

PRESTWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 12th May 2025

Present:

Morris Rollo (Chairperson)	Isobel McCrorie (Secretary)
Margaret Rollo	Leigh Marshall
Ann Hanns	
Jill Tomlinson	
12 Members attending (list attached)	

1. Introduction / Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and he introduced the current members of the committee.

He then commented on the use of the Centre:

It was emphasized that the centre was not just a facility for the local residents of Prestwick, but was instead a community asset that was used by many people from across South Ayrshire. Typically, the centre was used by around 150 people a day.

Amongst the 50 - 60 groups that regularly used the centre, there were 3 nursery groups, 8 Groups from Opportunities in Retirement Ayr, 5 or 6 Health and welfare groups from SAC, Recycle Saturday, and several charities.

2. Apologies for Absence

Ann Hagen, John Brown, Michaela, Tom McCrorie

3. Approval of previous Minutes

Proposed - Barbara Dillett. Second - Andrew Main

4. Secretary's report

Isobel explained that Tracy Whiteford was involved in helping the PCA get a defib for the centre. There are 3 other defibs in Prestwick and Tracy then approached us and asked if we could support the other defibs in the community. This can be done by insuring them with AEd Donate so that if they need new batteries etc. then they will be covered.

Because there is a cost of approx. £1,000 per year the committee decided to bring this to the attention of the members at the AGM for approval. We had a vote for approval and the vote was unanimous.

5. Report on the fabric of the building

Spending had again been restricted due to uncertainty on the future of the centre with South Ayrshire Council. There had been numerous small repairs, and some larger works on the Bell Tower, and on a chimney stack, but there had been no substantial program of works to halt the continuing deterioration of the structure of the building.

6. Treasurer's report (full detailed report attached)

A printed financial report was given to each member at the meeting.

As a financial statement can sometimes be difficult to read, a brief summary was given.

For the last year, the association received £39,820 in income spent £6,647, which resulted in a surplus of £33,173.

When this is added to the accumulated surplus carried over from 2023 / 2024, then as of the 31st of January 2025, the Association had £179,366.06.

7. Report on the Membership

Membership of the Association is free, and Group Leaders have not been mandated to help the committee, but currently we only have six committee members.

To help the committee we will again write to all the groups, to ask them to consider offering more help.

8. Matter on the constitution

None.

9. Future plan for the Centre

At last year's AGM we reported that we had just received a head of terms for a 2-year lease agreement from SAC and that we expected to sign it soon and to then have the confidence to spend more of our funds on internal improvements.

We are disappointed to report, that unknown to us that this had been stopped some time ago, and at a recent meeting in April with representatives from SAC we were informed that the future of the centre was being decided under a much broader restructuring program. We are awaiting further response from SAC representatives.

In the meantime, we have met with Prestwick Community Council and the 4 SAC councillors responsible for our Prestwick Ward. They understand our concerns and have agreed to investigate on our behalf.

Included in our concerns were the findings in the survey we commissioned in 2021 that identified over £500,000 in urgent repairs required on the building.

Also, our puzzlement as to why there seemed to be no commitment to investment in the community centre, which we believe to be one of South Ayrshire's most valuable community services, whilst £750,000 has been allocated in the SAC budget for the restoration of a Steeple.

The committee will keep the association members informed of any developments.

10. Election of Office bearers.

1. Chairperson	Morris Rollo	Proposed: Leigh Marshall.	Second: Barbara Dillet
2. Secretary	Isobel Mccrorie	Proposed: Ruby Taylor.	Second: Ann Hanns
3. Treasurer	Margaret Rollo	Proposed: Andy Brown.	Second: John Taylor

There were 6 vacancies remaining, and the chairperson encouraged the members present to consider applying in the future, as without volunteers the centre will not function. He also expressed the view, that he believed that it was 'not healthy', to have a committee restricted to the same members year after year, as that ran the increasing risk of the committee failing to properly represent the views of the members of the association.

11. AOCB

None.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

DATE OF NEXT AGM - TO BE ARRANGED

Members Attending

Ken Gibb	Ian Smith	Bill Dickson	Sandra Boyd
May Nisbet	Anne Sneddon	Andy Brown	Andy Main
Barbara Dillet	John Taylor	Ruby Taylor	Sheila Taylor