**Troon Community Council Meeting**

**Council Chambers, Town Hall, Troon**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday 2nd October**

**Present:** H.Duff (Chair), D.Graham(Vice-Chair), W.Barr(Treasurer), Scott McFarlane(Minutes Secretary, D.Barr, R.Milligan, G.Mulveny, F.Carson, K.Workman, A.Cameron, E.Williamson, L.Matheson

**Apologies:** B.Philips

**Police:** Sgt D.Barlas

**Youth Forum:** R.Watkins, C.Webster

**S.A.C:** Cllr Mackay, Cllr Saxton, Cllr Pollock, Cllr Convery, P.Scully

**Members of the Public:** L.Agnew, J.Alexander, K.Munro, D.Reid, R.Baxter, G.Docherty(Marr College Acting Head), N.McFarlane, J.Girvan, F.Sim, Mrs Duthie

**Chair’s Welcome:** Chair H.Duff gave a short welcome to the meeting.

**Previous Meeting’s Minutes:**

Correction pg.3 – should say November 18th not September 18th. Now amended.

Amendments made – Proposed D.Barr – Seconded – E.Williamson

**Youth Forum:**

C.Webster and R.Watkins

* Appointed captains before summer
* Have begun organising things, are running competitions on social media and planning a charity event
* Plan to but house banners up around school to brighten up the building
* Competition to increase house spirit by asking pupils to design new badges
* Building on the work with the Malawi partnership – raising money, donating food.
* There is planned trips to Barcelona and on debating trip to represent school.
* Organising prom

G.Docherty – Acting Head Marr College

* Delighted to be at the meeting and a privilege to be HT at Marr.
* Working on plans to promote tradition and build house spirit within the school.
* Working with local historian N.McFarlane to find out the history of house names.
* Plans to work closely with local groups, this work has already begun.
* Hopes to link the school in with local events
* New community clean up – new imitative for pupils to take ownership of their local area by tidying up to Co-op and around the lanes at Brown Avenue.
* Meeting planned with P.Holmes at British Legion about remembrance week.

R..Milligan: What is your background?

G.Docherty: 15yrs in teaching in South Ayrshire. From a technical background. Previously worked as a guidance teacher and was deputy head at Prestwick.

D.Graham: is there a shortage of teachers at Marr?

G. Docherty: Had an intital challenge with English teachers but hopes that is now resolved. Once filled will be fully staffed.

Cllr Saxton: Marr Trust and South Ayrshire Council might be able to offer help with student’s travel costs.

G.Docherty: Met with David from Marr Trust and spoke about possible help with educational trips. Is hoping to build a calendar of trips so everyone gets access to a trip.

**Open Forum:**

Templehill Surgery

* I Girvan: Is there any sign of Templehill Surgery applying for planning permission for extension?
* D.Graham: currently no application in.
* I.Girvan: believes it is very sad that we were promised something and nothing is happening except Templehill becoming like a car park.
* G.Mulveny: can an invite be sent to someone at Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to discuss transfers and extensions. H.Duff will do this.
* D.Graham: can clarification be asked for about Dukes Road surgery too?

Toilets Templehill

* F.Girvan: what is going into toilets on Templehill?
* Cllr Saxton: it is proposed to be a bike shop. No applications are currently in the moment.

Crosbie Kirkyard

N.McFarlane

* Was meeting about Crosbie Kirkyard before N.McFarlane retired as a Cllr. Dates back to 1240AD.
* Gravestones tell history of Troon, families histories recorded
* Big headstones are now unsafe
* Need to raise £6.5k to £7k to fix the Kirkyard and unsafe stones
* Enquired if anyone had begun the work on this – H.Duff: wasn’t aware of anyone.
* Stones are private and not covered by SAC.

P.Scully: Funding available within SAC. Will ask A.Lee to get in touch with TCC.

Cllr Pollock: will look into with SAC also.

