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Agenda for 2022 AGM & November Meeting Tues 22nd November 2022 at 7pm in Town Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies

AGM

3. Matters arising and adoption of 2021 AGM minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Chairperson's Report
6. Election of office-bearers for 2022-23

November Meeting

7. Matters arising and adoption of October meeting minutes
8. Guest speaker - Major James Eliot, Prestonpans Corps Salvation Army
9. Treasurer's Report - Inc funding requests
10. Secretary's Report
11. Ward Councillors' updates - Discussion about "Special Meeting" of ELC earlier in the day.
12. Area Partnership update
13. Blindwells cycle path response.
14. Preston Tower and Civic Square update
15. Any Other Competent Business

NO Community Council meeting in December. Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7pm in the Town Hall.

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Prestonpans Community Council 2021 AGM Community Centre, Prestonpans, 12 October 2021, 6.30pm

Present – Calum Miller, Tam Gibbons, Allan Sneddon, Janis Wilson, Joe Simpson, Iain Whyte, Graeme Hutchison, Roger Bromley, Janice Castello, Caitlyn Johnson, Andrew Stevenson, Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, Michelle Ritchie, Elaine Anderson, Tony Leach, Leanne Ward, Caitlyn McCorry (courier).

Apologies – DJ Johnston-Smith

This AGM is called to elect a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.

Cllr O'Donnell chaired the AGM and thanked the outgoing officers, especially Brian Waddell and Leanne Ward.

Position of Chair – Allan Sneddon nominated Calum Miller. Tony Leach nominated DJ Johnson-Smith. Calum withdrew. Iain Whyte seconded DJ – DJ elected (contact has been made with him to confirm this).

Position of Vice Chair – Andrew and Janice nominated Calum. Calum objected. Calum nominated Allan. Allan objected. Andrew volunteered – proposed by Janis seconded by Roger. Andrew elected vice chair.

Position of Secretary – Tony nominated Janis. Joe seconded. Janis elected as secretary.

Position of Treasurer - Roger nominated Tony. Janis seconded. Tony elected as treasurer.

Police report – read out by Leanne – between 14/9/21 and 11/10/21 there had been 164 calls. 31 crimes, 13 solved others still being investigated.

Christmas lights – a priority. Council needs dates to put them up. Two trees to be dressed 25/10 which are paid for. Sockets still to be paid.

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AOCB - EL lottery – the CC receives funding of £1700 per year. Zoom expires 25/11/21.

Andrew nominated Tam as a there is a casual vacancy. Roger – the times of CC meetings need to shift from 2nd Tuesday to 4th to accommodate new chair. Meeting agrees to shift days. The town hall was suggested as a venue – to be approached. DJ accepts the role of chair.

Volunteers for positions for other committees – Area partnership (3) – Calum nominated Roger. Janis seconded. Roger elected. Andrew nominated Janis. Iain seconded. Janis elected. Andrew volunteered. Janis nominated him. Andrew elected. CAPP meetings – Tony nominated Allan. Allan accepted. Allan elected. Sustainability – Janis nominated Allan. Joe seconded. Allan elected. Rail partnership / bus forum – Andrew nominated Tony – accepted on a temporary basis. Community heritage / salt of the earth – Joe nominated Roger. Resilience – Michelle nominated Allan. Health and wellbeing sub-group – Joe volunteered.

Caitlyn McCorry to send out info to all new community councillors.

AOB – Murals at the train station – 4 artists appointed for this – awaiting funding. Schools involved with the artwork – Calum to forward details.

Cuthill Park – the work that has been done to the community garden is being destroyed. Roger suggested we ask the group responsible for its upkeep to investigate. The meeting was informed that the group no longer exists. Caitlyn suggested that one initiative for the queen's jubilee could be to refresh the park.

Meeting ends. Next meeting 23/11/21 Community Centre.

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Prestonpans Community Council Town Hall, Prestonpans 25th October 2022, 7pm

Present - Elaine Anderson, Prasun Barman, Roger Bromley, Aniqah Choudray (ELC), Tam Gibbons, Graeme Hutchison, DJ Johnston Smith (Chairperson), Gregor Millar (EL Courier), Alexander Park, Joe Simpson, Michelle Ritchie, Iain Whyte, Janis Wilson (Secretary), Cllr Colin Yorkston.

Apologies – Tony Leach, Andy Stevenson, Ferhan Ashiq, Allan Sneddon, Cllr Lachlan Bruce, Cllr Neil Gilbert.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters Arising – an update regarding an email from Men’s Shed. Minutes proposed by Graeme Hutchison, seconded by Alex Park.

Treasurer’s report - received by members earlier via WhatsApp – balance - £17892.57 of which £10648.81 is restricted. We have paid out £3150.00 in funding requests.

Two funding requests were discussed – The Gala Committee – awarded £300 for Santa’s Sleigh proposed by Alex Park, seconded by Joe Simpson. Preston Tower Primary School - awarded £1000. An email is to be sent to St Gabriel’s to ask if they need funding for any end of term events.

Secretary’s report – n/a

Councillor’s report – from Cllr Colin Yorkston

- PL Park is getting a pump track

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- Meeting between Preston Lodge learning foundation and Edinburgh college re 16 students to be given the opportunity to train with the chance of apprenticeships. If successful, the scheme is to be expanded
- A safe passage for schoolkids from Blindwells is to be created from the new development to the train station. Colin explained the plans and agreed to send printed copies.

Area partnership – no update. Awaiting the minutes from the meeting on the 12th of October.

Social issues – Parking on the pavement across town still posing a problem, the Scottish government passed a Bill which hasn't come into effect yet.

Police report – a decrease in calls and antisocial behaviour.

Civic Square will be ready for remembrance Sunday – Scots pine to be planted on the square. 19th November, open day at Preston Tower – details to follow.

AOCB – Michelle told the meeting that the 2-day Christmas fair at the penny pit has been cancelled. Alex Hodgeson concert 10th November. Community centre Christmas Fair 3rd December. Aniqah informed the meeting that the town's Christmas tree would be installed free of charge.

Michelle told the meeting that the issues with the junction at Appin Drive / Longdykes Road is not yet resolved. Roger raised the issue of the closure of the Goth – to be told it is changing hands, not closing.

Upcoming meetings – all online - health and wellbeing – 21/10/22, 1015. Sustainable development 8/10/22, 7pm, children and youth network, 15/11/22, 1530. In person – heritage group, 16/11/22, 1900, port seton community centre.

Meeting ends 2010. Next meeting to be AGM on 22/11/22, 7pm, Town Hall.