**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN COUNCILCHAMBERS**

 **ON TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC: D Graham, L Matheson, M Love, H Duff, D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman, D Cram**

**SAC: W McIntosh, N McFarlane, P Saxton, P Convery, D Yuille**

**Police Scotland: PC D Cavanagh**

**MEDIA: S Houston (Ayrshire Post), E Harbinson (Troon Times)**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 4 persons**

**APOLOGIES:**

**R Pollock, E McNish**

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

**D Graham (Vice Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, making especial mention of the 4 members of the public in attendance.**

**POLICE REPORT**

**PC D Cavanagh delivered a very comprehensive report on the current crime conditions within Troon which included the recent incursion of incoming youngsters on the beach, and of the subsequent successful intervention at**

**Troon railway station; of a recent robbery at South Beach; of Travellers setting up at the Council Refuse Site, and the Council policy which Police Scotland can now follow in dealing with the situation. In response to Cllr McFarlane's comment re the retirement of Troon's Community Policeman, and of the valuable work which he carried out, PC Cavanagh confirmed that there was no immediate plan for replacement, but asked that any concerns within the community be passed to him for his attention. Members of the Council were agreed that a letter stating concern at the lack of progress in appointing a replacement should be sent to Inspector S Greenwood, at Troon Police Station.**

**SAC – MR D YUILLE, PROJECT MANAGER, MARR COLLEGE**

**Mr Yuille delivered a very informative report which covered many aspects of the impending Marr College new build and alterations to the existing property. These covered**

* **contact with parents, pupils, staff, feeder school staff, members of the community, council staff, stating that the feedback was very positive**
* **vehicle and pedestrian entry, both at the College and the All Weather Pitches/Sports Grounds area where a Parking Management Development Strategy was an important issue**
* **new build for PE, and relocation of Technical and Home Economics Depts**
* **final completion of Project as March 2018**

**He also spoke of consulting the SAC Website, and of the Marr College Website, to view details.**

**In conclusion, he confirmed that the Community Council would be given the opportunity for further consultation within a 12 week period.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Mrs Janette Millar spoke of the continued unsatisfactory condition of the ground within the Children's Play Area, a subject which she had previously raised at an earlier Community Council meeting with Cllr Convery. Cllr Convery confirmed that he had raised this issue, and was still awaiting a reply as to a repair date. Mrs Millar asked that she be notified of any development on this issue.**

**Mr Gregor Baird (Round Table) asked the Councillors re the situation with regard to the previous North Beach toilet amenities , given that the Round Table members host a Fireworks Display for the community in November. Cllr P Saxton, whilst confirming that plans were being resubmitted for private development, spoke of the cost of installing temporary toilets being too expensive. Both D Graham and D Barr cited the examples of excellent toilet facilities at Cardwell Bay and also at Fairlie, and asked that this situation be given immediate attention.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the July Meeting were approved by D Cram, and this was seconded by E Williamson.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Beacon**

**E Williamson enquired as to the situation re R Pollock contacting E Fisher, Clydesdale Bank, re funds on deposit, emphasising the necessity for contact in the immediate future. D Graham expressed his misgivings with regard to maintenance affordability, with particular emphasis on insurance. A Cameron suggested the instalment of solar panels should be investigated as a possibilit**y.

**Troon Swimming Pool**

**D Graham reported that a defibrillator has still to be installed, and that no attention has been given to the poor condition of the lockers. In addition, staff are experiencing problems with SAC officials in attempting to remedy this situation.**

**Cllr P Convery undertook to follow up this situation.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing**

 **28July -Mrs E Howat, CEO, SAC – re Request for Presentation of Development at Marr College Troon**

**25 August – Mr D Clarke, Planning Officer, SAC – Objection to Planning Application Reference 14/00615/LBC**

**Incoming:**

**14 July – Mervyn Toshner, SAC – New Residential Development off Wilson Avenue, Troon**

**E-Mail – Mrs E Howat, CEO – re Marr College Development**

**E-Mail – C Clark re Minutes of July 2014**

**E-Mail – D Clitheroe re Crosbie Towers Development**

**E-Mail – D Yuille, Project Manager, Marr College Development**

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Wintertainment**

**H Duff reported that all arrangements were well in hand for Wintertainment, and made especial mention of the other members of the Activities Group, thanking them for their efforts without which none of the activities would be possible. In addition she asked that all members of Troon Community Council be involved in the forthcoming commitments which have been planned, and she will be emailing all members to this effect. The question of High Visibility Jackets was raised, and their whereabouts.**

**Troon Lifeboat Draw for the Subaru**

**The draw will take place on16th November 2014 at 4.30pm. H Duff outlined the arrangements which include the chaffeuring of both the Gala Queen and her Attendant in a Bentley limousine, courtesy of P Simcock.**

**Sandcastle Competition**

**D Barr expressed her disappointment and frustration at being notified as “surplus to requirements” in assisting at this event.**

**Website**

**L Matheson reconfirmed that the TCC website was continuing to be operational but moving very slowly, stating that encouragement was required to establish more contact.**

**COUNCILLORS'S REPORTS**

**Cllr N McFarlane spoke of the following;**

* **Complaint of a vermin problem at Birch Way, which was investigated by Environmental Health officers and pronounced satisfactory**
* **being very impressed with the conditions on her recent visit to the allotments at Fullarton Woods**
* **the damage caused to the Ladies Bower by the Council workers' tree cutting**

**Cllr W McIntosh had no particular comment to make, other than to acknowledge the support of other Councillors**

**Councillor P Saxton spoke of the following:**

* **Siting of a SkateBoarding Park, and of the necessity of TURK in establishing a necessary constitution**
* **1.5 million being invested in the Golf Club House repairs and development for completion before the Open in 2016**
* **A hopeful increase in the parking time from 30 mins to 1 hour – TCC secretary was asked to write to the Ayrshire Roads Alliance in support of this proposal.**
* **McLaren Court – work will be completed shortly**
* **Paul Foster, where an accolade is looking very hopeful. A suggestion that the main drive into the NE development presently under construction, could be named Commonwealth Drive, and that Paul Foster and other competitors' surnames be considered for the various locations within the development. Whilst Troon Community Council will be consulted officially for their opinion, it was agreed that TCC Secretary write to South Ayrshire Council stating TCC's agreement in principle to these proposals.**

**Cllr P Convery spoke of the following:**

* **The very successful Sandcastle Competition and was hopeful that this event could be repeated.**

**YOUTH FORUM**

**No report available**

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**E Williamson raised a point of public safety with regard to unsafe fencing at Yorke Road/Fullarton Drive, confirming that she had already raised this with South Ayrshire Council. As this may be Railway property, D Graham suggested that she check with R Pollock (Chairman) who has made previous enquiries.**

**D Barr asked again re the ingress and egress situation at Dundonald Road shopping area, and was informed that Dundonald Road ingress may be blocked off. She further enquired re the traversing of the double white lines at the under construction NE Development. Cllr Convery agreed to investigate.**

**D Cram enquired re the food waste placed in the Grey Bins and its eventual outcome. Cllr Convery responded by affirming that the waste, processed in
East Ayrshire, was involved in the production of both electric power and fertiliser.**

**M Love raised the point of the email received from C Clark requesting removal of C Clark and H Clark as having spoken at a previous meeting. The Council was unanimous in not amending the minutes. Additionally M Love asked the position with regard to response to statements/enquiries re the Website and was informed that the Secretary would not require to be involved in any response.**

**D Graham was pleased to confirm that the “Troon Walks” Notice Board was now in place.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx.9pm.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7th October 2014**

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