

TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2013

SEDERUNT:

TCC: R Pollock, D Graham, D Cram, D Barr, A Cameron, T Cameron, H Duff, M Love, E Williamson,

TCC (Pending) F Carson, C MacDonald, M McIndoe, E McNish, T McNish

YOUTH FORUM REP (Marr College/SAYF): K Beckwith

SAC: Cllr P Convery, Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Saxton, C Andrew(Licensing Board), P McCarroll (Licensing Board)

STRATHCLYDE POLICE :

PC Wood

PUBLIC FORUM:

M English, T McCormack, P Brown, G Baker

APOLOGIES:

G Mulveny (TCC), K Workman(TCC), PC B Downie (Strathclyde Police), Cllr W McIntosh (SAC), C Russell (TYC)

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

R Pollock welcome all those present, and introduced the South Ayrshire Council Licensing Board representatives, Ms C Andrews and Mr P McCarroll.

SAC LICENSING BOARD

P McCarroll and C Andrews (Licensing Standards Officers) gave an informative account of the purposes and practices of SAC Licensing Board, and both responded to various questions/enquiries from members. P McCarroll outlined the 5 Licensing Objectives which are:

- Preventing Crime & Disorder
- Securing Public Safety
- Preventing Public Nuisance
- Protecting and Improving Public Health
- Protecting Children from Harm

It was noted that a SAC Licensing Board consultation document involving Community Councils is proposed for discussion in November of this year. In conclusion it was confirmed that there is currently no overprovision of licenced outlets. R Pollock thanked C Andrews and P McCarroll for their attendance, explanations in response to members' questions, and for giving members a broader understanding of the Licensing position. A Cameron asked the position with regard to lettering TCC members with information of any changes/movements. M Love was asked to write to Mr W Pollock to request members' contact details.

PUBLIC FORUM

- R Pollock welcomed M English ,resident of Muirhead(MTRA) who confirmed his interest in assisting the Events Committee and also with dog fouling and litter issues.
- Mr G Baker asked the Chairman's consent to circulate a leaflet relating to his late wife's hospital treatment and subsequent demise. Whilst there was a great deal of sympathy for Mr Baker's situation, the Chairman advised that, given the possibility of legal proceedings, it was inadvisable for Mr Baker to continue with any presentation, and added that the Community Council would be unable to become involved.

POLICE REPORT

PC Wood confirmed his awareness of issues raised previously. Of 41 crimes committed over the past month, the detection rate is currently 21 with the situation obviously ongoing. The issue of public safety at the footpath between Muirhead and Marr College is now under scrutiny, and the situation regarding investigations of housebreaking, garden sheds is also ongoing. In response to a questioned large police presence at the Wilson Avenue/Hunter Avenue area, he confirmed that this was a patrolling initiative. In response to a question re litter dumping, he confirmed that 2 witnesses to such action would make this a police matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 5th February were approved by E Williamson, and this was seconded by D Graham, with the amendment requested by Councillor N McFarlane later in her Councillors' Report that the second item on her report should read as follows:

“an out of date (2005) list for civic awards which she had received from W Pollock SAC.”

The record of this Meeting has been duly amended.

MATTERS ARISING

Destruction of concrete bollards at Merrick Avenue

Mr McCormack reported that whilst some repair had been carried out at the electricity junction box, bollards at that area had once again been damaged due to parking of an articulated delivery vehicle with ensuing debris scattered. R Pollock re-emphasised that the issue should be reported to the police, and stressed the necessity to obtain a Police Report number in order to promote action. M Love was asked to write to the Roads Dept of SAC to request repairs to the bollards.

Public Banners, Identification Badges, HV Bibs, TCC Logo

R Pollock confirmed that HV Bibs are now on order; TCC is still awaiting permission from SAC with regard to display of information banners; design of badges is still under consideration.

Website

R Pollock confirmed that a quote has been received from Outbox 4, and it was agreed that R Pollock and D Graham would progress the matter, with consideration being given to content, updating and maintenance matters, and a possible training requirement for members with regard to input.

Troon Walks

C Howell (SAC) has shown interest and may be in a position to assist with funding. An additional contact R Shipley (SAC) will be contacted by D Graham.

Road Surface at Cemetery

Cllr Convery re-confirmed that repairs are scheduled, but spoke of costs and of budgetary constraints. E Williamson spoke of situations when repairs to roads are not the Council's responsibility, but that of Scottish Water. M Love was asked to write to SAC with regard to conveying to Scottish Water their responsibility for some repairs.

YOUTH FORUM

K Beckwith delivered his informative reports on the following:

Marr College:

- **Litter** – The head teacher is currently involved with both pupils and staff in any attempt to tackle this problem; new bins have been purchased; the Rotary Club have teamed up with the school's ECO group to devise strategies; and emphasis has been placed on a need for a positive rather than negative approach
- **Dog Fouling** – Taken very seriously by the school with signs/stencils from SAC being utilised; and a request from the head teacher for any possible assistance forthcoming from the Community Council with especial regard to the Playing Field area.
- **School Show** – Once again this will not take place this year

At this point M English of MTRA offered his services regarding assistance with the tidy up scheme, with emphasis on litter picking being carried out especially on playing field areas.

