

Minutes of meeting held in Smaller Hall of Kingcase Church on 26th September 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.00hrs

Present:

Community Councillors:

Norrie Smith, Vice Chair: Alison Quinn, Secretary:

John Park: Jim Rioch: Bob Smith: Thomson Piper (Co-opted)

South Ayrshire Council:

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Hugh Hunter: Provost Helen Moonie:

Prestwick North Community Council:

Margaret Milligan, Secretary

Apologies:

C/Cllrs: Lynne Bowman: Martin Dorans: June Whitaker (Secretary): Meic Evans:

SAC: Cllr. Margaret Toner

1. Welcome, apologies, declaration of interests:

In the absence of Meic Evans, Cllr. N Smith took the Chair, and welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were listed as above, and there were no declarations of interest or objections to the meeting being recorded. It was noted that Margaret Milligan from PNCC was assisting with minutes at this meeting, as Cllr. A Quinn would be late. There were no objections to this.

Cllr. N Smith advised that Meic Evans had resigned as Chair of PSCC, but would continue as a community councillor and as planning contact.

2. Election of Office Bearers:

SAC Cllr. Ian Cochrane took over the meeting to facilitate the election of office bearers, and nominations were invited for the position of Chair.

The Vice Chair indicated his interest in the position, and there being no other nominations, Cllr. N Smith was proposed as Chair by Cllr. Park and seconded by Cllr. Piper. Cllr. N Smith accepted the position.

Nominations were then invited for the vacant position of Vice Chair. Cllr. A Quinn was nominated, proposed by Cllr. R Smith and seconded by Cllr. Piper. Cllr. Quinn accepted the position, and agreed to check whether cheque signatories must be office bearers.

As there were no nominations for the now vacant position of Secretary, Cllr. Quinn agreed to retain the position of Secretary in addition to Vice Chair. However, as this meant an increased workload, she indicated the need to have a minute secretary for meetings. Margaret Milligan was asked if she would consider taking on the role if there was no interest within PSCC. Clarification was sought and given from SAC Cllrs. present that this would not be a conflict of interest, as the position of Minute Secretary with PSCC was merely to take minutes and was neither an office bearer nor a community councillor, therefore would have no bearing on meetings. Margaret Milligan agreed to accept, and this was proposed by Cllr. N Smith and seconded by Cllr. J Rioch.

Cllr. J Whittaker remains as Treasurer, Cllr. R Smith as Airport Contact, and Cllr. Dorans for Roads and Transport.

3. Police Report:

As there was no Police Officer present, the Chair read the following report given at PNCC meeting earlier in the week.

Violence/Disorder/ASB. 20 calls mainly youth disorders in evening, noting vandalism in Boydfield Gardens; police have identified culprits for damage to community garden. Sexual assault, arrest made.

Alcohol and Drugs. Small number of drug possessions.

People at Risk: Less than 10 missing persons, no hate crimes. Less than 10 domestics and less than 5 child protection issues.

Road Safety: 5 traffic accidents, none serious.

Acquisitive Crimes: No robberies, housebreakings, vehicle or door step crimes. Less than 5 shoplifting.

4. Hearing/Open Forum:

Cllr. Piper unhappy regarding a Facebook comment that Community Councils doing nothing regarding recent sexual assault. The Chair advised that unfortunately not all media comments are accurate.

5. Approval of August 2019 Minutes:

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. R Smith and seconded by Cllr. Rioch.

6. Matters Arising from Approved Minutes:

6.1. Lamp post at East Road – specialist contractors required, however not willing to travel from England, therefore Roads Alliance would have to carry out repairs.

6.2. Speeding on Adamton Road and East Road. Concerns had been raised with suggestions of occasional speed traps by police to try and improve safety. Discussion ensued regarding numerous complaints and ways to try and resolve the issues. Ask Cllr. Dorans to look into actual numbers of speeding vehicles. Cllr. R Smith agreed to speak with Police Sergeant Barlas and the new Traffic Inspector about the complaints and speed watch. The Chair noted that PSCC previously met regularly with Kevin Braidwood of Roads Alliance, and it may be useful to continue this.

7. South Ayrshire Council Reports:

Cllr. Hugh Hunter:

- Correct date for Prestwick Christmas Lighting up is Sunday 24th November 2019, and all arrangements are in place, including a fund raising dinner in The Vine.
- Disabled toilet door in Links Road jammed as a result of misuse of coins in door dispenser, and this is being followed up.
- Contingency plans are being put in place in the event of a no deal Brexit.
- Carers' Day is 4th October at Prestwick Academy.

Provost Helen Moonie:

- SAC have been gifted a large bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi which will be located in the Town Hall.
- Asked about proposed Torchlight procession on 9th November, which Prom Committee together with PSCC and PNCC arranging. The Chair advised liaison

has taken place with Stewarton Community Council who have been holding such an event very successfully for the past five years. Discussion followed regarding licensing of such an event for Prestwick, including a firework display, and currently awaiting approval from SAC. Risk assessment and liability for parade paperwork also completed. It should be noted that this is not a SAC event and will be headed by Prom Committee.

Funding for event and also Prom Day discussed, noting that Prom Day is funded by donations and sponsorship and not by SAC.

- Confirmed that PSCC do not want a Link Officer.

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- Great British High Street competition voting open until 7/11/19 and all encouraged to keep voting for Prestwick.
- Consultation with SPT on concessionary travel. Needs to incorporate as wide a range of people as possible.
- SAC has given grant to Food Bank to assist with shortages.
- Library has a fines amnesty from 02/09/19 to 31/09/19.
- On-going complaints regarding LED street lighting.

8. Treasurer's Report:

There was no report.

9. Planning Report:

Circulated to all.

10. Licensing Report:

No report.

11. Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee:

Next meeting 8th October at 2pm.

12. Correspondence:

Annual subscription of £20 for Prestwick History Group to be paid this year by PNCC.

13. A.O.C.B.

13.1. PNCC handling Remembrance Sunday event this year.

13.2. Town Twinning presentation on 9th October at 19.30hrs in Red Lion.

13.3. Discussion around various Facebook sites and possibility of joint PNCC and PSCC in the future for maximum engagement.

13.4. An extraordinary meeting of PNCC to be held in 65 Club on Tuesday 8th October at 19.15hrs to discuss the joining of PNCC and PSCC to form one community council. PSCC are invited to attend the first half of the meeting to allow frank discussion and gain views. Thereafter PNCC will hold a vote, noting that PSCC have already voted unanimously for one community council.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm

14. Date of Next meeting:

Thursday 31st October 2019, at 19.00hrs in Kingcase Church Hall, Prestwick.