

PSCC Draft Minutes

Thursday 30th September 2021

Kingcase Parish Church Hall, Prestwick

1. SEDERUNT

For Sederunt purposes and NHS Scotland Test & Protect purposes, the following were present at the meeting from 7pm until 9.15pm:

- PSCC Chair Cllr Norrie Smith
- PSCC Vice Chair Cllr Meic Evans
- PSCC Secretary Cllr Alison Smith
- PSCC Treasurer Cllr June Whittaker
- PSCC Cllr John Park
- PSCC Cllr Jim Riach
- PSCC Cllr Bob Smith
- PNCC Chair Derek Hart
- SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter

2. WELCOME

Chair Cllr N. Smith opened the meeting at 7pm

3. APOLOGIES

Chair Cllr N. Smith had received apologies for:

- SAC Cllrs Ian Cochrane, Margaret Toner & Helen Moonie
- PSCC Cllr Thomson Piper
- PNCC Secretary Cllr Maggie Milligan
- Ayrshire Police

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no Declaration of Interest given

5. POLICE REPORT

Police were not in attendance at the meeting but had supplied a report beforehand that had been distributed by email. Some Cllrs raised concerns that the Police could not attend the meeting, found the report supplied very general and would have liked to ask further questions. The Police Report can be viewed on the joint CC website at [Police Report - Prestwick Community Councils Website](#)

6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. ONE PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE - PROPOSED DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING

- Chair Cllr Smith advised the schedule for the dissolution of the two CCs in Prestwick to form one CC had been distributed to the groups by email. This was the process as discussed at a recent meeting held with SAC Mike Newall and PNCC Chair Cllr Hart. Both CCs will dissolve and their last meeting as separate councils is scheduled for November. A Separate Public Meeting will take place to advise Prestwick Residents and a petition of 20 signatures is required.
- It was agreed that the next meeting in October would be the Public Meeting to discuss and inform the proposed dissolution of both Prestwick North & Prestwick South CCs in November 2021 to become ONE CC in January 2022. This meeting will take place in the 65 Club on Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 7pm. This should be publicised on the website and on Social Media, possibly too late to inform Ayrshire media Services for Prestwick Going Out. Cllr Hart will confirm with Ruby Taylor re the timing of 7pm/715pm.

8. PLANNING REPORT

- A monthly report had been prepared by Vice Chair Cllr Evans and distributed by email. The monthly report can be viewed on the joint CC website at [Planning Report – Prestwick Community Councils Website](#)
- Cllr Evans advised the LDP2 was still at examination. Subjects included were housing land and the quality of Housing Land Supply and the Council was requesting additional info. There was a discussion about local areas suitable for housing and what housebuilders were looking for; population forecast; 5 new sites in SAC including Monkton, Symington & Loans. Prestwick Town has a lack of supply of appropriate Housing Land and has issues with areas for development re Spaceport priority

9. TREASURER REPORT

- Treasurer Cllr Whittaker confirmed the annual accounts had been submitted to SAC.
- The current balance was £827.79

- This balance included a refund from SAC of £86 paid to Zurich for PSCC Annual Public Liability Insurance
- £209.11 had been received from SAC Grant
- Cllr Hart discussed digitising the current process of banking for CC. Cllr Whittaker advised we had already advanced this as much as possible for PSCC under current regulations.
- SAC Cllr Hunter requested a donation on behalf of 'Teddy's Trust' for displaced children from war zones and refugees. PSCC agreed to donate £50 for postage to St Ninian's Primary Parent Council.

10. SECRETARY REPORT

- Cllr Smith advised that a letter had been received from LIDL about a proposed new Development at Heathfield. A discussion took place and some Cllrs wanted to now more about the impact on traffic at Heathfield. It was agreed that we would email an invite to the next meeting on Thursday 28th October.
- Cllr Smith advised there had been an outage in service for the email address and website for approx one week due to the website domain not being renewed. The domain name and email address have since been renewed.
- A new section was added to the website for Planning and Police and Cllr Smith suggested a new section for Airport. Cllr Evans advised that we should also have a dedicated section for Planning & Licensing as these are Statutory Obligations for a CC. As we do not have a Licensing Representative in PSCC, we would note this and add to website in future.
- ARA issued an email to PSCC asking if we would like to undertake path clearing duties. Cllr Riach noted that this was similar to the request received each year, but Cllrs had never expressed an interest in taking part. There was a discussion and Cllrs were concerned about responsibility for trips and falls and did not want to be held personally responsible for a task they felt belonged to ARA and SAC. They also did not want to take paid jobs away from ARA and SAC. PSCC agreed that we will not be accepting the invitation.