New Recycling Plans

* N.McFarlane: Raised serious concerns she has about the new system being very difficult for people with sight loss issues, as well as issues for people with other impairments and illnesses including dementia. Wondered what thought had been given or plans are in place.
* H.Duff: we have people coming to TCC in November to discuss this. Invited N.McFarlane to come to that meeting and put forward her concerns.
* Cllr Pollock: sympathised with the position raised but believes it might be extremely difficult.
* Cllr Saxton: spoke about the trial in Girvan and hopes any major issues, including ones being outlined are raised. Believes help will be given to those identified who need it but needs a system for everybody.
* A.Cameron: spoke about the roadshows in October but frustrated no date had yet been given.
* Cllr Pollock: dates will be given closer to time of event.
* N.McFarlane: Letter about roadshows and planned changes not in accessible format. As Cllr challenge waste management and got 1500 accessible disks providing for people in SA.

Troon Business Association and Xmas Lights

D.Reid

* Despite rumours and what people may have been informed Troon Business Association still in place and will be foreseeable future.
* Need to raise £3600 for xmas lights, are about £1000 short but she expects them to reach target
* Letters going to businesses this month asking for their help
* Lights will be up for 18th November switch on

H.Duff: spoke about the issues at previous months meetings due to uncertainty over TBA.

D.Reid: At a previous TBA meeting four business attend who raised concerns about TBA and B2B meetings. Asked those businesses to do a feasibility study with their plans. Believes this has not happened and the four businesses didn’t attend last meeting. Committee and constitution of TBA will continue and AGM in January.

H.Duff: D.Barr, W.Barr and H.Duff attended the TBA last meeting. H.Duff believes donation from TCC should be ringfenced for lights. H.Duff believes TCC should make donation for the people of Troon.

D.Barr: TCC has many important things to consider and to look at including Beacon and others. Believes TBA should look at other funding alternatives first.

Cllr Pollock: advised a motion would be going to full council to award more funding for xmas lights.

F.Carson: Money should be spent for the good of the community and the lights is for the good of the community.

E.Williamson: believes £1000 is too much and other areas of the community are needing funding

L.Matheson: Believes TCC should wait and see if TBA can reach the required amount and if not look at topping up then.

D.Reid: Happy to hold off at the moment and come back to next meeting to update.

**Police Report:**

Sgt D.Barlas

* New format of community police team now in place – Localities Policing team.

What that means:

* Officers will identify problems for crime prevention
* Undertook survey about concerns – alcohol, drugs, anti social behaviour amongst concerns
* Localities will look to provide tailored reports for TCC.
* A move away from asking for figures

Recent complaints:

* Youth anti-social behaviour near Hunter Crescent and Muirhead – will be targeted policing in these areas
* Two disturbances – vandalism on car on Templehill and group of drunks on Templehill.
* Three bikes stolen – no pattern
* Increase in vandalism – spread across whole of Troon no targeted areas

Other:

* Plans are in place for fireworks and pumpkin trail traffic
* Wintertainment will have big impact on policing across SA due to similar events
* Debriefing of safer shores – worked well and areas for improvement next year – health of youths drinking was the biggest concern this year.

D.Graham: asked about his concerns with the closure of the Troon railway carpark from 7th – 21st October.

N.McFarlane: car park shut previously for the Open and it had major impact. Up to additional 17 cars on streets near station.

D.Barlas; it will be monitored, but unless cars are parked dangerously or causing an obstruction, cars are allowed to park.

K.Workman: identified two issues for police to look at incluind double yellow and Brodie Avenue.

D.Barlas: Brodie Avenue is being monitored and double yellow not in police remit.

N.McFarlane: safer shore posters were good but can they now be removed.

P.Scully: was council posters. Will look in to it.

E.Williamson: Red fiesta and occasionally grey Mercedes parked causing obstruction? How can they do that and who has jurisdiction?

D.Barlas; traffic wardens

Cllr Pollock: traffic wardens are in Troon on average every 2.8days.

P.Scully; will pass on concerns.

D.Barlas: can’t issue fines but can arrange to speak to driver.

**Matters Arising:**

Assets

* A.Cameron: TCC ship spotted in Shetland museum
* A.Cameron: Duke Brown Box previously in SAC leader’s office.
* D.Graham: model SSE Sinclair ship went to Orkney, the model ship was gifted on hope of getting more orders. Believes were at least two made, one in Aberdeen..