Discussion followed on the necessity to involve more young people in the affairs of the community ; of the possibility of a suggestion box; and access to the proposed new Web Site.

Keir Beckwith was asked by F Carson (MTRA) to canvas views of pupils with regard to the lighting problems at the Muirhead Access Path.

South Ayrshire Youth Forum

- The new initiative “SAYF HOT 100” with Troon having filled 9 out of the 100 positions
- Youth Forum Awards – The Awards Ceremony which took place in December was very well attended and was a successful evening with an accompanying mixture of entertainment from various musical performers.
- Robert the Bruce Trail – The Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils have asked SAYF to create a film for this project
- AGM – SAYF will hold their AGM later this month
- SYP - All SAC schools will receive information in the form of manifestos, presentations and videos with voting commencing on 4th March via internet using Young Scot Cards

CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing

- SAC Ltr to W Pollock re position of Treasurer
- SAC Ltr to E Howat) re Muirhead Access Path

Incoming

- Community Noticeboard Facilities
- Bruce Trail
- SAC – Acknowledgement of letter re Muirhead Access Path

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr P Convery spoke of the following:

- The pick-up point for Queen Margaret Academy pupils at the top of Logan Drive not being a designated point
- Frustration at the lack of progress re repairs at Ramsay Court
- Difficulties re Muirhead Primary School vandalism situation, and of police patrolling; in addition he made mention of the issue of the Muirhead to Marr College pathway, and of liaising with police regarding a safety audit taking place
- Graffiti at premises in Barassie Street
- Full Confidential Council Meeting on Monday 4th March with single item on the Agenda

Councillor P Saxton spoke of the following:

- His apologies for the situation which prevailed at Ramsay Court
- A proposed Public Meeting re Welfare Forms, with an intended distribution of approx. 34,500 information leaflets.

Councillor N McFarlane spoke of the following:

- The presence of Mr G Baker at the meeting
- Freezing of Council Tax, with no funding put into the Roads budget this year
- The intention of NE Troon developers to erect a Shelter at Deveron Road
- The serious vandalism problem at Muirhead Primary School
- The traffic control bumps at Marr College causing some damage to cars and the necessity for them to be painted
- Of The Anchorage Hotel being in liquidation

At this point discussion followed on the position of vandalism at Muirhead Primary School and its environs, with suggestions ranging from locking school gates (which is unviable due to lack of access for police vehicles),

the installation of CCTV coverage (difficult to operate due to building construction), and the necessity for those residents in the area to take an active part in reporting all incidents to the police.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D Cram reported that Troon Community Council funds continued to be in a healthy position. Chairman R Pollock reported on his frustration in discussions with Bank of Scotland and asked that D Cram pursue a contact with the Customer Services phone number in the meantime.

OTHER REPORTS

Marr College

Discussions are ongoing re purchase, with the Trust still awaiting a reply from SAC, although the Trust is willing, in principal, to sell.

Troon Walks

Discussion took place regarding the information boards and the advisability of attempting to secure funding.

Arrangements for Glasgow Taxis Outing and Gala Day

H Duff confirmed that arrangements were well in hand for both events, including the "Spot the Unusual Object" local shops competition, and that in spite of some difficulties with a prior booking for the Concert Hall, the toilet facilities would be adequate for visitors' needs. Cllr McFarlane undertook to arrange a 5 year block booking for future Taxis Outings. 40 Stalls will be required for the MiniFair.

Shore at Royal Troon Golf Club

D Graham spoke of an email which he had received complaining of conditions on the shore at Royal Troon Golf Club. It was confirmed that any littering etc. at this area was the responsibility of the golf club, and whilst skips could be provided by SAC, the costs would have to be borne by Royal Troon Golf Club itself.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Signage at the Cross – E Williamson spoke of the "scruffy" condition of the signs at the Cross and the ensuing poor impressions given to visitors to the town. M Love was asked to write to SAC asking that the condition be improved.

The Towers Hotel – H Duff spoke of a visit to the newly refurbished and impressive condition of the Towers Hotel, but felt that the previous toilet usage arrangement by visitors to North Beach was unlikely to be continued, raising the question of the prospective redevelopment of the disused Toilet Block formerly owned by SAC.

Fullarton Woods Access

D Graham spoke of a conversation at a South Ayr Access meeting with Mr N Feggans, SAC, who stated that to date he had only received one complaint re access to Fullarton Woods being barred, and that the sole complainant was D Barr of Troon Community Council. D Barr was emphatic that this was most certainly not the case, and that she would provide a full and comprehensive list of like-minded complainants.

South Ayrshire Community Planning Documentation Leaflet

A Cameron distributed copies of the above leaflet.

In conclusion, the Chairman reminded those present of the impending AGM and the meeting closed at approx. 9.40pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2013

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