**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ON 7TH OCTOBER 2014**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC**

H Duff. D Barr, E Williamson, K Workman, A Cameron, D Cram, L Matheson, R Pollock, M Love. F Carson, F MacDonald

**SAC**

Councillor P Saxton, Councillor N McFarlane

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

PC S Callaghan, PC M Morton

**MEDIA**

S Houston (Ayrshire Post) , E Harbinson (Troon Times)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

A Kerr (MTRA), C Morrison, A McCrory, F McCrory, J Millar, I Millar, G Borzecki, E Brown

**APOLOGIES**: D Graham, E McNish, Cllr W McIntosh, Cllr P Convery, K Beckwith

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, including the members of the public, and intimated that a potential new member, Anne Kerr, had indicated her interest in joining Troon Community Council, affirming that it may be possible for her co-opted membership in the meantime.

**POLICE REPORT**

PC Morton delivered a most comprehensive statistical report with regard to robberies, assaults, drugs supplying, drink driving, street drinking, antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, hate crimes, stop and searches, housebreaking etc. when it would seem that there is a positive result in both detection, and prevention, of the above. In addition, pertinent advice was given with regard to the householders' role in the prevention of easy access by potential housebreakers.

E Williamson enquired as to to legality of a white van parking on Ayr Street on a regular basis, with difficult traffic implications. Although parking is no longer a police issue, PC Morton agreed to look at the situation.

Both D Barr and H Duff spoke of undesirable persons, both in the town itself, and at the Spar Shop in Logan Drive, where many residents feel feel threatened by unpleasant behaviour. In addition the problem of youths urinating in public in the town was broached, Police Scotland confirmed that they are aware of the offending persons, and that the situation is being monitored. Mention was also made by N McFarlane of door-bell ringing and the implication that opportunistic thieves were attempting to establish non-presence of residents.

Chairman R Pollock thanked the two Police Officers for their attendance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Children's Play Area**

Mrs Janette Millar again raised the important issue of the conditions in the Children's Play Park re the uneven surface. In spite of a visit from South Ayrshire Council representatives, the area remains in its present condition, and Cllr Saxton undertook to contact Cllr Convery on this matter. Mrs Millar also asked that the position regarding gates for the Play Area should be given consideration.

**Proposed Costa Coffee plus A N Other Outlets at Safeway Park**

The issue was raised by A McCrory of the possible location of Costa Coffee, along with another Fast Food Outlet, being based in the “Old Safeway” Car Park, when she voiced her concerns re noise, disturbance etc. , together with the subsequent removal of some 30 parking spaces. It was pointed out that this area is privately owned; Cllr Saxton advised the submission of an objection, and Cllr McFarlane offered to assist the resident in her pursuit. It was also pointed out by R Pollock that job opportunities could be gained from this proposed development. After much discussion, it was agreed that Troon Community Council requires more guidance before responding to/supporting objections, and to this end an invitation to a South Ayrshire Council Planning Officer should be extended in order to explain planning decisions, and that TCC members be offered sufficient training in this aspect.

**Mrs Cathie Morrison, Civic Award Winner,** spoke of her pleasure in attaining the award and gave thanks to most especially the **Troon Community Council Activities Group** for their attention. She apologised for her imminent absence due to a trip to Australia, but wished all those involved in Wintertainment, continued success. R Pollock thanked Mrs Morrison for her presence at the various events during the past several months, and this was echoed by Helen Duff, on behalf of the Activities Group.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of 2nd September were approved by D Cram and this was seconded by H Duff

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Play Area** – Already dealt with as above

**Beacon** - Discussion followed on the advisability or otherwise by Troon Community Council of assuming responsibility for the ownership and maintenance of the Beacon. After much deliberation amongst members, Cllr Saxton volunteered to initially discuss with Cllr Convery, and then to make further enquiries with South Ayrshire Council with regard to Public Liability insurance costs, establishing the actual ownership of the ground area where the Beacon has been erected. E Williamson confirmed that she has been in touch with Mrs Fisher re the substantial funds which are in place, and that she had passed a contact number to the Chairman.

**HI-VIS Jackets** – R Pollock confirmed that he had placed some 7 jackets in the depository allotted in the Town Chambers. K Workman stated that she had been able to source a quotation for 20 Jackets from a local company, at a cost of £127. Before any decision is made, R Pollock will check prices previously obtained.

**Unsafe Fencing at Yorke Road/Fullarton Drive**

As the area ownership is in question (either Railway Company or South Ayrshire Council) the situation has made no progress. Previously Cllr P Convery had agreed to investigate.

**Double White Lines**

D Barr again raised the situation at the under construction development at NE Troon and the traversing of the Double White Line traffic position. Presently there has been no further progress to this enquiry.

