

# PRESTONPANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **Agenda for Tues 22nd Feb 2022 at 7pm on Zoom**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of previous minutes
4. Matters arising
5. Treasurer's Report - Including Funding Requests
6. Secretary's Report
7. Ward Councillors' Updates
8. Area Partnership Update
9. Police Report, CAPP & Anti Social Behaviour Update
10. Festive Lighting - Ratification of tree-dressing motion
11. Coastal Erosion
12. Preston Tower Update
13. Civic Square Update
14. Any Other Competent Business

Date and Time of Next Meeting 22 March 2022 at 7pm -  
Location to be decided at meeting.

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## Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7pm on Zoom.

**Present** - DJ Johnson-Smith (Chair), Graeme Hutchison, Elaine Anderson, Andrew Stevenson (vice chair), Cllr Neil Gilbert, Ferhan Ashiq, Michelle Ritchie, Tony Leach (Treasurer), Iain Whyte, Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Roger Bromley, Cllr Colin Yorkston, Tim Porteus, Caitlin Johnston (EL Courier), Aniqah Chaudry (ELC), Joe Simpson, Lynn Marshall, Janis Wilson (Secretary), Dan Paris, Jill Du Fresnes, Gareth Jones, Jane Park, Cllr Lachlan Bruce.

**Apologies** – Allan Sneddon, Tam Gibbons.

**Minutes from previous two meetings:** Both minutes proposed by Andrew Stevenson, seconded by Roger Bromley.

**Matters arising** – Janis Wilson's name missing from previous minutes. The historic paper minutes Janis picked up from a previous secretary are going to the archives in Haddington and any digital copies will be stored in the John Gray Centre's cloud archive.

**Welcome:** The chair opened the meeting by congratulating Colin Yorkston on his by-election win and welcomed him along in his new capacity as a Ward Councillor.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer shared his screen showing the accounts from the year ending 31/3/2021 (before the current Committee took over). They had been audited prior to the AGM last October. Some receipts were missing.

The accounts were approved. Proposed by Roger Bromley, seconded by Janis Wilson.

Treasurer then shared the accounts from after the new committee took over.

**Councillor's Reports** – Cllr O'Donnell thanked the CC for its work arranging the Christmas tree, gave an update on local antisocial behaviour (ASB) and the problem-solving partnership which is made up of the Council, the police and 3rd sector partners, and informed the meeting that there is a draft budget meeting tomorrow. Cllr Gilbert reminded CC about the staffing issues the Council was having, spoke about the cost-of-living crisis and energy bill crisis and the new fire alarm system that all homes must have from February 2022. Cllr Bruce echoed Cllr O'Donnell's words.

Tim Porteus asked how members of the public can get info / involved with tackling ASB. Aniqah Chaudry informed the meeting that ELC officers are working with certain local youths and their families to try to get to the root of the problem. Ferhan

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thought the ASB wasn't the worst it has ever been. Michelle asked about CCTV but was informed that the individuals were often not identifiable as they were dressed all in black. Jane Park asked if the parents were engaged and was informed that there was a plan to create groups. Cllr O'Donnell informed the meeting that social work was reporting a better engagement with the parents.

The Chair proposed a supplementary meeting to conclude the agenda and closed the meeting at 9pm.

## **Minutes of Supplementary meeting held on 2 February 2022 at 7pm on Zoom.**

**Present** – DJ Johnston-Smith (Chair), Janis Wilson (Secretary), Tony Leach (Treasurer), Andrew Stevenson (Vice Chair), Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Michelle Ritchie, Graeme Hutchison, Joe Simpson, Roger Bromley.

**Apologies** – Iain Whyte, Elaine Anderson, Allan Sneddon.

**Community engagement** – Led by Roger Bromley, discussed his letter on improving CC engagement with the wider community which was sent to member via email before the meeting. This highlighted the following points. Need to make the role of the community council clear to people. What is happening in the town, eg, Andrew's Destiny Project, what is it? We need to be above party politics; we need to know more about local projects. We need an up-to-date website – perhaps a pupil from Preston lodge, or a student from Queen Margaret University could help. Tony Leach informed the meeting that a website was started, and he could try to progress it further.

Roger to find out which clubs are in town – maybe CC should ask for feedback on any money we give out. Tony happy to write something to be published on Facebook. Tony to take on improvement of feedback forms.

\*Andrew left meeting at 19:30\*

Michelle informed the meeting that libraries can help with ongoing issues surrounding the bus passes for under 22s – to be advertised on the Facebook page.

**Christmas lights** – Graeme Hutchison spoke with the chair of Haddington Community council about their lights – they hire an electrician to fit the sockets to the lights. If buying lights now, much cheaper – can perhaps share cherry picker with Haddington going forward. There followed a discussion about Christmas lights / trees for the future.

Recommendation – dress more trees – this is what we have the capacity to do. No decision was made about a Christmas tree. Tony suggested that any unspent money

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that runs over to this year should go towards lights on trees. Meeting agreed and decision to be ratified at following meeting.

**Civic Square** – no work has taken place since November 2021 – the plans for the centenary event in April can no longer go ahead. The Square as it is a health and safety issue. The meeting discussed the square. It was agreed that Cllr O'Donnell would make enquiries to see what can be done until work resumes.

Meeting ended at 20:40.