**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2014**

**IN CIVIC CHAMBERS**

**SEDERUNT**

**TCC Members:** R Pollock, D Graham, M Love, D Cram, H Duff, D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman, L Matheson, E McNish, F Carson, F MacDonald

**TCC Youth Forum:**  K Beckwith, C Russell, M Fanning

**SAC Councillors:** P Convery, N McFarlane

**POLICE SCOTLAND:**  PC Wason,WPC ?

**PRESS REPRESENTATIVES:** S Houston (Ayrshire Post); E Harbinson (Troon Times)

The sederunt also included approximately 20 members of the public representing **Troon Youth** **Centre, Opportunities in Retirement, Troon Scout Group,** and **Muirhead Activity Centre.**

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr W McIntosh, Cllr Saxton

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock commenced the meeting by extending a welcome to those members of the public in attendance.

**POLICE REPORT**

The report consisted of statistical details including the following offences:

Serious assault, common assault, possession of knives,detection of useage and supply of drugs, pickpocketing (where a positive line of enquiry is being followed), and seizure of drugs at Muirhead. Most categories of crime were showing marked reductions, particularly in public order offences, which was matched by an increase in pro-active policing operations. Drugs detections had increased due to a number of intelligence led operations. The Officers were commended for the positive results.

In response to an enquiry re In/Out Access area at Cooperative stores, Muirhead, it was confirmed that the re-erection of notices previously displayed is the responsibility of the Roads Department. Secretary was asked to write to South Ayrshire Council (Roads Dept) highlighting a potentially dangerous situation, requesting restoration of signs.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Lengthy discussion followed on the closure of TYC scheduled for 31st March, and of future plans. R Pollock spoke of a recent meeting with the Youth Centre Management & Development Committee, which had been followed up by preliminary discussions with Cllrs McIntosh and Reid. These confirmed that no decision has been made re property sale/grounds sale. He also outlined the potential financial implications involved for a possible Management & Development. Mr D Mathieson (Troon Scouts) spoke of initial enquiry to SAC, expressing interest. Concern was also expressed by those other groups currently using the Centre(OIR, Adult Learning, the Youth Club, and of the fate of equipment belonging the Development Committee. It was agreed that a viable business plan would be necessary, and Mr D McCallum (recently coopted member of TYC Development Committee) stated his willingness to take on the challenge. In general it was agreed that South Ayrshire Council requires to clarify the current and future positions of the building. R Pollock confirmed that Troon Community Council would support all groups with an interest in the continuance of the Centre, but re-confirmed that running costs would be considerable.

Discussion then followed on the daytime closure of Muirhead Activity Centre, and the need for re-location of the various activities.

Secretary was asked to write to Community Services, as no response has been received to date from various groups to their enquiries regarding the reason for these cutbacks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With the amendment that L Matheson felt the description of Media Specialist coopted member would be more appropriate than IT Specialist, the minutes were approved by E Williamson, and approved by D Cram.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Marr College – New School Project** 4 Members attended an interesting and informative meeting. A further meeting is planned for this month, with a maximum 3 members of TCC being present.

**Web Page** Interest has already been shown by members of the public. Mention was made of captions missing from photos, to which **L Matheson** responded positively, whilst requesting more photos for inclusion, and the need for a caption for the Locomotive logo.

**Troon Walks D Graham** circulated a copy of the leaflet, confirming that it has been passed by SAWET, and of the intention, after formal approval, to input into the website.

**YOUTH FORUM**

**Keir Beckwith ,**with apologies for missing the last two meetings,spoke of the following:

**Marr College Renovation**• A page has been added to the school website which will provide updates on the design process for the new renovation.Part of the process is a survey for students, parents and members of the local community. Details available on Marr home page.

**Modern Languages**• S3 and S4 Spanish classes were visited by Jesica de Mattei--‐Gall who was born and raised in Argentina. –Students did research and created questions to ask Jesica and sampled some Argentinian traditions.

**Volleyball** • Girls A team won the Junior National League in a final against Su Ragazzi (One of Scotlands top volleyball clubs) in two straight sets and continue to hold onto the prestigious title for another year.

**Trip to Paris** • The annual school trip organised by the Maths and Modern Languages Departments to Disney Land Paris took place in January.• This trip was both educational and enjoyable as the S2 students had the opportunity to attend lectures on how rollercoasters are built & operated.