Wintertainment

G.Mulveny

* Wintertainment preparations are moving along well.
* Organisation almost complete, awaiting some replies.
* Permission to use car park has been granted

Others

* R.Miligan: wants banners for Wintertainment to be similar to ones for TCC. Use black lettering on white background – TCC agreed
* G.Mulveny: will look after banners for Wintertainment
* H.Duff: asked Cllr Saxton to speak to football club about putting up the Wintertainment banners there

**Treasurers Report**

* Balances up to date – no debts
* Books returned from P.Scully – five receipts missing
* Donation planned to give to secret santa in goods – ongoing
* £50 donation made to Friends of Troon Beach and Troon Litter Crew.

**Correspondents**

* Marr College and Parent Council Report sent to all TCC cllrs. One will be sent each month.
* Remembrance parade times for SAC sent to all TCC cllrs.

E.McNish:

* Sent letter resigning from TCC due to ill health. TCC will write to Liz to thank her for her service.

Muirhead Activity Centre

* Emails sent to TCC raising concerns about the proposed Community Asset Transfer of Muirhead Activity Centre.
* F.Carson: emailed E.Howat Chief Exec of SAC.
* Cllr Saxton: someone approached SAC requesting for an asset transfer for community benefit. SAC duty bound to look into it.
* Cllr Mackay: Dundonald Gymnastic Club made approach. They have a statutory right to make approach. Awaiting to see details on offer. Decision won’t be a financial one it is what is best for community.
* F.Carson: frustrated by the 2nd hand information and complete lack of transparency by SAC.
* Cllr Saxton: ultimate decision will be based entirely on what is in front of the council as appeals can be made.
* Cllr Pollock: Community Asset transfers +must go to the community. There are benefits such as locking an asset into the community. There is a whole process to fully and conditions will have to be met.

Marr Pitches

* Email from TV Scotland News asking H.Duff to do a piece with them about the vandalism at the pitches. H.Duff will do the interview.

**Councillors Report:**

Cllr B.Pollock report:

* Being contacted about the state of some of the municipal golf courses. Work going to be done on burnt grass. Turf consultants brought in. Working progress.
* Trees over hanging on Wilson Avenue over footpath and road. Reported to ARA.

Cllr. C.McKay report:

* Vegetation at roundabout in Barassie blocking vision for pedestrians reported. S.McFarlane cut back the following day.
* Muirhead car park footpath cleared. Fault with drain though SAC was going to clear but at wrong side of car park. Spoke to Co-op.
* 86 Portland Street – expected owner to do work on shop front, nothing has occurred. SAC might need to consider enforcement.

Cllr. P.Convery report:

* Signs will be taken to Kilmarknock for refurbishment
* Currently can’t find leek at Gordon Brown garden. Could end up need a lot of trenching
* Working progress Troon traffic management system. Will go out for consultation but still currently working progress.

Cllr P.Saxton:

* Traffic calming in Loans mentioned at previous meeting has been complained about.
* £800,000 to go back into the roads budget for SAC.
* Working progress – lights at Marr playing field.
* Marr College not providing Saturday when using pitches. Progressing it.

D.Barr

* Bookied got scaffold and people having to go on roads.
* Why are nurses being moved from being stationed in Troon to Prestwick?
* Hunter Crescent still not done? B.Pollock – not in this years programme.
* Cars coming out of Braemore woods speeding. Cllr Pollock – suggest you report to police.

A.Cameron: ARA how long is this amalgamation going to last?

Cllr Pollock: more economical service now. They share vehicles. East Ayrshire put more money in so allocated more. Allocation equal for funds contributed.

**Other Reports:**

D.Graham: Attended a meeting at Culzean Castle about protecting scenic areas. Very enjoyable meeting even if not a lot to do with Troon

E.Williamson: Is there an application for units at the loading bay in Troon?

H.Duff: application already granted to Red Button for two shops. This a re-planning application.

**Any Other Business:**

D.Barr: People at back of the room can’t hear well. Need to look at the loop system or other alternatives for the room.

Chair H.Duff closed the meeting.

**Date of next meeting: 6th November**