11. AIRPORT REPORT

- Cllr Bob Smith attended a meeting about Prestwick Airport on 7th September and updated PSCC that:
- The Airport was not yet sold
- The new Scottish Government Minister for the Airport is Kate Forbes MSP
- The Summer programme is still in place with 27 flights per week
- The Military Exercise is now complete
- There have been two main stories in the media:
 1. Satellite company Astraius Horizontal Launch has signed an MoU - a Memorandum of Understanding - with Prestwick Airport and SAC
<http://www.prestwickaerospace.com/prestwick-spaceport-moves-closer-to-lift-off-with-astraius-partnership/>

2. Aircraft Manufacturer Spirit announced a new Innovation Centre in Prestwick which should, hopefully, bring more job opportunities to the site

<https://www.spiritaero.com/pages/release/spirit-aerosystems-inaugurates-world-class-innovation-centre/>

- The next meeting will take place in December
- There was a discussion about the types of roles available in Spirit if they would be permanent or Agency; was the Airport anything to do with 'Freeport' status seen on some signposts around the airport; COP26 - will this have an impact on traffic and Prestwick as a whole as all Scottish Airports will be in use for the international event to be held in Glasgow from October 30th.

12. SUSTAINABILITY & TRAFFIC REPORT

- Cllr Park advised that the work undertaken by Scottish Water (SW) on St Nicholas Road was complete
- Cllr Riach advised that the sewer had over run again in Brandon Gardens but the SW work was in its final stages
- Cllr Evans reminded the group that we had initiated the community engagement pilot with SW; there was good detail in SW communications that should be shared with the public

12. SAC COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- **SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane** had given a written report to Cllr Norrie Smith who read it out on his behalf; Cllr Cochrane gave an update about Prestwick Airport and the many job opportunities that will be available in high- tech industry; SAC Officers are preparing plans for the demolition of St Ninian's Primary School as soon as the building is vacated and for the construction of social housing on that site; there have been complaints about vehicles speeding, housing allocations and excessive signage along the Main Street.
- PSCC Chair Cllr Smith noted in the future that the CC should address areas in Prestwick that are bad for speeding and proposed a separate meeting to discuss one community council and this could be a new portfolio/focus group with ARA and the Police - a 'Traffic Group'. Cllr Smith also suggested a new group for 'Public Toilets'.
- There was a discussion about traffic using East Road as opposed to Adamton Road South

- **SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter** gave a verbal report about SAC report 'Place Planning' and that SAC new contacts are Jamie Tait and Gill Tomlinson, whom he suggested should come to the October meetings; SAC Mike Newall had submitted a paper to the Leadership Panel for a plan for Prestwick; Prestwick Academy has a new Deputy Head Teacher, Craig Ross and new Head Teacher, Elaine Harrigan; an Easter themed Carer's Day is planned for Spring 2022; a complaint was received from a Crandley Hill Road resident about parking re recent Utilities work; Prest Fest was a success and was well controlled with no major problems; Christmas Lighting up will be held on Sunday 28th November, albeit a smaller celebration than usual due to Covid Regulations; Concerns were expressed at the recent PNCC Meeting about SADSA and the closure of their facility in Prestwick and Cllr Hunter advised that the closure was due to SADSA running out of funds; Cllr Hunter asked if PSCC could suggest any suitable grounds for a Traveller's site and none were considered suitable
- **Re Prestfest:** Cllr Bob Smith requested that Prestfest remove their signs now that the festival was over and that he is trying to achieve a 'litter free' town
- **Re Christmas Lighting Up;** Cllrs expressed concerns that stalls would block the pavements and encourage groups to congregate;
- **Re SADSA,** Cllr Hart asked if SAC had stopped giving SADSA funding? There was a discussion about the removal of SADSA services and what alternative arrangements were being made
- **Cllr Park** expressed concern, once again, about the closure of the footpath on Main Street at the SAC/Ashleigh Construction Development; PSCC agreed that this was a Health & Safety issue that pedestrians, in particularly elderly and slow walkers, were walking on the road and that the development was at a stage where the path should be accessible. It was agreed that SAC Cllr Hunter would pursue this with ARA as a matter of urgency.

13. AOB

- **Remembrance Sunday - PNCC** are organising this year
- **Cllr Whittaker** raised a number of issues including:
 1. **The availability of Public Toilets in Prestwick** as adults had been seen using public areas including the wall in Station Road
 2. **Leisure Facilities** will be lost when the Citadel is closed
 3. **Motor Homes in Ayr - Tourists** have complained about cars tooting and the lack of Police. Can we please make the new Police Commander aware?

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

1. **Tuesday 26th October 2021** at 7pm/7.15pm (TBC) in the 65 Club

2. **Thursday 28th October 2021** at 7pm in Kingcase Church:
 PNCC and PSCC will hold their monthly meetings on Thursday 28th October at 7pm in Kingcase Church. The meetings will be held separately but will share the reports of Police, SAC Councillors, invited guests and the Public Forum.