**Public Toilet Facilities**

In response to an enquiry at the September meeting, with regard to provision of these facilities with the imminent Fireworks Display planned for November, Cllr Saxton stated that toilet facilities for the Firework event would be available at Troon Swimming Pool. Cllr McFarlane affirmed that SAC are under no obligation to provide these facilities, and R Pollock pointed out that organisers of any event are responsible for ensuring these facilities. Cllr Saxton stated that toilet facilities will be made available at North Beach from April 2015.

**Troon Swimming Pool**

Installation of Defibrillator – No further report available at this meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Incoming:**

03/09/14 - SAC (Resources, Governance and Organisation – Notice of a Public Procession

1st Troon Boys Brigade on 5th October

09/09/14 – M Toshner, SAC (Economy, Neighbourhood & Environment) – Street Naming Proposal, NE Development at Troon

23/09/124 – By Email: Inspector S Greenwood – Reply re Community Policeman Replacement

08/09/14, 29/09/14 and 30/09/14 – By Email : D Yuille, SAC, Corporate Resources – Marr College Planning Application

06/10/14 – By Email: K Beckwith – Letter of Resignation. M Love confirmed that she had sent a personal message, and agreed to send a letter of appreciation from all members of Troon C. C

**Outgoing:**

10/09/14 – Mr M Toshner, SAC re Naming of Thoroughfares/Avenues/Streets in North East Development, Troon

10/09/14 – Inspector S Greenwood, Police Scotland – re Replacement of Community Policeman

\*10/09/14 - Mr K Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance – re Waiting Times in Troon

02/10/14 – Community Councils Section, SAC – Alteration in Position of Treasurer

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Wintertainment** - H Duff outlined all arrangements which are now well in place. These include parking, Santa's arrival, the RNLI Raffle draw, police presence for the Parade, the Switching – on Ceremony by the Provost, and the presence of a Celebrity. She also made mention of the necessity for more stewards at the event, and that details will be placed on Facebook. It was also agreed that D Barr receive funding for necessities in advance, rather than application in arrears.

**Hosiery Park** - K Workman spoke of the gates and swings having being painted at Hosiery Park.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Councillor McFarlane** spoke of the following:

* Her concern at the condition of the Crosbie Cemetery wall, and of her eagerness for reparation to be carried out on headstones in the Churchyard
* The Traffic Lights at the junction of Dundonald Road/Logan Drive, causing serious delays, possibly due to malfunction.
* \*Her forthcoming meeting with Ayrshire Roads Alliance (copy letter to Ayrshire Roads Alliance from TCC passed on for reference)
* An incident on the Cycle Path, and her concern for the safety of pupils en route to, and returning home from, school.
* The desirability of a Planning Adviser who could be a co-opted member of Troon Community Council, with the possibility of local press giving publicity for a suitable candidate. R Pollock stressed the necessity for such a qualified person. A Cameron suggested a Mr I McLarty, and R Pollock undertook to contact as soon as possible.

**Councillor Saxton** spoke of the following:

* \*Ayrshire Roads Alliance – the 1 hour time limit being increased from 30 mins.
* The approval of townspeople with the proposed names for the thoroughfares/streets at the NE Development

**AOCB**

**K Workman** drew attention to the prolonged use of electric lighting at Troon Police Station

**H Duff** confirmed that letters re Civic Award will be issued shortly. A Cameron will print off, and L Matheson will put details on the TCC Website.

**E Williamson** asked for attention to be given to the following:

* Cutting of overhanging branches at the Willockston Road area Cycle Path. N McFarlane will investigate.
* The clearing of Muirhead Burn
* Temporary Traffic Lights at Barassie causing serious delay, questioning design. P Saxton will send an e-mail of explanation, but stating that planning has already been passed, and that a Traffic Management assessment has been carried out.

**F Carson** spoke of the following:

* Lorries turning at West Crescent at a time when pupils are going to school. She was advised to contact Police Scotland
* Buchan Road - Near misses involving pupils on scooters, and speeding motorists and of her plea for a Pedestrian Crossing. P Saxton responded by quoting existing traffic calming measures, and the suggestion that Road Safety Discipline be revived. In addition he suggested that speeding motorists be reported to Police Scotland by concerned observers.
* The programme of events organised and solely funded by Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association

**R Pollock** spoke of road markings at Troon Primary School having been partially obliterated by weather conditions

**D Barr** spoke of the following

* Removal of poster/notice from Street Furniture
* Accidental fall due to poor pavement conditions. P Saxton suggested photo of offending area.
* Ingress/Egress at the Shopping Area at Dundonald Road/Central Avenue. P Saxton confirmed that the situation continues to be pursued.

**A Cameron** also spoke of the poor condition of many pavements throughout the town, and was advised to identify the offending areas requiring repair and to report them to SAC Roads Department. In addition Councillors were asked to monitor the situation and report back.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm

**Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 7th November, 2014.**

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