

TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013

SEDERUNT:

TCC – D Cram; R Pollock; D Graham; H Duff; D Barr; A Cameron; E Williamson; K Workman; E McNish; F Carson; M Love

Police Scotland: PC B Wood; PC A Carson

South Ayrshire Council: Cllrs. P Saxton; P Convery; N McFarlane; W McIntosh; Ms M McNulty (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

Youth Forum Representative: K Beckwith

Local Press Representatives: S Houston (Ayrshire Post), E Harbinson (Troon Times)

Public Forum: C Malone Mr Cousar; A N Other

APOLOGIES: None

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

On behalf of Troon Community Council, Chairman R Pollock welcomed all those present, including two attending members of the public, together with two members of the local press. He explained that in the interests of accuracy, the business of the meeting would be recorded. There were no objections.

POLICE REPORT:

PC A Carson delivered a comprehensive and reasonably positive overall report with regard to the crime situation in Troon over the last month. He noted that Inspector Greenwood is now transferring to Group One, Ayr Division, and Chairman R Pollock asked that thanks and best wishes be passed on. Brief mention was made of anti-terrorist activities/arrests, and in response to an enquiry from H Duff re the dumping of counterfeit money, PC Carson confirmed that this had been dealt with some months ago.

REPORT FROM M MCNULTY, SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TOWN REGENERATION OFFICER

Ms McNulty introduced herself by giving background to her role, and delivered a very informative and constructive report on Troon's present and future situation re current and hopeful trade situations; of its holiday town status; affirming her remit, given her limited budget, to task access to funding in order to assist raising awareness of Troon's obvious attributes. Discussion round the table followed on various aspects of the image which Troon currently projects viz. events, poor or misleading signage, lack of adequate toilet facilities, empty retail units/outlets, parking, and the possibility of TCC hosting a meeting with local business owners. In addition it was confirmed that meeting with local business owners has been arranged for Thurs 7th November which Ms McNulty will attend; TCC members D Barr, H Duff, K Workman and R Pollock will also attend.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed Mr Cousar and another member of the public to the meeting, enquiring as to any issues they might wish to raise. Mr Cousar expressed his surprise at the recent interest in the parking signage situation, and received an explanation from Cllr Convery re the need to make Troon more parking friendly for visitors and residents, and the other member of the public stated his presence at the meeting was that of an interested observer.

C Malone spoke at length of the following:

The displaying of Christmas Lights, and of his enthusiasm for the Secret Santa project and how it operates. After much positive discussion, by a majority vote, TCC agreed to donate £50 towards this

project, but with the advisability of employing some means of publicising, as suggested by local police and others present at the meeting.

Troon Walks

Literature will be released next year. Approval is required from TCC to use Ordnance Survey Maps. This was agreed, C Malone further stated that he has approached 3 printers to assess best price and quality.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With reference to Cllr Saxton's report re the Breakfast Club, it was erroneously recorded that both Struthers Primary and Barassie Primary were currently involved in participation. Barassie Primary School has this amenity under discussion, whilst Struthers Primary has already has this facility in practice. With this amendment, the minutes were approved by E Williamson, and seconded by D Cram.

MATTERS ARISING

- Letter to CEO re Welbeck Troon Golf Clubhouse – an interim reply has been received from Lesley Bloomer
- Toilet Block at Templehill – Cllr Saxton confirmed that letter was sent to interested party
- Lights at Footpaths (Brodie Avenue/Logan Drive/Willow Lane) – situation now remedied, with thanks to Cllr Convery for his attention/input
- Storage Space for Chernobyl Children's Lifeline – K Workman was unable to attend previous meeting but another meeting has been arranged
- Traffic Lights at Lang Road – amber light still non-operational
- Website Input - Further to the agreement that K Beckwith is the most appropriate person to undertake this task, the Council was made aware that Outbox 4 are no longer in their Troon premises. A Cameron and R Pollock will make enquiries and report back.
- TCC Banners - These have now been displayed on the railings, and thanks are due to the Janitation staff for their assistance. Additionally High Visibility jackets are now to hand for TCC organised events.
- Marr College Boys' Toilet/Washroom facilities – now greatly improved. Check has still to be re Girls' facilities.
- Empty 1- bedroom property – P Saxton still to enquire and report back to next meeting
- Overhanging Tree Branch at Lady Margaret Drive – secretary still to send letter
- Hunter Crescent – lights repaired
- Ottoline Drive – reparation has been carried out
- Resurfacing of West Portland Street – P Convery confirmed as on priority list for 2014/15
- Mobile Skate Park – R Pollock had made mention of this initiative at a recent ASACS meeting, who appeared supportive. C Malone is now a member of the committee, & indicated that some members would like to come to a future TCC meeting. Wholehearted support from TCC was agreed unanimously.

