



PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES AGM MEETING TUESDAY 13th MAY 2025
19.15hrs 65 CLUB, PRESTWICK**

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs.

SEDERUNT:

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESTWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC):

Meic Evans (Chair):

Shirley Harris:

Margaret Milligan (Secretary):

Robert Muldoon:

Kate Mullen:

John Park

Thompson Piper:

Jim Riach:

Alison Smith:

Norrie Smith (Vice-Chair):

June Whittaker (Treasurer):

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SAC):

Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

APOLOGIES

C/Cllr, Mike Tomlinson:

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all to the 2025 AGM of PCC.

2. Apologies: as noted above.

3. Approval Minutes AGM 9th May 2024:

There being no amendments, the minutes were approved as an accurate record, proposed by C/Cllr Norrie Smith, and seconded by C/Cllr John Park.

4. Approval Chair's report AGM 9th May 2024:

These were approved by all members of PCC present.

5. Chair's Annual Report: (Meic Evans):

'Welcome to the third AGM of PCC. I would like to thank my fellow executive officers for keeping the ship afloat during what has not been the easiest of years. There have been some big issues that have come to the fore - decline in membership and finance. My understanding is that community councils throughout Scotland have difficulty in recruiting and retaining members. We have lost 6 members for a variety of valid reasons, and I would like to offer my thanks to Jim Ronney, Patricia Young and John

O'Donnell for the contributions they made, remembering we lost Iain Tulloch and Jim Mclay through early deaths. We are fortunate that we now have Kate and Robert who are already making a contribution, but numbers remain an issue and place a severe limit on what the community council can do.

Money: organising the annual Remembrance Service really brought home to us how tight our overall financial position is as a result of the grant from SAC being pegged. We met in November to discuss the financial situation and how we might raise money for the future.

On a relatively positive side we did deliver the Remembrance Sunday celebrations, made a commitment in creating the Community Development Trust, and supported the resurrection of the Lido as a major tourist destination. In the meantime, we have made a tentative start with the Prestwick Community Association along with Prestwick & Villages LPP in what is now called a Community Led Action Plan. Real progress has been made in the Powburn collaboration, and a toe in the water re: a possible oral history re: the remnants of the mining community in Prestwick. The introduction of Wifi into the 65 Club means that we will be able to hold hybrid meetings enabling members of the public to attend and make us more accessible. We managed to carry out our annual shop front competition thanks to Jim Ronney; continued involvement in work such as the Ayrshire Link working party should be a priority.

The challenges that remain: saving the Prestwick Community Centre has emerged as a major concern; we can't be pleased with the way SAC has approached the little matter of regeneration in Prestwick; the need for a biodiversity action plan remains and involvement in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP3) will be a major exercise in the coming year; we have repatriated the Burgh Coat of Arms to appear on our stationery.

I will now draw the Chair's report to a close, and while I am still happy to continue in some way to serve the community council, the pressures of work and other commitments mean I cannot give the position of Chair the kind of attention that it deserves and requires including a number of projects on our books that are moving slowly. It has been a privilege to have been the first Welsh speaking Chair of the new Prestwick Community Council, but it really needs somebody in place now that can devote much more care and attention in taking matters forward, so I shall not be standing for re-election as Chair'.

It was noted that any outstanding projects would be taken forward in the coming year.

6. Planning Annual Report:

This had been circulated, and there were no questions. Nothing out of the ordinary in applications, majority of which were householders. The Chair then outlined the Local Development Plan 3, as per the report. The Chair had written to and received a response from SAC Mike Newall regarding issues raised about the future of the community centre, and this had been circulated.

7. Treasurer's Annual Report/Accounts:

Accounts prepared; to be independently audited. The balance of £432.07 includes £392.83 monies raised by go fund me page and additional grant funding applied for in regard to cost of Remembrance Service, which leaves a balance of £39.24. No questions about the accounts, however, it was noted there was still a problem with funding, as the yearly grant was deemed to be insufficient.

8 Election of Office Bearers:

All current office bearers stepped down, and the meeting was handed over to Jill Tomlinson, Liaison Officer, who thanked the outgoing office bearers for their hard work and contribution to PCC and confirmed that PCC did well over the past year, as had Meic Evans, who was thanked for his time as Chair. Jill explained the process for the election, and nominations for the appointment of new Office Bearers for 2025-2026 were invited. The results were confirmed as follows:

Chair: Norrie Smith: Proposed by Meic Evans, seconded by Margaret Milligan.

Vice Chair: Meic Evans: Proposed by Norrie Smith seconded by Margaret Milligan.

Secretary: Margaret Milligan: Proposed by Meic Evans, seconded by Norrie Smith.

Treasurer: Kate Mullen: Proposed by Norrie Smith, seconded by Meic Evans.

Planning Contact: Meic Evans. Proposed by Margaret Milligan, seconded by Norrie Smith.

Licensing Contact: Margaret Milligan: Proposed by Norrie Smith, seconded by Alison Smith.

All nominees accepted the positions and were duly elected.

The meeting was then passed to the incoming Chair, Norrie Smith, who thanked Jill Tomlinson as Liaison Officer for conducting the election of Office Bearers, and for her help and assistance to PCC over the past year. Jill confirmed she was looking forward to working with PCC again. The Vice-Chair, Meic Evans proposed to the meeting that C/Cllr Jim Riach represent PCC at Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee meetings, as Jim had been giving updates to PCC over the past year. This motion was formally proposed by Vice-Chair Meic Evans, seconded by Chair Norrie Smith and unanimously agreed by all members of PCC.

9. Conclusion:

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 19.50hrs.

10, Date of next Monthly meeting: Tuesday 27th May 2025, at 7.15pm in the 65 Club, Main Street, Prestwick.