**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2015**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTH BEACH, TROON**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC MEMBERS;**

R Pollock (Chairman), D Graham (Vice Chairman), H Duff, D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron,

E McNish, F Carson, D Cram, L Lunan, D Lunan, R Milligan, M Love (Secretaryand Minute Secy)

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Convery

**STAGECOACH WEST SCOTLAND**

W Mainus,

**MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE**

E Harbinson (Troon Times)

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

2 OFFICERS REPRESENTING

**VARIOUS ATTENDING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr W McIntosh (SAC), Cllr P Saxton (SAC), L Matheson (TCC), K Workman (TCC)

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:**

R Pollock welcome all those to meeting, and invited as a first item on the Agenda the Police Report .

**POLICE REPORT**

Both Police Officers present jointly delivered a fairly positive and competent report re the current situation in Troon, mentioning recent breakins to garden outhouses, and advising of the possibility of bogus door step canvassing, with especial regard to the elderly. Response was made to an enquiry from Cllr McFarlane re parents and children using the playground area at St Patrick's Primary, and of the distress experienced by a resident whose property adjoins the grounds. D Barr spoke of her presence at a property overlooking the playground, and of being unaware of any untoward behaviour being demonstrated by any children using the grounds for recreation purposes, and was very positive in her perception of the general behaviour shown. A representative of TUSK as an attending member of the public offered to speak with the person concerned to offer re assurance, whilst also taking the opportunity to remind those present of the lack of permanent skateboarding facilities in the town. Cllr McFarlane again raised the issue of obstructive and indiscriminate parking at Brodie Avenue, and was advised that those residents being denied access to their property should telephone Police Scotland in order to deal with this problem. E McNish asked re the legality of caravan parking in parking bays. This will be checked out with the Traffic Office. It was noted that a fairly delapidated van was parked for several days on the pavement at Gillies Avenue; however it has now been removed.

**STAGECOACH WEST SCOTLAND**

Mr Mainus, Inspector with Stagecoach, spoke of the various changes planned for the Bus Service Nos. 10, 14 and 15, explaining the financial implications which have prompted these alterations. In addion he asked for the opinion of the Community Council with regard to the proposed alteration to the route to be followed by the No.14 bus within the town. After some discussion, it was suggested that an appropriate route should include Titchfield Road, Craig Road and Harbour Road. The point was clearly made that “free transport”was actually undertaken by the bus companies. R Milligan asked for updated timetables to be displayed. Mr Mainus confirmed that this will be done shortly, whilst pointing out that the responsibility for Bus Shelters is the responsibility of both South Ayrshire Council and Strathclyde Passenger Transport jointly. In conclusion, Mr Mainus left a supply of the amended Bus Timetables for distribution to members. R Pollock thanked Mr Mainus for his attendance and explanation.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Children's Play Area**

Mrs J Miller again raised the question of the necessary attention to theChildren's Play Area, suggesting that those present would have a copy of a 2013 Meeting report. Whilst Cllr McFarlane stated that this had been sent to the Secretary, this was not the case. R Pollock re-iterated that this matter had been dealt with at previous meetings; that a response had been given by Cllr Convery; and that the matter should be closed. A very heated dialogue ensued. At this juncture Cllr McFarlane left the meeting. E Williamson spoke in favour of Mrs Miller, enquiring of Cllr Convery as to the reason for the delay. R Pollock again stated that the topic was now at a close, advising that the matters of the meeting should now move on.

**School Uniform Supply and Availability**

Another member of the public raised the question of supply of School Uniforms, notably Marr College and Struthers Primary School, and of the logistical difficulty in obtaining, due to suppliers being based in Kilmarnock, and **not in Troon.** She was advised that an approach to the appropriate Parental Councils should be made, and F Carson, as a representative of one of the School Councils, would raise this issue and report back.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

These were approved by H Duff, and seconded by R Milligan.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Marr College Project Timetable** – Cllr Convery will again contact contact the Head of Service with the reminder that a Building Timetable is required for display at the Library. R Milligan asked if this could be achieved by next month. Both E McNish and F Carson spoke of their concerns re the closure of the pathway for the children of Muirhead attending Marr College, and of the situation re adequate lighting. After some discussion, it emerged that the closure would be a temporary measure only, due to ongoing construction work, and that the pathway would be re-opened thereafter.

**Troon Beacon** E Williamson confirmed that both Mrs Fisher and Mr McKinlay were arranging for the transfer of funds, and that the situation was now in process of transfer awaiting signature. R Pollock stated that, acting on advice from South Ayrshire Council, the process of transference should be verified by a Minute of Transfer at a future meeting, and it was agreed that this could take place at the June Community Council meeting.

**Troon Flower Competition** – F Carson will contact Cllr Saxton for details

**Pavement Edges** – There was no outcome due to Cllr McFarlane having left the meeting earlier.

**Troon Town Centre Traders** – R Milligan confirmed that he had passed on an expression of interest from Troon Community Council, and agreed to re-contact their organisation on this subject.

