:

In Attendance:

J & R Taylor, 65 Club:

Residents: E Ferguson: J Gibson: C Maclsaac: R Bramwell: M Lochrie:

J Todd: S Brierley: S Wilson: B Neeson:

Apologies:

PNCC: C/Cllr Theresa Sander:

SAC: Provost Helen Moonie: Craig Ross, Schools Liaison Officer:

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

1.1. Apologies as listed above. There were no declarations of interest with any agenda items, and no objections to the minutes being recorded.

1.2. Amendments to previous minutes: - The Secretary apologised for recording John and Ruby Taylor as attendees, when they were on holiday; Point 3.4. should read Craig Ross not Crag.

The minutes were proposed by Shirley Harris and seconded by Derek Hart.

2. Police Report:

2.1. Sgt Dean Barlas advised due to recent restructure he was now the Police representative for Community Council meetings; new Chief Inspector is Brian Anderson. No statistics provided for this meeting, as there will be a different reporting format.

2.2. Concerns raised on parking and speeding; monitoring of these issues ongoing.

2.3. Request for Police to monitor Hunter Street at weekends, due to recent anti-social behaviour by revellers'.

3. Schools Report:

3.1. The Chair advised that he and the Secretary had attended a workshop regarding the joint campus for Glenburn and St. Ninian's schools, which will be located at Glenburn.

3.2. C/Cllr. Ronney expressed disappointment that no medals had been donated to primary schools from PNCC this year. The Secretary agreed to liaise with schools for next year.

4. Public Forum:

4.1. The Chair gave an update following the meeting with Mr Stuart Wilson and Cllr. Ian Cochrane regarding the purchase of property by Scottish Water (SW) in Brandon Gardens. SW have advised they wish to put table tops on several roads including St. Nicholas and Brandon Gardens. This however might direct more sewage to Grangemuir Road, noting that the sewage pipes are currently not adequate.

Mr Brierley confirmed SW capital project had been signed off for further investigation. Discussion followed regarding SW and the ongoing problems, noting it could cause possible health hazards, and required major investment.

4.2. Concerns raised about disturbances in Hunter Street resulting from Revellers leaving Vics and the Vine (formerly Elliot's) in the early hours. Parking in Hunter Street also becoming a problem for residents even though they have parking permits. Lengthy discussion on parking ensued, noting the issues were ongoing, and needed addressed. Further roads/parking survey being conducted in September.

4.3. Member of public raised concerns regarding problems with the commercial waste bin from Flakes Retail premises in St Quivox Road. The bin is currently housed in the old Seditas yard behind the vet's surgery in Hunter Street, and as there is no direct access to the yard for any of the shops in St Quivox Road, Flakes have to carry their rubbish bags round to the yard to dispose of them. If the gates to the yard are locked, they then toss the bags into the yard where they are a target for the seagulls and other vermin, thus becoming a health hazard. For the bin to be uplifted, it needs to be wheeled out beside the vets, where it is sometimes left for days on end, and is often overflowing. The owners of Flakes have been approached about this, but to no avail, and it is not known who owns the yard. It was queried why planning permission was ever given for the retail premises in St Quivox Road when there is no rear access, thereby having a commercial waste bin situated among residential properties.

Action point: Secretary to write to Environmental Health to investigate.

5. South Ayrshire Council Reports/Link Officer Update:

Cllr. Margaret Toner:

- Height of trees a concern, but SAC not keen to cut back unless a real problem.
- Parking charges at Bellevue Road referred to Leadership Panel in September.

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Confirmed proposed parking charges still an issue.
- Social Isolation Strategy launched by Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is out for consultation.
- Cycling without age scheme up and running.
- Dementia Friendly promenade discussed, noting some funding had been received from Paths for All. An exciting project.
- Putting Plus up and running.
- First community defibrillator now located outside 65 Club.
- Local Development Plan consultation starts September.

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- BID agreed at Leadership Panel.
- Eyes Open Campaign for children at risk during school holidays, started 25th June.
- Prestwick Academy won South Ayrshire Schools Championship

- Problem with lamp standard at East Road being addressed.

The Chair asked if SAC Councillors knew what had happened to the PNCC noticeboard previously located on Mancinis wall prior to their refurbishment. It was noted SAC had indicated they would also install a new public noticeboard on the Esplanade, and this had been discussed at Prestwick Business Association (PBA) on 24th June.

Linda Warwick, Link Officer:

- First phase community councils blue book ends 26th June, next phase October.

6. Correspondence:

6.1. E- mail received from member of public regarding proposal for an additional controlled crossing at junction of St. Quivox Road and Main Street, due to difficulties in pedestrians trying to cross. SAC confirmed they felt there was no requirement for this, however Ayrshire Roads (ARA) suggested the matter be brought before PNCC and SAC elected members for discussion, then referred back to them.

Action Point: PNCC and PSCC to ask for local opinions on their shared website: www.prestwickcommunitycouncils.co.uk. and also on their Facebook.

7. Regular updates:

Airport: Bob Smith, PSCC, confirmed he would be attending both PNCC and PSCC meetings as Airport contact, giving the following update:

The Scottish Government had put Prestwick Airport up for sale, with the proviso it would only be sold as an ongoing aviation business. Ryanair currently the only passenger airline, but freight business still steady. The airport continues to be open to military flights all year round, predominantly for refueling. Some damage to the main runway being repaired.

8. A.O.C.B:

8.1. C/Cllr. Ronney advised that the Old Malcolm Sargent House building had been sold to an American gentleman, but no other details known.

8.2. Prestwick beach again awarded clean beach flag.

8.3. The Treasurer advised current balance PNCC funds was £678.00, however at least £350.00 would be used to pay for the Remembrance Service this year. The Chair advised he had spoken with Communities Scotland regarding community council grants, and hoped these grants would be increased by SAC after discussion. The Link Officer enquired what couldn't be carried out because of financial constraints.

8.4. The Chair confirmed that South Ayrshire Paths Initiative were now looking at suggested locations for the cycle racks, (Boydfield Gardens, end of Gardiner Street, Post Office), and would advise result in due course. The Oval was discounted as being too far away from Main Street.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.05hrs.

9. Date of Next meeting:

Tuesday 27th August 2019, at 19.00hrs in the 65 Club, Main Street Prestwick.

There is no meeting held in July.

