**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2014**

**SEDERUNT**

**Troon Community Council Members:**

R .Pollock, , D .Cram, M .Love, F .Carson, E .McNish, A .Cameron, E .Williamson, D. Barr, H. Duff, C. Malone

**Youth Forum:**

No members present

**South Ayrshire Council:**

Cllr P Convery, Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Saxton and Marie Welch (SAC)

**Members of Public:**

Mrs M.Tweedie and Mrs G.Mathers

**Press Representatives:**

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

**Police Scotland:**

PC Alan Corson

**APOLOGIES**:

M.Love, L. Mathieson, Cllr McIntosh, F .MacDonald, K. Beckwith and D. Graham

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock welcomed all those present, and thanked Cllr McIntosh for presiding over the AGM he then handed the floor over to Ms. Welch.

**TROON RETAILERS**

Ms Welch spoke about the retailers of Troon building an action plan to work together to build a better service and website for the town and the public. They want to strengthen the links they have with Marr College and get the pupils involved. She spoke of the retailers concerns of local people using the shops on a downward slide and perhaps the introduction of a loyalty card scheme would help. To boost interest in the town and bring more people into the town she spoke about the possibility of introducing a seasonal market. She also commented on the town centre looking tired and the street furnishings being repainted, the retailers asked that they change the colour of the furnishings. She has sourced quotes for the cost of the re-paint.

She also spoke of the colour change for the council badge and brought in some examples to show and be selected for use. The furniture will be taken off site for the repaint. R.Pollock voiced his approval of this and supports anything that cheers up the town centre. It was noted that Troon town cross is a conservation area and should be treated as such. It was suggested that Community Services could be approached to make new planters etc through a retailers sponsorship deal.

**POLICE REPORT**

PC Corson introduced himself as the new community officer for Troon; he delivered a detailed and positive report. As of April 1st 2014 the reported crimes were:

* No serious assaults
* 8 common assaults
* 12 domestic assaults
* 1 knife detected on a stop/search
* 54 ASBO’s issued in the calendar year down 17% from 2013
* 1 female arrested for housebreaking
* £1,000 of stolen property recovered
* A couple of house break-ins have been reported in Troon
* A professional team is suspected
* 54 have been detected in Ayr
* Prestwick and Troon are being watched for activity
* R.N.L.I. reported counterfeit £20 Clydesdale Bank notes being circulated
* D.Barr has reported a description of the person to the police

P.C. Carson thanked the T.C.C. and excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

D.Cram approved the minutes from the previous meeting and E.Williamson seconded them.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**YOUTH FORUM**

No representative present

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

M.Love was absent and unable to make her report but R.Pollock (chair) said a letter has been sent to the road dept. concerning signage and it is now under consideration.

Parade notification has been sent for the Taxi day

Live at Troon will be held on September 5th beginning at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Wendy Mitchell and Graham Collins corresponded they are unaware of problems with the access path in Scott Cres, Muirhead but will contact F.Carson chair of MTRA.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

Feedback on the MOD was good and no incidents were reported, the MOD was seen as an advantage for Troon as it brought in many visitors thus boosting Troon’s revenue.

P.C. Derek Simpson is leaving his post as Community officer for Marr College and moving onto Prestwick and Troon. He will be missed as he has built up a good rapport with the pupils and community although he will be a welcome addition to the local police officers.

M.Tweedie and G.Mathers asked the Cllrs if the skateboard park at the shore will be a permanent fixture. Cllr Saxton said there are 7 areas around Troon the skate park moves to as it is mobile and there are no plans to make it permanent. Asked who authorised them to be there Mrs Tweedie and Mathers were informed permission is only required for a permanent site and no application for this has been made.

The ladies voiced their concerns about possible accidents, noise and damage to other fixtures. Cllr Convery explained the promenade is a public area for use by all members of the public and if the skate park is in an inappropriate place they will be asked to move. Cllr Saxton said it may be possible for the mobile equipment to be used at Troon Youth Centre.

Concerns were raised about the incoming visitors parking at the shore streets and residents not being able to park outside their homes.

The reporting process was explained by R.Pollock the priority is as follws:

1. Council offices
2. Troon Community Council
3. Councillors

This should be followed for all complaints etc.

Rail Quest thanked the TCC for their continued support and allowing them to come along to our meeting.

**Activity Group:**

The activity group reported on the following:

**Taxi Outing:**

* A.Cameron, H.Duff and D.Barr have liased with Tommy Thorburn to ensure that the North Shore car park will be closed from 7am to allow Dignitaries, Officials, TCC members and taxis to assemble for the day’s events.
* Letters have been sent to the schools and shops for their support and decoration of said outlets.
* The Provost has confirmed their attendance on the day.
* The R.N.L.I. mascot will be in attendance.
* Girvans Public House is taking up the fund-raising by selling raffle tickets etc.
* H.Duff is meeting the band leader and taxi co-ordinator and speaking to South Beach management regarding meals.
* £100 has been donated to the Activity Group to assist them with plans for this day
* Members of the TCC have been encouraged to attend and assist on the day

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Councillor McIntosh** spoke of the following:

* He was encouraged by the retailers meeting and the input the Business Association has had in years gone by
* Expressed the empty shops in Troon are an eye sore

Councillor McIntosh excused himself and left the meeting at 20:10pm.

