



**APPROVED MINUTES MEETING TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026
COMMUNITY CAFE, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.25hrs.

Agenda items are recorded as per the agenda for the minutes but not necessarily conducted in that order during the meeting.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Vice-Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon:

Kate Mullen (Treasurer):

John O'Donnell:

John Park:

Thompson Piper:

Norrie Smith (Chair):

Mike Tomlinson:

Julie Twaddell:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Cameron Ramsay:

Jill Tomlinson (Liaison Officer):

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS.

Prestwick Community Association (PCA): Morris Rollo, Chair:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

J Bailey: A Beck: M Cairns: L McAvoy: N Trolen:

APOLOGIES:

PCC: C/Cllr June Whittaker:

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Ms Oonagh Brown (Head P/W Academy): Cllr. Martin Kilbride:

POLICE SCOTLAND:

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: The Police report for May showed 2 reported incidents of assaults where enquiries are ongoing, no drugs supply, hate crimes or robbery. 1 report of housebreaking, 3 on-line fraud and 12 reported disturbances - 9 requiring immediate police response. Police responded to 10 public nuisance calls, received 11 calls regarding neighbour disputes including noise complaints, and responded to 17 reports of welfare concerns. 1 report received in relation to child protection and 8 reports of domestic abuse. Numerous complaints regarding parking and speeding vehicles, and for this period 1 driver charged with driving a vehicle under influence of alcohol, 1 driving under influence of drugs and 1 with no licence or insurance. Question was asked regarding whether the Police could identify trends from previous years reports and compare with current year. This could be quarterly or yearly and would enable PCC to monitor whether things are improving or getting worse. The Secretary to write to Police requesting this. In answer to a question regarding lack of Police presence at meetings (there was none in 2025), the Secretary explained although they still intend to be at a meeting and will do their best to do so, due to shortage of staff and no longer being based in Prestwick, could only attend if there were available personnel and their shifts permitted; however they submitted in-depth reports, and any questions raised are passed to them by the Secretary.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Members of the public attending the meeting raised concerns regarding the opening of a new Vape Shop at the Cross. Questions were asked as to why SAC had allowed this as there was already another Vape outlet in the Main Street, and in addition other outlets were now selling vapes within their businesses. Ayr has a vast number of these outlets and Prestwick Community do not want Prestwick to go down the same route.

A lengthy and in-depth discussion took place on the rules and regulations required for such outlets, noting that the vape shop which caused the devastating fire in Glasgow, was neither registered nor insured and had not paid rent for over 2 years. Safety concerns were then raised for the residential flats above the new vape shop at the Cross should the same scenario occur. Scottish Councils can make by-laws under the Local Government Act 1973, in respect of serious safety concerns, and it was suggested that perhaps SAC should look at making Landlords provide proof of every regulation required for these outlets which would take pressure off the council. Cllr Hunter suggested that perhaps PCC should take the lead on this by gathering evidence and putting the concerns of the community in writing to SAC. It was confirmed the Chair had already spoken to Trading Standards, and the Vice-Chair then agreed to pull a draft letter together re: addressing all concerns and liaise with all the other community councils. Other organisations such as Police Scotland, Organisation of South Ayrshire Community Councils, MPs and MSPs offices could be contacted, and Fire Service asked to do a risk assessment on the property. Ms L McAvoy who presented concerns at the start of the discussion, to send her findings to PCC.

5. Schools Report - Prestwick Academy: No report submitted. The Secretary to contact Ms Browne to establish if a representative could attend.

6. Minutes meeting 28th April 2026:

It was noted that C/Cllr John Park's name had been omitted from the sederunt and this would be amended. The minutes were then approved as an accurate record, proposed by Vice-Chair Meic Evans and seconded by C/Cllr Kate Mullen.

7. Matters arising from the approved minutes:

PCC Representative for PACC: The Secretary had received 3 applications from members: C/Cllrs Julie Twaddell, John O'Donnell and Chair Norrie Smith. A closed ballot was then held within PCC conducted by Liaison Officer Jill Tomlinson. In the interest of fairness, it was agreed she would only announce the winner of the ballot, not the number of votes received. C/Cllr Thompson Piper abstained from voting. After counting the votes, the Liaison Officer confirmed Chair Norrie Smith as the representative for PACC.

Lido Project: The Chair confirmed that a meeting is to be arranged regarding the feasibility study for the Lido, hopefully before the next PCC meeting in June.

Potholes and condition of roads and pavements: Mr A Beck raised concerns about the poor condition of the pavements, number of potholes and the terrible state of the roads as a result. It would appear that when reported to Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) it can take 40 days from report for any action to be taken. Secretary to contact ARA to invite them to the next meeting to discuss the various problems regarding the roads and pavements.

8. South Ayrshire Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Hugh Hunter: Apologised that there was an error in the report he had issued. Prestmas dates are 28th and 29th November not 26th and 27th. C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson stated feedback still required on Ward Capital expenditure. Cllr. Hunter agreed to look into this and chase up. The lights at the Cross were repaired after the last PCC meeting, and the bus shelter outside the Community Café will be replaced shortly.

Cllr Cameron Ramsay: Beach site visit on 12th May between 3-4pm was very productive. Storm damage to the Prom was noted, and a discussion followed outlining what the beach strategy should be, especially with regards to cleaning up. It was confirmed that a meeting to be held with SAC Kenny Dalrymple and Fiona Ross to report on this. As C/Cllr Mike Tomlinson has been dealing with beach and promenade matters on a regular basis, it was agreed that he should be the PCC representative going forward; the motion proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair.

9. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer confirmed balance in bank is £394.79 which included the separate funding received. The annual accounts were approved at the AGM and will now be forwarded to SAC for reimbursement of expenditure.

10. Planning Report: The Vice-chair read through the report outlining the application for sub-division of plot and erection of dwelling house on land at Observer Court. Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Call for Evidence reports required from SAC. There will also be a call for ideas in connection with the plan by the end of this year and PCC to consider any ideas to put forward. The Vice-Chair will keep PCC updated on time scales.

11. Licensing Report: The Secretary had circulated a report detailing the applications for extended licencing hours granted to the majority of the hostelrys for screening of the world Cup in June. The Vics and Vine and Prestwick Pioner applications held over till the next Board meeting. The Clocktower - transfer of licence to Mr J V Kirkwood. Prestwick Pioneer granted addition of televised sports licence. New pub/diner at The Cross called The Vintage opening 28th May. This was originally the Eagle Tavern many years ago, and latterly The Jel.

12. Updates Town Twinning & PACC:

Town Twinning: (C/Cllr J Park). Preparations well underway for the 50th anniversary celebrations in August and the visit from our visitors in Lichtenfels.

PACC: The next meeting not until August.

13. Correspondence/Concerns: There was none.

14. A.O.C.B:

C/Cllr John O'Donnell enquired if there was a possibility of having hybrid meetings for PCC. As there is now wi-fi in the Community Café, the Chair agreed to look into the setting up of such meetings. Video system would be required, and C/Cllr John O'Donnell agreed to gather information from the supplier Storm and report back.

15. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 30th June 2026, at 7.15pm in the Community Café, Main Street, Prestwick.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.18hrs.