YOUTH FORUM

Keir Beckwith delivered a comprehensive report which included the following:

- Visiting architects at the School taking measurements etc.
- Forthcoming Visit from HMie Inspectors
- Surveys being carried out of staff, pupils and parents
- Young Musician of the Year
- Forthcoming Young Musician of the Year competition on 21 November
- Fiona Welsh (S6) - achievement in gaining Gold Crest Award; being selected to take part at the Nuffield Foundation which offers students the opportunity to work with professionals in the STEM subjects.

- Lewis Anderson (S6) – selected as one of 40 for Scotland U18 Rugby Squad
- Marsail Hood (S6) – progressed through the Open Mic (UK) competition, and although not going through from live auditions can still progress as the wild card national vote if selected
- Commonwealth Games – Marr selected to nominate student to carry the Torch 500 metres
- Eco School – The committee has gained the Eco School Silver Award, and is working on a Litter, Recycling and Energy to hopefully achieve the Green Flag as part of the “Keeping Scotland Beautiful” Scheme

Chairman R Pollock thanked Keir for his report, and asked that a letter of support for these positive achievements be sent to the Head Teacher of Marr College

CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing:

Mrs V Gwynne from R Pollock re Fair Trade

Mrs E Howat (CEO)

Incoming:

VASA Training Session –

Lesley Bloomer (SAC) -Troon Clubhouse

E Howat (CEO – SAC) Failure of essential lighting

Letter of Reply from Mrs V Gwynne – indicating suspension of renewal process of Fair Trade

email from SACTeam Ayrshire Volleyball

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr McFarlane spoke of the following:

- A Sight & Hearing exhibition in the Walker Halls
- Of a housing problem concerning overflow having been remedied by very promptly by SAC
- Charges now being imposed for use of the Library as a venue for various associations
- Ivy Cottage bins now being subject to charges, and the question re imposing charges on charity shops
- Poor Turnout at recent Youth Centre meeting**
- A charge of 30p being levied for the use of Public Toilets
- Her dismay at the audit of South Ayrshire Council now on web site

**Discussion followed at length regarding the Youth Centre current and future situations and Troon Community Council was unanimous in pledging its full support in helping to preserve this amenity, agreeing that regeneration is essential in order to avoid its loss. R Pollock will meet with representatives of Community Services, and attend the next 2 meetings at the Youth Centre

Cllr Convery spoke of the following:

- Traffic signage at Troon Primary and St Patricks Primary and the initial inability of SPT to fund, but of his having obtained some funding, and of Traffic Calming areas at Troon Primary and St Patrick's
- The Play Area Galleon Cargo Net being replaced and work in hand at soft play area
- Promenade safety; and of Bollards at Victoria Drive being moved into line with edge of “putting green” area in order to give back access to householders.
- A discussion with Estates Dept re Putting Green, and the possibility either being leased, or seeking a sponsor for a Scottish Putting Open Championship
- The input of Ms McNulty
- The Leadership Panel's role re Welbeck Golf Club, and of the likelihood of the disappearance of the developers XQR from the scene.

A Cameron asked about the new food waste containers, the missed opportunity to distribute a calendar when contacting households previously, and the cost to the householders of bin liner bags. She further stated she had been unable to obtain a calendar on line. Cllr Convery agreed with some comments, and suggested that any complainant should log onto South Ayrshire Council's website to report any problems

Cllr Saxton spoke of the following:

- The situation with regard to Welbeck Club House and the missed opportunity to achieve substantial savings to the ratepayers, with decision now having been deferred until July/August
- The fencing at Buchan Road
- Parking Charges at Prestwick
- Mixed tenures
- Repair of sewage pipes at Ramsay Court
- Security door requiring reprogramming

TREASURER'S REPORT

D Cram confirmed a healthy situation with regard to Troon Community Council's finances

OTHER REPORTS

H Duff outlined arrangements for TCC members' presence at the Remembrance Service, and confirmed that the Wintertainment event was well in hand. Additionally D Barr, H Duff, R Pollock and K Workman would be attending a meeting at the Velvet Apple premises to discuss the trading situation for this event, as outlined in Town Regeneration Officer's Report. She asked that grateful thanks be passed on to all supporters for their sterling efforts.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Proposed Housing Development at Braemore Wood

The Planning Department of SAC will invite the developers to contact Troon Community Council to arrange a meeting. Secretary was advised to expect contact from developers or Planning Dept and undertook to pass on any communication. The one in, one out access road was discussed.

Civic Award

H Duff confirmed that the paper for the Civic Award was ready for distribution

Possible Available Funding

R Pollock spoke of a possible approach to the Weir Foundation; M Love reminded members of the communication received from VASA; A Cameron spoke a recent meeting she had attended, where many avenues of funding seemed to be available, possibly through the efforts of our local Councillors; and the Secretary was asked to invite Mr A Spurling, Chairman of Dundonald Community Council, to speak to TCC members re the "Kyle Initiative"

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx.9.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7pm. In Council Chambers

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