# Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

## Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2017 in Pinwherry Community Hall

## **Sederunt**

Community Councillors
Mike Chamberlain (MC)
Hal Maxwell (HM)
John McAlley (JMcA)
Ian Yellowlees (IY)

### In Attendance

South Ayrshire Council (SAC) Elected Member – Ian Fitzsimmons (IF)

<u>Public in attendance</u> Veronica Norman (VN) Peter Walker (PW)

Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)

Agenda	Action
1. Apologies	
HM chaired the meeting and noted that there were apologies from David Logan and Chris Campbell.	
2. Welcome to elected representative	
HM extended a warm welcome to IF as SAC elected member, following the recent Council elections when IF had been elected.	
3. Community Police Officer's Report	
There was no police representation at the meeting.	
4. Nominations for office-bearers until AGM	
HM asked IF if he would chair the meeting so that this item could take place. IF agreed to do so and took the chair.	
IF asked for nominations for:	
Chair – HM was proposed by IY and seconded by MC.	
Vice-Chair – it was agreed to leave this vacant until the AGM	
Secretary – it was agreed to leave this vacant until the AGM	
Treasurer – MC was proposed by HM and seconded by JMcA.	
HM thanked IF for his input and took the chair. He noted that two places remain	

unfilled and suggested that notices be placed on the Community notice-boards, of which there are six, which PW and JMcA agreed to put up.

It was agreed that the AGM would be held at the beginning of the June meeting. HM stated that this would require the approval of audited accounts and reports from existing office-bearers.

HM thought they would need to outline plans for the forthcoming year and that PPCC should try and align more closely with the Community Development Association and promote services and facilities within the local community.

It was decided that the AGM would start at 7.30 p.m. at the next meeting with the first meeting of the newly elected Board following.

PW thought that the community had enough of talk on windfarms, which had dominated previous meetings, and felt they thought nothing seemed to be happening now.

IY felt it important to work more closely with the community and keep them informed about what the Community Council (CC) was going to spend money on.

PW noted that when the Community Development Plan had been produced, a lot of issues had been raised which he felt could be auctioned by the CC.

HM thought they should send out some ideas, bullet-pointed. HM remarked that there might be issues of addiction / abuse in the locality as he had run a clinic in Stranraer for people on drugs.

PW said that, regarding locality planning, the police had reported that there was not currently any problem with drugs or other addictions in the village.

HM said that he wanted to produce a brief report for the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) Locality Planning Group.

PW reported that, with regard to Dawn Parker moving on, it had been recommended that the three Partnership Co-ordinator posts were made full-time appointments. This recommendation would be considered at the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) meeting next week then it would go to South Ayrshire Council (SAC), then the SAC HR department, before they could appoint someone.

HM felt that the Health & Social Care funding should be in one pot and should be concentrated on what communities want as, at present, hospital-based care is taking the largest pot of funding. HM queried whether NHS Ayrshire & Arran could justify two hospitals in Ayrshire.

IF asked about care at home.

HM explained the structure of the H&SCP and of the roles of the two groups within it – the IJB and the Strategic Planning Advisory Group (SPAG).

PW pointed out that the Chairs of the six H&SCP Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) attended the SPAG.

HM felt that there were still improvements needed in how primary and secondary care worked together. He indicated that the LPGs met regularly and were making some improvements locally, namely transport with the new bus service to Barr and also in leisure with the opening of the Quayzone.

#### 5. Presentation

PW spoke on behalf of the 2Pins Community Development Association. He reported that, on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 39 people had attended a community event (with 10 apologies)

along with three councillors.

PW said that 39 questionnaires had been sent out with 37 replies. Discussion was around Community Environmental Enhancement – last year the planters had not been done but would get done this year. The spring bulbs had been dug up but would be replaced in September.

PW stated that the subject of broadband was brought up - only two people did not want this. People were asked to give their name + email address for future contact but some had refused to give their email address which was disappointing as there was then no way to contact them.

PW proposed that the Community Council needed to look at what to put in the Community Development Plan. PW said that he was not going to make recommendations as to how things should happen.

PW said that there was a remit to work on issues in the community towards the development of the 2Pins Centre. He pointed out that they were all volunteers with very limited time. A Development Officer could be employed who would be able to do things.

PW informed the meeting that if they got money from Senscot to become a SCIO, then money from PPCC, through Assel Fund could happen. He felt that PPCC should tell the Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Association (PPCDA) what their priorities are.

PW reported that, through the H&SC Locality Planning Group, 22 people had signed up to become First Responders. The kit would cost £3000 and discussion revealed a need to have one in each village. PW said that the Scottish Ambulance Service will allow the group to use their Charity number.

PW said that 2Pins now own two telephone boxes and would place defibrillators in them. They had discovered that one box was on someone's private land, but was at the gate to the 2Pins Centre. PW said that at Pinmore there was no electricity for the defib but a neighbour had agreed to supply the electricity.

HM noted that there was power at Barrhill from the surgery supply.

PW thought the cost of electricity would be around £1.50 per year and that the power supply might come from SAC.

IF wondered about leaving the defib open so that anyone could get in.

HM said that the defib at Barrhill was locked with a code but the one at Colmonelll was left open. He pointed out that he was still giving emergency life support instruction.

PW said that, as the PPCC held a database as well as 2Pins, a notice could be sent out to the community to encourage people to support the Community Council.

HM thought that last year had been fairly quiet in terms of CC activity but that bulletpointed info could be sent out periodically along with the date of the next meeting.

PW reported that there was concern over an email regarding the road being closed at Glendrissaig.

