

**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

**SEDERUNT:**

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

**Youth Forum:** K Beckwith, M Fanning

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

**Public Forum:** T McCormack (MTRA), C Morrison (South Beach Resident)

**APOLOGIES:**

F McDonald, M McIndoe (TCC), Councillor W McIntosh (SAC), PC B Downie (Police Scotland)

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:**

R Pollock welcomed all those present, and invited Mrs C Morrison to voice her concerns .

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Morrison commenced by observing that the 100 year old shelters at South Beach were the subject of attention to repair and re-painting, but made comment with regard to the quality of restoration work being carried out. Discussion followed with regarding the following:

- The workmanship of the redecoration/refurbishment work being carried out properly by Community Payback workforce under the supervision of SAC qualified tradesmen .
- The poor condition of the area on the shore below the swing park, where no soft sand is immediately evident

Cllrs Saxton and Convery will investigate these matters, and along with Cllr McFarlane, undertook to inspect the area along with the Chairman after the meeting.

Further mention was made of persistent dog fouling on the beach area due to lack of enforcement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by D Cram, and this was seconded by A Cameron.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**TCC Banners**

A Cameron confirmed that the banners and badges were now ready and available for use. In addition she made the point that she had personally paid for them and requested that in the absence of the Treasurer, two alternative signatories should be empowered to avoid any similar expenditure incurred in the future.

R Pollock undertook to speak with the Caretaker re storage accommodation of the newly purchased items.

**Web Site**

R Pollock confirmed that the TCC website was virtually complete and spoke highly of its composition, with an offer to display to members at the close of the meeting.

**Glasgow Taxis**

H Duff confirmed that the Harbour Bar has undertaken to become the main Sponsor, and members of the Community Council expressed their appreciation.

### **Dilapidated Caravan at Maple Grove**

It was confirmed that the caravan has now been removed.

### **Bollards at Merrick Avenue**

In response to an enquiry from T McCormack, Cllr Saxton stated that he was still awaiting a reply.

### **Rubbish Bin at Railway**

With the information that this had been removed and destroyed, in response to a question re replacement, Cllr Convery confirmed that this would be replaced.

### **North Shore Rubbish**

Cllr Convery expressed his disappointment at the outcome of this programme, and confirmed that all materials would be removed and the work redone.

### **Hawthorn Place**

Cllr Convery undertook to make enquiries re responsibility.

### **Car Parking on the Prom**

To be followed up by PC Brian Downie

### **Troon Primary School**

Cllr Saxton informed that the poor condition of roof and its interior at entrance was caused by damp.

### **Deteriorating Condition of Two Play Parks at Muirhead**

It was confirmed that this matter was under consideration

### **Beach Road Walkway**

R Pollock opined that, in spite of willingness of a local resident to effect some kind of repair, any well-meaning resident should in the first instance contact South Ayrshire Council to avoid a charge of fly-tipping.

## **YOUTH FORUM REPORT**

In advance of delivery of his reports, K Beckwith introduced Melissa Fanning as an interested Youth Forum observer. He then delivered very proficient and informative reports, making note of the following:

### **Marr College**

- Suggestion Box and of possible inclusion on TCC web site, with an invitation from the Head Teacher to a member of TCC to possibly address pupils at Assembly.
- Litter Pick – S3 pupils were gratefully assisted by pupils from South Craig School
- Dog Fouling – patrolling has been carried out by teaching staff, campus policeman and Dog Fouling council official
- BBC News Report – 1035 schools, including Marr, became “News Rooms” for the day
- Music at Marr – Very well received and successful concert featuring soloists, bands, choirs and Marr “Kilts n Kit”

### **Troon Youth Centre**

- Serious lack of confidence in Youth Workers felt by membership.
- Drop in membership numbers
- Absence of Committees, barring a Development Committee covering all organisations using the Centre
- Last minute cancellations of meetings
- General lack of consultation/relationship between Youth Workers and Young People members

Discussion followed on the importance of retaining the valued facilities of Troon Youth Centre for the young people of Troon. Councillors undertook to study the report in detail in the hope of finding a solution to the recent problems.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Outgoing

**Dundonald Primary School ; Struthers Primary School; Muirhead Primary School; Marr College; Head of Service – Education, SAC; Marr Rugby Club; Mrs T Cameron; Ltr re resignation T Cameron to SAC**

