

**PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2024
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.23hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Jim Ronney:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

Mike Tomlinson:

Patricia Young:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

Elaine Campbell Acting Depute Head Prestwick Academy:

APOLOGIES:

PCC:

C/Cllrs: Jim McLay: John O'Donnell: June Whittaker (Treasurer):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllr. Cameron Ramsay: Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

Laura Cowan, Commodore, Prestwick Sailing Club:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all.

2. Sederunt/Received Apologies/Declaration of interests:

Sederunt and apologies as noted above; there were no declarations of interests.

3. Police Report:

As reports always circulated prior to meetings, Chair suggested there should be no need to go through them again at future meetings; any questions could be raised if required. There were no objections to the suggestion.

C/Cllr. Jim Ronney stated parking in Links Road was becoming a major problem; Chair confirmed at the recent parking consultation, PCC had recommended installation of double yellow lines, but still awaiting feedback from consultation. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter agreed to follow up.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

No members of public present.

5. Schools Report:

School Ambassadors

Currently finalising the names of young people who are going to be S1-4 House Ambassadors and S5-6 School Ambassadors. These young people will work with the School Captains over the course of the year on the school improvement plan, house matters and supervision around the school as well as at school events.

Carer's Day

Planning meetings are underway for the organisation of Carer's Day, taking place on Friday 25 October 2024. Kingcase Primary pupil choir will also be performing. Invites have been created and in process of being distributed. Also, in the process of sourcing raffle prizes – any prizes for the prize draw would be most welcome from local businesses.

S6 Buddies

S1 pupils have met up with their S6 buddies on an afternoon off timetable. It was a hive of activity with 'getting to know you' tasks and the Buddy Quiz. All S6 young people were a credit to the school and S1 young people really enjoyed an opportunity to meet with their buddies.

S1 Maths/Numeracy Information Evening

The Maths department held a very successful and busy S1 Maths/Numeracy information evening. A fantastic way to invite parents/carers into Academy building to understand and actively participate in conversations around the numeracy skills that S1 young people are developing.

Maximising Attainment Information Evening

A Maximising Attainment Evening to be held on Thursday 26th September from 6-7 pm. Parents/carers have been invited and any S3-6 is also welcome to accompany them. Academy will cover SQA sources of information and support, how to maximise success in Maths and study techniques.

School Show 2025

Auditions are currently taking place for the 2025 school show – Little Shop of Horrors!

Active Schools Cross Country Event

On Wednesday 18 September, 24 of S1/2 young people competed for Prestwick Academy at the South Ayrshire Schools Cross Country Championships organised by Active Schools at Rozelle Park, Ayr. A great day for everyone and some fantastic runs by all who competed as well as 4 of the young people gaining a podium place. Academy young people are preparing for a variety of upcoming sport events, including the Road Race Championships in Dunfermline on 2nd October, Ayrshire Schools Cross Country Championships on 24th October and Ayrshire Schools Swimming Championships on 26th October. Academy young people are being advised to sign up for the Swimming Championships through their swimming club who enter them into a maximum of 3 events.

Vice Chair confirmed still keen to work with Academy pupils to help develop PCC website; Deputy Head happy to co-operate, and for Secretary to forward email address to Vice-Chair.

6. Minutes meeting 25th May June 2024:

There being no amendments, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr. Shirley Harris and seconded by C/Cllr. Mike Tomlinson.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

Hearing/Open Forum: Secretary advised she had not received written report from A Gregory and S Murray regarding pubs in Main Street. This was requested at August meeting to allow PCC to take forward. Chair confirmed the SAC complaints proforma needed updating, and he was pursuing this.

Dog fouling: SAC Cllr Hunter has been liaising with Cllr Cameron Ramsay of SAC and Paul Scully, who confirmed stencilling will be carried out.

Remembrance Service: Updates circulated by Chair, and sub-committee meeting held, with another due before the actual service. Financial constraints on PCC mean there will be a smaller band this year at a cost of £200.00; an application for grant funding has been submitted by C/Cllr O'Donnell. Sound system which is being stored at 65 Club, to be tested prior to Remembrance Service and a piper still to be sourced.

The Beach: C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson sent Chair a report from Mike Newall dated 2017, and this was forwarded to PCC members. C/Cllr Tomlinson confirmed he was still not receiving replies to any of his emails, despite the Secretary having written to Mike Newall regarding this. Lengthy discussion followed on beach noting that the remit for the beach maintenance was not being fulfilled. Chair requested C/Cllr Tomlinson write to Mike Newall stating nothing has been done as per strategy and where it is falling down. Also ask what happened to £150,000 which had been allocated for beach. C/Cllr Tomlinson will summarise points to Fiona Ross at meeting on 2/3 October with Chair and C/Cllr Ronney.

Defibrillators: The Chair had circulated email from SAC confirming their contact with Prestwick Community Association (PCA) and Colin McCormick, St John Scotland regarding the 3 defibrillators originally purchased by John Wallace. PCA receptive to taking on costs and maintenance, and Colin McCormick happy to take ownership once they were up and running again.

