

**Minutes of the meeting held at the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick  
on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The meeting commenced at 19.00hrs

**Present:**

**Community Councillors:**

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

**South Ayrshire Council:**

Cllrs. Hugh Hunter: Margaret Toner:  
Linda Warwick, Liaison Officer: Craig Ross, Schools Liaison:

**Police Scotland:**

Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:

**Prestwick South Community Council:**

Norrie Smith, Chair: Bob Smith, Airport Contact:

**In Attendance:**

Residents: I Ferguson: T Halpin: V Mijatovic: E Ferguson: J & R Taylor (65 Club)

**Apologies:**

C/Cllrs. John and Tracy Wallace, Julie Twaddell: SAC. Cllr. Ian Cochrane.

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

**1.1.** The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all, and apologies were noted as above.

**1.2.** There were no declarations of interest with any agenda items, and no objections to the minutes being recorded.

The minutes were proposed by Patricia Young and seconded by Jim Ronney.

**2. Police Report:**

**2.1.** PS Barlas advised all community councils would now receive the same report.

**Violence/Disorder/ASB:** Approximately 20 calls of youth disorder, including eggs and stones being thrown, notably Oval area, although widespread. About 15 other calls usually involving alcohol.

**Alcohol and Drugs:** There is ongoing work regarding substance misuse across Prestwick, but no significant seizures in the last month.

**People at Risk:** Although local officers have been engaged with normal but considerable number of these types of incidents over last month, there is no identified patterns of concern, and no hate crimes.

**Road Safety:** About 15 accidents, some minor hit and runs. 3 where suspicion of driving under influence, and there have been persons charged and reports to the PF.

**Acquisitive Crimes:** Around 10 reports, mostly shoplifting. 1 attempted break in; ongoing issue at Kingcase Primary School with youths; unsuccessful bogus caller in sheltered housing complex.

Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cross is at 12.30hrs on 10 /11/2019; Prestwick Parade and lights switch on Sunday 24/11/2019. Speeding on Adamton Road again discussed, asking if speed traps could be incorporated in Police checks and plans. Update to fire damage to children's' outdoor equipment requested; **Sgt. Barlas to look into this.** Report of

possible prowlers in Newdykes Road will be investigated. New transport bill prohibits vehicles parking on pavements, however it is unclear whether SAC or the Police will enforce this.

### **3. Schools Report:**

**3.1.** Work ongoing with Police regarding youth disturbances, and work will be carried out on 30/10/19 to repair damage to Boydfield Community Garden in conjunction with Community Safety and schools campus officer.

### **4. Public Forum:**

**4.1.** Member of public raised concerns regarding parking at Glenburn School and the knock on effect it will have when the new Glenburn campus is completed. Lengthy discussion ensued noting a great deal of consultation has been held about this, and there will be a drop off area for parents taking children to school; various proposals will also be tested. Members of the public still have time to respond to the consultation on the new campus and are encouraged to do so.

**4.2.** Concerns on the issues regarding the sea wall again raised, and the need for repairs.

**4.3.** Member of public unhappy that Prestwick lighting up not mentioned in a recent Ayrshire publication, and was advised that Prestwick has a publication 'Prestwick Going Out'. Other publications rely heavily on advertising but this can be costly for some organisations.

### **5. South Ayrshire Council Reports/Link Officer Update:**

Cllr. Margaret Toner:

- Social housing to be built on site of St Ninians School in 2020.

Discussion followed advising of new bill to enforce parking fines on private land, noting that some courts have already issued fines regarding this matter.

- When questioned, unsure to exact date when new build in Main Street will start.

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Carers' Day very successful, although numbers attending were disappointing.
- Locks in disabled toilet at Links Road are now fitted and working.
- Complaint on problems with footbridge at Railway will be resolved 29/10/19.
- Kyle Day Centre to close.
- SAC no longer take cash payments for council tax, as a result of budget decisions, however PAY POINTS will take cash.
- VASA holding an Ageless and Active Assembly (life after bus pass) event at Ayr Town Hall on 27/11/19. Entry is free.
- Prestwick Christmas lighting up Sunday 24/11/19.
- Great British High Street awards will be announced in November.
- Commemorative stones removed from old police building will be stored at depot in McCalls Avenue and incorporated into new build.

Linda Warwick, Link Officer:

- Stage 2 of the community council consultation can be accessed on line, and paper copies are available in the Library. Everyone encouraged to give feedback, as Stage 1 feedback was very poor. The Chair requested a paper copy as Library copies cannot be removed. Consultation open until 18/12/19.

## **6. Feedback Extraordinary meeting on 8/10/19.**

PNCC and PSCC held a joint meeting on 8/10/19 to discuss the joining of both the community councils into 1 community council, and the way forward. During the meeting PNCC members voted unanimously in favour of 1 community council, meaning both community councils were unanimous in this decision, as PSCC had voted in favour at their August meeting. It was noted that Prestwick had originally been 1 community council, but had been split into 2 as a result of political infighting.

Both Chairs wished to hold meetings with senior management at SAC to discuss the process, as there was no direct guidance within the community council's guidelines handbook.

A lengthy and in depth discussion followed, with the Link Officer advising that a process had been discussed at various meetings held with the Office Bearers of both community councils, whereby it was indicated that both community councils would have to dissolve and a new community council formed, subject to agreement from SAC, therefore it was not a merger. Formal requests would have to be put to SAC (recorded minutes would be appropriate) and the process could then begin, with the aim of finalising this by April 2020.

## **7. Correspondence:**

**7.1.** Confirmation received from SAC that the large holes behind Kidsplay would be filled in.

## **8. Regular updates:**

**8.1. Airport:** Bob Smith gave a comprehensive report following the recent meeting of Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee, the salient points being:

- Last 6 months showed a profit for the first time in 20 years, due to military traffic.
- Ryanair have cut their winter flight schedule all over, and not just Prestwick.
- Spaceport discussions still ongoing, although no decision has been made.
- During recent bad weather lower level car park badly flooded leading to damage to vehicles parked there.
- Ryanair to have a new hangar at Prestwick.
- BP have invested heavily in fuel at Prestwick airport.

**8.2. Licensing:** Patricia Young advised as follows:

- The Buff have made an application to SAC to have NON AMPLIFIED music in their beer garden; any objections to be submitted by 6/11/19. Although there is a tent in place at the moment, it is still noisy and there have been several complaints from residents in Midton Road. After discussion it was unanimously agreed PNCC would submit an objection on the grounds of public nuisance.
- Vic and Vine have been granted extended hours at Hogmanay to 2.30am.

## **9. A.O.C.B:**

**9.1.** It was noted that the Prom Committee hoped to hold a torchlight parade on 9/11/19 if permission granted. This would be a community event.

**9.2.** The Treasurer thanked all those who had donated the monies to purchase the wreaths for the Remembrance Service.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.15hrs.

**10. Date of Next meeting:** Tuesday 26/11/19 at 19.00hrs, 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.