### Incoming

**South Ayrshire Council Insurance Details for Troon Community Council**-passed to H Duff;  
**Tradecraft (ltr from V Gwynne)** - Chairman requested a reply be sent to Mrs Gwynne in his name re-confirming the terms of lease of stall/stalls at Mini-Fair; **Basketball** (from C Hobson, Active Sports Coordinator); **Team Ayrshire Volleyball** – Members of TCC agreed to send a donation of £50.  
**Enquiry from M Inglis**- No Role is currently available; **VASA Presentation** – possible invitation to be extended attend a future meeting; **ASACC** –Leaflets re Robert the Bruce Trail; **Police Scotland – Reports to Community Groups**. B Pollock advised that in response to an enquiry through the Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils (ASACCs) regarding the type of information that the Police would supply to community groups, he had received a detailed reply from Chief Inspector Ramsay to the effect that a standardised report would be supplied in future based on Ward boundaries. C/I Ramsay had also outlined a number of reasons behind this decision. In the absence of PC Downie, it was not known what the format of this report would be. Concern was expressed by members that there appeared to have been little, or no consultation, with either SAC or community groups prior to this decision being taken, and that Ward based information may be of little benefit to more localised groups. The SAC Councillors present indicated that they would be pursuing this matter with Police Scotland, and B Pollock undertook to do similarly on behalf of TCC.

## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Saxton** spoke of the following:

- His support of the installation of CCTV at Muirhead Primary School as a deterrent to vandalism

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

- The progress of restoration/repair work at Troon Concert Hall flooring
- The situation re planning application of installation of wind turbines at Kyle & Carrick and the benefits or otherwise of such installation. D Graham and A Cameron confirmed that they had attended a relevant meeting which both confirmed they found very enlightening.
- Road Safety issues involving the junction of Academy Street/Church Street , affecting St Patrick's Primary School, and his satisfactory meeting with representatives of the Roads Dept, and undertook to send e-mail for distribution to members of Community Council for their perusal.
- The imminent Harbour Blessing at Troon Harbour

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

- Bruce's Trail and of her contribution to the published leaflet
- Tarbolton Residents and Tenants Association gaining the Queen's Award
- St Patrick's Primary School herb garden project involving Community Pay Back Workers, and of her intended input
- Marr Rugby Club reception
- Coastal Rowing Regatta
- The sale of the Toilet Block at Barassie having been agreed but still not completed
- The Golf Club House at the Troon Municipal Courses and its future
- Her request per pro South Ayrshire Council for an Income/Expenditure Balance Sheet to facilitate End of Year finances in compliance with laid down procedures.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer D Cram reported that the Bank of Scotland now has the correct communications details concerning Troon Community Council, and that he is receiving appropriate correspondence. He confirmed that funds were in a healthy position.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**Activities Coordinator Helen Duff** gave an update on the following:

- Glasgow Taxis Outing 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Mini Fair – 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Wintertainment – 17<sup>th</sup> November

She confirmed that arrangements for all three events, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Activities Committee Members of Troon Community Council, are now well in place.

**D Graham** spoke of the following

- Attendance at Access 4 Meeting
- The trimming of undergrowth at the path bordering Royal Troon Golf Club
- Complaint re right of way at Wood Road/Kennedy Road
- The 10,000 copies of the Walks Leaflet
- Meeting with representatives of SAC re difficulties with parking areas in Troon

## **AOCB**

### **Emergency No 101**

H Duff spoke of an incident when she experienced problems in her contact with the emergency no. 101 when dealing with a serious incident involving a neighbour in difficulty, stating that she found the reaction to be unhelpful.

## **Marr Trust**

E McNish asked Chairman R Pollock to explain the purpose of Marr Trust. He replied that a Board of Governors, acting under a Statutory Instrument, administered the Trust Fund, the purpose of which was to support higher education for residents in the Troon area. As an example, the Trust grants bursaries to students attending university. The Troon Primary Schools also receive grants for educational visits. He further explained that Troon TCC has representation on the Trust Board of Governors, which generally meets on a quarterly basis.

## **Town Diary Re-instatement**

E Williamson asked that the **Town Diary** be re-instated to avoid clashes of local worthy causes /institutions losing out because of a lack of communication. It was suggested that all the many and varied Secretaries of these organisations may wish to lodge their Calendar of Events in Troon Library. Troon Community Council was asked to send a communication to Troon's Going Out asking for input from all those organisations to communicate with Mrs Rhona McAvenna by the start of September. Interested parties/organisations are reminded that Troon Community Council are in the process of starting an interactive web-site, which will feature a local events page which other community groups were more than welcome to contribute to.

## **Lochlea Road**

F Carson spoke of three holes in this area and enquired as to the repair schedule. Cllr P Convery undertook to enquire and respond.

## **Elderly Neighbour**

M Love extended thanks to Cllr McFarlane for her prompt response to her enquiry as to an elderly neighbour's position with regard to assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.45pm

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013**  
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