**Open Golf Championship 2016** – It was suggested that an update of arrangements and an overview from both South Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland would be desirable. Cllr Convery agreed to make enquiries and report back.

**Troon Primary School Banners and Signage** – Banners are reported to be detached once again, together with signage for Troon Primary School now being illegible. Cllr Convery will investigate.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

March 5 & 6Email and letter to Dr Clair Monaghan, SAC, re Community Council By Election Process Response

March 5 & 9 Email to and response from M Welsh, SAC re Registration for Community Conference

March 6 Email from M Welsh, SAC, re Receipt of Updated Member Details of TCC

March 10 Email forwarded to R Pollock from A Cameron re Beacon

March 10 Letter from C Monaghan, SAC re By Election 2015

March 11 E-mail to Mrs Watson re Mr Mainus' attendance at April meeting

March 11 – Letter from Troon Tortoises re 30th Road Race on 6th May

March 17Letter from Legal Services, SAC re Notice of Public Procession (4th September Live@Troon Music Festival.

March 27 – Letter from Resources, Governance and Organisation, SAC re Insurance Arrangements 2015/2016

? March – Communication to Chairman from Burns Railway Alliance

March 15/15 – Emails between K Workman and A Flanagan, Network Rail re Debris on Embankment

Chairman R Pollock confirmed that he had received some emails from local residents showing their appreciation of the details on the Troon Community Council web site.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Peter Convery spoke of the following:

* Strategic Signage coverage at Car Parks being rolled out over the coming month
* Dundonald Footpath overgrowth where a maintenance programme is now in action
* Roundabout at the new Earls Walk Estate being less than satisfactory
* Priority for roads repairs to include West Portland Street, Westward Way and Lochgreen Avenue
* The success, organised by C Malone, of the Easter Bunny event at Fullarton Woods
* A major job of clearup at Barassie Beach
* Royal Troon Golf Club's responsibility for the beach area between the 1st Green and the Pow Burn.

E McNish enquired as to the procedure to be followed for a wedding to take place at Fullarton Woods, and was advised to contact the Registrar's Office of South Ayrshire Council re implementation and/or restrictions.

A Cameron spoke of the unnecessary 24 hours a day lighting at the Car Park adjacent to the Council Chambers. Secretary was asked to write to the Chief Executive Officer for an explanation. In addition A Cameron made mention of the alteration in waiting restrictions on Troon streets not yet being displayed for the benefit of both residents and visitors to the town.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Duncan and Linda Lunan gave a most informative report concerning their recent meeting with Troon Business Together Association at Mojo's, when many constructive suggestions were proposed in order to promote business within the town. These included:

Car Park Signage , the Erection of Banners/Bunting with a Nautical Theme, directions to commercial outlets apart from the main street shopping area, the suggestion that Troon signage could be erected at a junction of the A77. In addition a form of advertising could be implemented by the issue and use of a uniform shopping bag, complete with an appropriate logo; combined Traders' advertising; the use of SAC Arts magazine as a medium; a once per month Late Night Shopping commencing on April 30th. All suggestions were received enthusiastically and both D and L Lunan agreed to liaise with Troon Business Together Association on behalf of Troon Community Council, with the possibility of a link-up re Wintertainment festivities.

**TROON SCOTTISH GALA FAIR**

H Duff confirmed the various arrangements undertaken by the Activities Group which will showcase a Scottish Themed event with performances by the Junksman Choir, and a possible Pet Show sponsored by SSPCA, together with many and varied stalls, emphasising that new initiatives have been introduced to update the Fair.

**MUIRHEAD TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

F Carson spoke of the following:

A successful Book Sale, the Easter Fair, and update on Eurobins distribution.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Congratulations were awarded by Council Members to Linda Lunan who has now gained the title of Sea Ambassor for Marine Conservation. She explained the situation re beach surveys/ debris; the importance of changing the law to facilitate change; the promotion of the seashore. In addition she spoke of a meeting planned at Yummy Mummy's on 3rd May commencing at 2pm in order to discuss shore/marine protection.

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH**

R Milligan, who had been unable to attend, enquired as to the impressions of H Duff, A Cameron and D Graham, who had attended the conference. All three gave a positive reaction, stating that it had been a very informative experience.

**ODD OBJECTS COMPETITION**

H Duff was able to confirm that this year has achieved the highest number so far (approx 100) and many congratulations must go to George Mulveny for his considerable efforts.

**CRIME PREVENTION PANEL**

R Pollock reminded other members of their pledge of a £50 donation previously agreed. A cheque for £50 will be sent forthwith, with a possibility of a further £50 for 2015. Stickers to prevent bogus callers, along with “bells” to be attached to bags etc. are available from Troon Community Council and Police Scotland.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Councillors were reminded that the **Annual General Meeting of Troon Community Council,** when the Election of Office Bearers will take place on Tuesday 5TH May 2015, and that there will be no Open Forum.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

**TUESDAY MAY 5TH, 2015**

**WHICH WILL INCLUDE**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

 **FOLLOWED BY THE STATUTORY MONTHLY MEETING**

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