

PRESTWICK NORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick on Tuesday 28th May 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.10hrs

Present:

Community Councillors:

Derek Hart, Chair: Margaret Milligan, Secretary: Shirley Harris, Treasurer:
Patricia Young: John Wallace:

South Ayrshire Council:

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

Police Scotland:

Sgt. J Lyall:

Prestwick South Community Council:

Norrie Smith, Vice Chair:

In Attendance:

J & R Taylor, 65 Club:
Residents: E Ferguson; C Kerr:

Apologies:

PNCC: C/Cllrs: Al Priestnall, Tracy Wallace, Jim Ronney, Julie Twaddell:

SAC: Cllr. Margaret Toner:

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

1.1. After allowing time for latecomers and ensuring the meeting was quorate, the Chair welcomed all, and apologies were noted as 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:-

1.2.1. SAC Cllrs. asked that it be noted under Chair's AGM report on release of budget funds as a result of the Community Empowerment Act (CEA,) this was only being given consideration, and the deadline was 2020.

1.2.2. Craig Ross apologised that he had made an error on the dates for Schools Show, Rock of Ages, and this should read 10th - 12th June, and not 12th -14th as recorded.

1.3. The Secretary reported that Cllr. Toner had confirmed repainting the yellow lines at Marina Road was on SAC list of 'things to do'.

1.4. Cllr. Cochrane confirmed Scottish Water visited the property in Monkton Road area mentioned at last meeting, and could find no evidence of water contamination.

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

The appointment of Vice Chair was brought forward from the AGM as there had been no nominations at the time. It was noted that John Wallace had now expressed an interest in the position, and as the sole nominee, his appointment was proposed by

Shirley Harris, and seconded by Margaret Milligan. The Chair then welcomed John as Vice Chair.

2. Police Report:

2.1. Reported incidents: 3 drugs related, 12 road traffic, 3 fraud, 6 assaults, 5 domestics, 6 anti-social behaviour, and 2 missing persons.

2.2. Concerns raised regarding vehicles speeding in Briarhill Road, and a speed survey will be carried out to monitor this. Police to also monitor complaints about speeding on East Road. An action plan to be carried out by British Transport Police, particularly at Prestwick Railway Station and surrounding streets

3. Schools Report:

3.1. £1,000 received from the Prestwick & Villages Locality Group Participatory Budget event, to be used towards building a summer house and sensory garden.

3.2. Prestwick Academy had success at the Ayr Music Festival, with 2 choirs, 7 strings, and 7 wood-wind all being winners.

3.3. For 2018/2019 Prestwick schools recorded their best performance data, being only slightly behind Belmont and Kyle.

3.4. Medals from PNCC to be presented at the schools' prize giving on 29th August was discussed. **Action point: Craig Ross to contact the Secretary to finalise this.**

3.5. A report on anti-social behaviour by pupils on their lunch break had been fed back to the School Board and Parents' Council.

3.6. It was noted there had been no reports of end of term egg throwing incidents by pupils this year, due to activities including a barbeque, arranged at a leaving ceremony with parents and pupils on 24th April. It would appear the incidents were attributed to some previous pupils

4. Public Forum:

4.1. It was stated that the sea wall is not safe, as it is damaged in several places. Provost Moonie was sure this was in the capital programme for repairs.

4.2. A question was raised regarding SAC carrying out grass cutting on a public holiday and whether this incurred overtime payment. It was confirmed that it did not, as this would be part of a shift pattern. Sessional workers were also used during summer.

5. South Ayrshire Council Reports/Link Officer Update:

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- Collection for Chernobyl children open till 3rd June.
- Best Start Programme for children free phone number is 0800 182 2722.
- SAC building standards team were finalists in Building Standards awards as a result of remedial work on Ayr Station Hotel.

Provost Helen Moonie:

- Public toilets at Mancinis had been refurbished, however public toilets at Boydfield Gardens would not be retained, as they were not cost effective.

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Still time to take part in the consultation survey on proposal to make Prestwick Prom Dementia Friendly. Carlton Hotel first hotel in Scotland to have a dementia friendly bedroom.

- Had attended joint Locality Planning Groups workshop, which was informative. Feedback noted question raised on what influence Locality Groups had, as information not fed back from top to bottom.
- Carers Day 4th October; theme is mental health.

Linda Warwick, Link Officer:

- At the recent Pan-Ayrshire Community Council Event, only 6 C/Cllrs from South Ayrshire attended. It was however, an informative event.

6. Correspondence:

- Public meeting on 17th June at 7pm in Ayr Town Hall – topic 'Build on learning experience re: Community Empowerment'. If interested e-mail:

estherandnorman@gmail.com or telephone 07718 488664.

7. Regular updates:

There were no updates,

8. A.O.C.B:

8.1. John Wallace confirmed the first of the defibrillators was ready to be installed and would be located outside the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick. Congratulations were offered to C/Cllrs. John and Tracy Wallace, and all those involved in the campaign to purchase defibrillators for Prestwick. A second has been funded, and they are well on the way to getting a third. A great achievement which will be appreciated by the community of Prestwick.

8.2. Norrie Smith, Vice Chair of PSCC, updated on an informal meeting held with the Link Officer and Karen Monaghan of SAC, attended by him and the Secretary of PSCC, together with the Chair and Secretary of PNCC. The Chair of PSCC was unable to attend. The meeting was to look at the possibility of PSCC and PNCC once again joining to become one community council. The Link Officer and Karen Monaghan will check with SAC Legal Department regarding this possibility, and will contact the relevant office bearers with their findings.

Discussion followed regarding having only one community council, and C/Cllrs. present agreed it would be beneficial, and were in favour.

A suggestion was made to pilot and hold a joint meeting between PNCC and PSCC, possibly in August, to discuss the idea further and to involve the wider community. Again, those C/Cllrs present agreed this would be a good idea.

It was also agreed to have a joint stall on Prom Day, 3rd August, between PNCC and PSCC to promote the idea.

8.3. The Chair advised he had been invited to meet with Stuart Wilson of Brandon Gardens on 29th May, to discuss the purchase of property there by Scottish Water. Cllr. Cochrane agreed to accompany the Chair.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.55hrs.

9. Date of Next meeting:

Tuesday 25th June 2019, at 19.00hrs in the 65 Club, Main Street Prestwick.