

## PRESTWICK SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held in Horton Room Kingcase Church on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

The meeting commenced at 19.15hrs

#### **Present:**

#### **Community Councillors:**

Norrie Smith, Chair: Alison Quinn, Vice Chair & Secretary: June Whittaker, Treasurer, John Park: Jim Riach: Bob Smith: Martin Dorans: Thomson Piper (Co-opted)

#### **South Ayrshire Council:**

Cllrs. Ian Cochrane: Provost Helen Moonie:

#### **Prestwick North Community Council:**

Derek Hart, Chair

#### **In attendance:**

Margaret Milligan, Minute Secretary.

#### **Apologies:**

C/Cllr: Meic Evans:

SAC: Cllrs. Margaret Toner and Hugh Hunter

#### **1. Welcome, apologies, declaration of interests:**

The Chair, Cllr. N Smith welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were listed as above, and there were no declarations of interest or objections to the meeting being recorded.

#### **2. Police Report:**

Sgt, Dean Barlas gave the following report, advising all community councils would receive the same.

**Violence/Disorder/ASB:** Approximately 20 calls of youth disorder, including eggs and stones being thrown, notably Oval area, although widespread. About 15 other calls usually involving alcohol.

**Alcohol and Drugs:** There is ongoing work regarding substance misuse across Prestwick, but no significant seizures in the last month.

**People at Risk:** Although local officers have been engaged with normal but considerable number of these types of incidents over last month, there is no identified patterns of concern, and no hate crimes.

**Road Safety:** About 15 accidents, some minor hit and runs. 3 where suspicion of driving under influence, and there have been persons charged and reports to the PF.

**Acquisitive Crimes:** Around 10 reports, mostly shoplifting. 1 attempted break in; ongoing issue at Kingcase Primary School with youths; unsuccessful bogus caller in sheltered housing complex.

**General:** Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cross is at 12.30hrs on 10 /11/2019; Prestwick Parade and lights switch on Sunday 24/11/2019.

As there is 1 police officer less at the moment, being helped out by Jamie Dunlop from Traffic Division. There is a Vacancy for Police Sergeant.

It was noted that lights at Heathfield Road junction causing concern, and need for filter light to turn right, as there has already been an accident at this junction. Roads Alliance have looked at this option and decided not viable. However SAC are aware of the problems. Concerns raised regarding speeding on Adamton Road, and discussion followed on the need for a speed watch. Sgt, Barlas advised the meeting on concept of speed watch, and how to put forward such a request to the Divisional Commander.

**3. Hearing/Open Forum:**

There was none.

**4. Approval of September 2019 Minutes:**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Thomson Piper and seconded by Cllr. John Park.

**5. Matters Arising from Approved Minutes:**

**5.1.** Lamp post on East Road still not repaired, Roads Alliance are aware of this, but have to purchase the equipment to carry out the repairs themselves.

**SAC Cllr. Ian Cochrane to chase this up.**

**5.2. PNCC** Chair Derek Hart asked if PSCC had received any complaints regarding the new LED street lighting. PNCC had had several complains that the streets were now poorly lit, and parts are in darkness. SAC Cllr. Ian Cochrane advised that an engineer had been despatched to look at certain areas regarding this. Discussion followed with Cllrs. Hart and Dorans to arrange a meeting with Roads Alliance and provide a report.

**5.3. Question** raised regarding ownership of land by St. Cuthberts Golf Club, confirming it did not belong to SAC, and responsibility for any maintenance belonged to the private householders, but this should be checked out with Kevin Braidwood of Roads Alliance.

**6. South Ayrshire Council Reports:**

Provost Helen Moonie:

- Leadership panel approved social housing build at St. Ninians School site.

Cllr. Ian Cochrane:

- Lack of social housing in Prestwick a problem.
- Problems with availability for polling stations at forthcoming general election.
- Ayr High Street in the running for the most beautiful High Street.
- Interest rates for council loans risen to 2.6% as directed by Westminster.

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It was noted that the stones at the sea wall needed restored, and **Cllr. Cochrane agreed to case this up.**

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

Confirmed signatories need to be office bearers. £750.37 funds in bank.

**8. Planning Report:**

Circulated to all.

**9. Licensing Report:**

None

**10. Transport Report:**

A letter received from resident of Lilybank Road regarding difficulties experienced by street parking; this has been passed to Cllr. Dorans to deal with

**11. Sustainability report:**

None.

#### **10. Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee:**

Cllr. Bob Smith gave an in-depth and comprehensive report, the salient points being:

- Last 6 months showed a profit for the first time in 20 years, due to military traffic.
- Ryanair have cut their winter flight schedule all over, and not just Prestwick.
- Spaceport discussions still ongoing, although no decision has been made.
- During recent bad car park 3 badly flooded leading to damage to vehicles parked there.
- Ryanair to have a new hangar at Prestwick for aircraft repairs.
- BP have invested heavily in fuel at Prestwick airport.
- Heathrow hub – going to tender.
- UEFA cup final June 2020, fans expected to be transferred via Prestwick.

#### **11. Correspondence:**

As distributed.

#### **12 A.O.C.B.**

**12.1.** It was agreed that Cllr. Norrie Smith and Cllr. Thomson Piper would lay the wreaths at the Remembrance Services at Glenburn, Prestwick Cross and RAFA Club.

**12.2.** Cllr. Quinn thanked Margaret Milligan for agreeing to take on the duties of minute secretary.

#### **13. Community Councils Consultation.**

It was noted that only 12 responses had been received by SAC, leading to a discussion on protocols and update of community councils guide book.

#### **14. PNCC & PSCC Merger meeting:**

At the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October, PNCC unanimously agreed to join with PSCC in rejoining the two community councils. Legalities were discussed, and the need to ensure the process is dealt with as quickly as possible

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.10pm

#### **14. Date of Next meeting:**

As the November meeting date needed to be rescheduled, it was suggested holding a joint meeting with PNCC as that date suited all. Cllr. Derek Hart, Chair PNCC advised there would not be a problem with this, therefore new date for November meeting set as:  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 19.00hrs in 65 Club, Prestwick. Joint with PSCC**