IY thought it was to be 3-way lights initially, then the road would be closed from Girvan to Pinmore.

PW felt that the CC needed to know how residents could get in and out of Girvan.

MC felt that if they could make a gap from 12 - 1.30 then the Colmonell bus could get through.

IF pointed out that the road needed to be open at lunch-time to allow school meals

though.

PW felt there was a lack of co-ordination between Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) and the contractor.

HM said that he would send an email to confirm what was happening.

HM

IF said that he had been informed that the road closure was to protect the workforce.

PW asked how much the community knew about what was going on and VN said they really knew nothing.

JMcA noted that there was information on the 2Pins webpage.

HM said that he had been a GP for over 30 years and recalled that they did road resurfacing by closing one lane and then the other.

MC asked why they couldn't do this now.

IF said the community had been consulted on the resurfacing work done from Ainslie Road in Girvan and asked to vote, which they had done and all wanted the road closed.

PW noted that ARA had put one small note in the Carrick Gazette.

IF said that he had sent an email to the Carrick Gazette but had not had a reply.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

MC said Carrick Futures had £3808 and Hadyard Hill £3653, but both were due to be topped up with £5000 this month. He pointed out that if the balance were to reach £10000 in either then the payment would stop. There was therefore a need to persuade people to apply to get the money.

MC said there were applications for three small grants:

PPCDA – children's activities for the summer

WI – wanted £500 for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Health Transport – whether to renew this, as there was only £16 left in it.

IY felt there was a disparity in the amounts awarded.

HM reported that for someone to attend the beatson in Glasgow, there could be a need for daily visits for three weeks.

JMcA asked if MC could send a scenario of how the grant scheme works. He noted that trhe information said to ring up and ask, but felt that some people might be put off and might be turned down.

IY felt that some people did not know about the scheme.

IF asked if it was similar to Community Action Network (CAN) in Girvan?

HM asked if the meeting could look at the grants:

- PPCDA was approved
- WI was approved
- Health Transport topping up was approved.

HM requested consideration of the next expenditure as they had talked about a community website.

MC noted that PW would prefer the individual who did website work in Colmonell.

JMcA expressed a preference for a permanent banner at the top of the website page

for Community Council business.

HM wondered if all the minutes should be displayed on the website once approved. He felt that if there were areas of particular sensitivity, one version of the minutes should not give the names of recipients of Health grants.

JMcA felt that, if there was an area of the website for Community Council business, there could be a comments section. He felt there should be a full-time Secretary who could bring communications back to what had been in the past.

HM pointed out that they could have paid admin support but that a Community Council Secretary could not be paid although they could paid for an admin person to administer the minutes.

JMcA felt that there was a problem in getting personal information. He queried the use of a pseudo-email address.

MC felt emails should be addressed to the secretariat.

HM felt there could be a generic secretary email address with automatic forwarding to whoever was taking emails in. This would avoid giving out personal email addresses. HM wondered if it was worth having the website designer to the meeting?

MC said that he would have a word with the individual. At present he felt there was a hiatus – some things were still going to Chris Saunders. MC felt that he should advise SAC to send mail to the new person + a generic email address.

JMcA felt this made more sense.

## 7. Approval of previous minutes 16 March 2017

These were proposed by IY and seconded by JMcA.

#### 8. Matters arising not on this Agenda

There were no items under this heading.

#### 9. AOB

IF said that, as SAC Elected Member, he was undergoing training at present so there was nothing to report other than Labour had been ordered not to work with the Conservatives.

HM felt that the budgetary constraints were frightening. He reported on the problem within social care of funding nursing home places – three had to close to get two new places so they were only funding 2/3rds of demand.

IF confirmed that a new development of Hillcrest was being funded. He confirmed that he was to sit on the new Planning and Licensing Boards.

JMcA pointed out that there was an issue outstanding from one of the last meetings, this being the footpath at Pinmore where the house on the right had to care for this. He informed the group that the waste bin, which was previously emptied by the council, was not being emptied now.

JMcA said that there was a new agreement from Hadyard Hill (HH) and Carrick Futures

(CF) to sign and send back.

MC noted that there was a Memorandum of Understanding.

JMcA said that he was disappointed in the way Foundation Scotland (FS) was being restrictive in how funds were managed.

MC said that, at the moment, PPCC + Colmonell were doing a children's Fun activity. However a woman / women in Colmonell had phoned FS and queried this.

JMcA pointed out that no-one could book anyone or confirm a booking until the grant was approved.

MC pointed out that this could take four months.

JMcA asked what small grants were for if a group needed the money now.

IF said that £500 had been put in to the CC for Girvan Flower Show. He wondered if they could go to AV for a bigger amount and was asked how much he really needed. IF said that there was a meeting this week so they were waiting for word of this.

MC revealed that he had found out two weeks ago they were being charged £3700 to administer the AV Fund, which had only dealt with two applications.

IY wondered how to take it forward and questioned whether the agreement should be signed.

MC said that the restriction was on small grants, not on the main one.

HM felt that the agreement could be signed provided, if questioned, PPCC could show they had carried out due diligence.

MC pointed out that they had got £500 for the children of Pinwherry and others had got £500 for the children of Colmonell.

JMcA said he had received an email from CS about South Carrick Community Leisure (SCCL). There was to be an SCCL official opening of the Quayzone on 24 June from 11 – 2. Each CC was to select two members of the community to attend as SCCL's guests.

HM thanked all for attending and confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Thurs 15 June 2017 at 19:30.

The meeting finished at 21:30.