**Councillor Convery** spoke of the following:

* Delighted to see Campbell Malone back from New Zealand
* Cemetery Clean Up:
  + SEPA are involved because of the ground condition and new guidelines issued concerning layers
  + New ground needs to be identified to make a new cemetery
  + There is only a 3 year capacity left at existing cemetery
* A report to the transportation dept. team concerning yellow lines
* Bank St. and Titchfield Rd.
  + The dept. is reluctant to remove the double yellow lines to the entrance of the old swimming pool site as it is on a sharp bend. He explained it would not be possible to tarmac the grass area there to increase car parking as the old pool when filled in is not structurally sound to make it a car park as there is the possibility of “dipping”. More signage of this area is required.
* Residents parking
  + Cllr Convery replied no-one has the right to park at their door, people are parking on No Parking sites and leaving the recognised car parks empty and as there has been no feed-back from residents it is assumed they are fine with this.
* There will be no resurfacing of roads this financial year
  + Computer analysis of the roads say the degradation is not severe enough
  + Patch and mend is probably the best the council can offer at this time
  + Hunter Crescent road will be sorted out in the refurbishment programme

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

* The recent failure of the IT system in the council offices, it has now been repaired
* The Troon 10k run being held on the 8th May
  + They are expecting around 1,000 runners meeting at the Walker Hall
* St Clair Terrace:
  + Building scaffolding cut off an old couples TV reception
  + The scaffold company was contacted and the work was promptly done and the scaffolding dismantled restoring the TV reception
* Tarbolton Activity Centre is closing down
* A tree has fallen and damaged the graveyard wall at South woods
* Asked if a survey of local shop opening hours could be done to accommodate shoppers
* She asked if the Community Service could perhaps make furnishings e.g. planters for the retailers to use outside their premises through a sponsorship deal

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

* The Youth Centre lease is going through
  + The Scouts have the lease for 25 years and their lease on the scout hall has been extended to match this
* The new build is beginning to build 650 houses in Troon
* Dundonald Rd signage:
  + As of this meeting he has received no word back from the council if this problem will be undertaken
* Struthers Primary:
  + Nursery class has gone through
  + The breakfast club will be subsidised for 1 year
* There is movement on the toilet block at North Shore (no pun intended)
* He has arranged for council officers to meet with the members of the MTRA to address past issues in the area still unresolved
* The MOD was well supported by the townspeople and they have applied to hold this event for the next 2 consecutive years.
* The trade it brought to Troon was welcomed and a good boost to Troon’s economy

**AOCB**

**Toilet:**

D.Barr reported while on the way to Largs she had occasion to use the facilities and noted how clean and welcoming they were there and noted the difference between public conveniences there and here were far apart. The TCC will send a letter to the SAC regarding this. R.Pollock said it would be advantageous if toilets could be erected at all major car parks. The council will submit a letter to SAC regarding this matter.

**Stuart Mullen:**

A.Cameron told the TCC Stuart Mullen wants to come to the June meeting to speak about relevant matters.

**Internal Lift:**

E.Williamson informed the TCC the lift in the county buildings still hasn’t been repaired and has now been inoperable for 3 months.

**Fencing at Muirhead Flats:**

F. Carson stated that fencing repairs at the above had still not been carried out despite continual reporting. Councillors confirmed that they are trying to deal with this problem and others reported by the MTRA.

**CO-OP Signage:**

The manager of the Co-Op called Cllr McFarlane regarding the lack of signage at the shop and reported the roads dept. said there are no plans to erect replacement signs.

**Glasgow Taxi Day:**

H.Duff reported that the organisation and plans for this event are well under way and everything is looking good for the children coming down. A.Cameron asked if the painting of the street furniture and replacement of them will be achieved in time for the Taxi outing.

**Police Station External Light:**

E.Williamson asked if the police light outside the office could be switched off as the cost of electricity is rising.

**School Key Holders:**

K.Workman asked who holds the keys for opening the schools in the morning as children at Troon Primary were locked out of the school one morning and left in the rain.

**North Shore Toilet Block:**

The toilets have been sold and the buyer is in discussion with planning to decide on plans for the use of this building. Barassie is apparently a non-amenity beach.

**Troon Walks:**

The event will take place on May 31st at 10am at Troon Library. Morrison’s are considering supporting this event supplying goodie bags.

It was proposed and carried by TCC to donate £50 to this event.

R.Pollock is donating a Saltire to D.Graham and has asked that as many TCC members attend to show our support for this event.

**Gala Queen:**

Applications are now available for this year’s nominees for Queen and Princess.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.50pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd June 2014**

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