Common Good Fund: The Chair confirmed invitation issued to Finance Officer from SAC to attend PCC October meeting. SAC Cllr Hunter to send Secretary a link regarding Scottish Land Commission meeting to post on Facebook.

Prestwick Lido: Vice-Chair suggested inviting Mike Newall to a future meeting to discuss the project. Conversation on the project took place, with Vice-Chair suggesting liaising with schools and wider community, and generating press releases. Chair confirmed that at the August meeting it was agreed in principle to support the project; however, he would like a written report setting out ideas for the project to share with PCC members. The Vice-Chair confirmed he would submit a report for the October meeting, stating any suggestions from PCC members would be welcomed.

Treasurer's report: C/Cllr Alison Smith confirmed that since she could not find contact information about Prestwick Business Association (PBA), she was unsure how to approach them regarding funding request. SAC Cllr Hugh Hunter confirmed Ainsley Hunter was the last known chair of PBA, and that Cherlene and Stephen Cooper from Daisy Chain/Post Office might be able to help in order for Vice-Chair to write to previous Secretary/Treasurer of PBA. Vice-Chair to also contact Colin McNally of Parris & McNally Limited, Accountants, Prestwick, for advice.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' reports:

Hugh Hunter:

Attended various meetings including Kingcase and Heathfield where the turnout from parents was exceptional. Now has a Health & Wellbeing portfolio within Health & Social Care Partnership, but his main priority is unpaid carers for the next 2 years, with the aim to ensure an improvement in their wellbeing and living standards. Champions Board made up of champions for young people where some young carers have a job and this provides them with skills to seek employment elsewhere. At Carers' Day last year there were 15 young carers, this year it's 70, a huge increase.

9. Representative from SAC re: Common Good Fund: Referenced under Item 7.

10. Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary confirmed current balance as £456.66, excluding cheques to be deducted. It was agreed a separate meeting with PCC members to discuss PCC finances be held on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7.15pm in 65 Club. Chair to confirm by email.

11. Planning Report: Previously circulated, noting Local Review Body had approved plans for erection of dwelling house at Lock-ups in Sandfield Road.

12. Licensing Report: Nothing for Prestwick.

13. Airport Consultative Committee (ACC): New Chair of ACC is Bob Smith, a previous Community Councillor. Ryanair's 10 routes performed well in the summer with extremely high numbers, and the Open Golf in Troon resulted in 80 aircraft handled safely at the airport, and thankfully passed with no attention from protest groups. The Terminal's Cargo got together with Post Office and China. where there is an opportunity for substantial growth, and went to an event in Shanghai to launch Airport's partnership with Royal Mail. Plans put in place to update airport's food and beverage facilities; new security equipment to be put in place in November. The Run the Runway event now has over 1,000 participants. There have been 7 noise complaints up to April, with the Airport being proactive by introducing a curfew from 7.30pm for crew training. No complaints since July. Spaceport – no monies forthcoming. Airport actively encouraging recruitment of apprentices.

14. Correspondence/concerns received:

Secretary confirmed she had received further contact from resident in Langcroft Avenue stating that the tree overhanging her house still not cut back, despite SAC confirming they would do so.

Concern raised by Prestwick resident regarding type of speedbumps on the lane off Mansfield Road. As these have no visible markings, they have caused people to trip over them.

As SAC Cllr Hunter had left meeting prior to item 14, Secretary to email him detailing these points.

15. A.O.C.B:

Oral History: An email was circulated, and Chair will report back further.

Pow Burn: Chair circulated report to members.

South Ayrshire Community Councils Association (SACCA). When asked by the Chair if PCC should join, all present agreed we should. Secretary to write to SACCA to confirm.

Place Planning: Audrey Gatt to be invited to a future meeting. As this is a huge topic and requires a great deal of time, perhaps arrange a separate meeting and invite other groups to attend.

Community Garden: C/Cllr Tomlinson asked what was happening regarding reinstating this. Chair confirmed this had been discussed over the last year; however, due to vandalism, police involvement and surrounding neighbours objecting to it, PCC did not take further. It was noted that Fiona Ross had indicated she could have it reinstated, but Chair stated surrounding neighbours would have to be included in any discussions. He had previously issued an email regarding reinstatement and who would maintain; no-one

replied, and when discussed there was no appetite to take it on. While the Chair was not against revisiting the topic, any further conversation would have to include surrounding neighbours who are against reinstatement

Community Development Trust: Chair confirmed he had responded to C/Cllr Tomlinson's emails regarding Troon Development Trust, and encouraged him to attend a Troon CC meeting and provide a report for PCC to look at. Chair agreed a representative from Troon CC to be invited to a future PCC meeting.

Links for PCC meetings: Vice-Chair stated technology now available which would allow PCC meeting to go live. This could potentially open up meetings to elected members of Parliament and SAC. Chair confirmed this needed further discussion.

Road Repairs: C/Cllr Alison Smith commented on the state of Prestwick Roads and road markings, with Indale Avenue a prime example. Chair agreed to ask Ayrshire Roads Alliance for a list of road repairs.

16. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 29th October 2024, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.

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