**Rugby** • A girls rugby team has been set up by an S4 pupil and will begin training in the coming

weeks. The team will be trained by a coach at Marr Rugby Club.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Incoming:**

E mail from L Hamilton,McTaggart & Mickel acknowledging Minutes of January meeting

Ayrshire Litter Volunteer Network

E mail from Ayrshire Police Burns Supper Committee – promotion of a 2-book placement in each Primary School of “The House of Wee Mirren Mouse” to which TCC agreed to send a donation of £50.

E mail from SAC Community Councils Section – Acknowledgement of Co-option Notice

SAC – Notice of Procession: 1st Troon Boys Brigade on 26th January 2014

Thank You card from Mrs C Morrison

**Outgoing:**

E-mail to L Hamilton, McTaggart & Mickel (see above)

E-mail to SAC Community Councils Section (see above)

Mr P Foster – Letter of congratulations on being awarded MBE

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Gala Day** and **Glasgow Taxi Outing** – H Duff confirmed that arrangement for the dates of 22nd June, and 18th June respectively, including details of the Gala Queen and her attendants for these events were well in hand.

She further confirmed that **Wintertainment** would take place on 16th November, with a provisional request for road closure, and that she was awaiting confirmation the the Provost would be able to officiate at the Switching on of the Lights.

**Lifeboat Open Day** has been arranged for 19th July.

**ASACS D Graham** spoke of the poor attendance at the recent meeting re Bruce's Trail and of the intention to write to all those councils within the Trail area.

**ROAD TRAFFIC D Graham** noted the continuing problem relating to the traffic lights and/or drivers at Dukes Road.

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE CRIME PREVENTION PANEL**

**R Pollock** attended at a well supported first meeting and spoke of the possibility of inviting their Caravan to the Mini-Fair.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr P Convery** mentioned the following:

* Progress being made in attempting to establish the revival of the 36-hole Putting Green with tenders being put out to establish possible interest from sponsors
* The substantial costs involved in the clearing of beaches and the Coastal Defence system
* Work in progress re Tidal Surges
* The success of the Midnight Golf event relating to the world-wide Earth Hour
* The Ayrshire Roads Consortium programme commencing 1st April where resources.of both East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire will be pooled for road repairs

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

* the statue of St Mungo having been returned by the Clydesdale Bank together with a cheque for £500, and of having spoken to the architects involved in the Marr School project, with the possibility, as gifts are being reviewed, that a position may be found for the statue within the new School. In addition she stated that the £500 could possibly be added to Troon Community Council funds.
* her attendance at a workshop at the Marr College New School project
* the all weather sports and the suitability or otherwise of the sports pavilion
* original photographs of early members of staff

**E Williamson** asked Cllr Convery what expected savings would be made with regard to the Ayrshire Roads consortium. Cllr Convery responded by stating that some efficiency savings will be made, and noted that the Scottish Government had expressed an interest in this move.

Cllr McFarlane stated that North Ayrshire had withdrawn, having some concerns re costs and the possibilities of some redundancies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT D Cram** reported that funds on 15 January stood at £4509.78

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Removal of Shrubbery at corner of Marr Drive/Logan Drive: M Love** voiced her extreme disappointment, both on her own behalf and that of several residents, at the condition of this area after the ministrations of several Council workers, who had failed to clear much litter after the hacking away of the shrubs. She also pointed out that many roots seemed to be visible after this work was carried, implying that the bushes would re-appear. She questioned how this could be a cost-cutting exercise if grass were to be grown as a replacement, thus creating a regular grass cutting exercise whereas the shrubbery appeared to require only a once/twice per year attention. P Convery undertook to investigate.

**D Barr** spoke of the following:

* a possible vermin problem being present at a property in Hunter Crescent, and also at a property in Dundonald Road, and asked what measures could be undertaken to prevent the situation deteriorating further. In reply the presence of Vermin is an environmental problem, but lack of occupancy of property would be a matter of raising a civil action by neighbouring residents.
* the poor condtion of the road at Hunter Crescent. P Convery suggested continuing to report the situation to the Roads Department.
* overhanging trees at Lady Margaret Drive (a situation already reported to SAC with no reply as to any action having been received to date)

**F Carson** spoke of

* the very poor and muddy conditions of the footpath leading into Muirhead Primary School. Cllr Convery will investigate with the Roads Department.
* In addition she asked again about the possibility of the installation of CCTV cameras at the school.

**K Workman s**poke of

* overhanging trees in need of attention at Troon Primary School.

**H Duff** explained to other Council members the protocol re guests at the **Citizen of the Year Award** celebration, and those in attendance agreed that it had been an excellent evening. It was also suggested that a return to presentation within the Council Chambers may be possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014**

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