

SAC Cllr Ian Cochrane report November 2023.

Since our last CC meeting, I have had good news that a no-right-turn sign will be placed at the Saunterne Road end of the Red Lion car park.

ARA responded to a request for controlled crossings on Alexandra Avenue and Crofthead Road, with an explanation of the footfall and traffic volume calculations that would be required to demonstrate a plausible scenario where a crossing might be considered. I reckon the same analysis could be conducted on Main Street for a crossing near Smith Street junction.

I was contacted by the son of an elderly man (91) suffering from dementia, whose wife passed away two weeks ago but has no care plan in place. He experienced trouble getting an answer on phone calls to the Hub. I was able to pass on his contact details to HSCP staff and he is content with the outcome.

Several residents contacted me on housing matters, people facing homelessness due to threats from aggressive neighbours, or forced to vacate the family home due to divorce, and the tone of the communications has become more desperate, expressing concerns for physical well-being, mental ill-health, etc. Unfortunately, we have very little to offer in Prestwick, and SAC can only make three offers of a place to stay to any applicant.

Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning visited South Ayrshire last week, and was really impressed with the building works on school improvements, the athletic facility behind Ayr Academy, and in extending the housing stock at Mainholm.

I did enjoy the Question Time at Prestwick Academy, really well thought out questions to pose to the panel.

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