

**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2014  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC Members:** D Graham, D Cram, H Duff, D Barr, A Cameron, E Williamson, K Workman, E McNish, L Matheson, M Love,

**Police Scotland Representative:** PC D Carlyle

**TCC Youth Forum Representative:** K Beckwith

**South Ayrshire Councillors:** P Convery, P Saxton, N McFarlane

**Public Forum:** I McLarty, L Bell, F Irvine, J Shields, A Roberts (Titchfield Road Residents)  
T McCormack (MTRA)

**Press Representatives:** S Houston (Ayrshire Post), S Hilley (Troon Times)

**RailqWest Campaign for Electrification** – I Richard and R McDougall

**APOLOGIES:** R Pollock (Chairman), F Carson, F MacDonald, Cllr W McIntosh

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Vice Chairman D Graham welcomed all those present, making mention of Railqwest's visiting speaker, Mr I Richard, and five local residents of Titchfield Road in attendance.

**POLICE SCOTLAND REPORT**

PC Carlyle delivered a competent report concerning the current situation within the Troon area, explaining the difference to D Cram between serious assault and assault, and replying positively to an enquiry from D Barr re outcome of a traffic accident at Wilson Avenue. Mention was made of the impending Mod Rally in May (with an assurance via e-mail) that Chairman R Pollock has already been in touch with Inspector S Greenwood re this event. D Barr spoke of parking difficulties recently experienced in Wilson Avenue during a Rugby Mini Tournament Open Day, with the advice that contact should be made to Police Scotland when vehicles obstruct footpaths.

**RAILQWEST CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTRIFICATION**

Mr Richard delivered a most informative and detailed report in which he explained the three main connections: North Electrics, the Argyll Line and South West Electrics, highlighting their lack of connection to one another. He explained Crossrail's existence as its aim to achieve a more efficient rail transport system stating facts and figures, making detailed information re growth in usage including passenger travel re work, leisure etc. and made special mention of the current situation of Prestwick Airport. He asked for Troon Community Council's support in this campaign by contacting our local MSP to indicate their support.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr I McLarty, a resident of Titchfield Road, delivered a most informative argument regarding the necessity of South Ayrshire Council to re-assess the situation in which residents of Titchfield Road now find themselves with parking restrictions limiting their ability to park outside their domestic dwellings. After much discussion, and questioning from E Williamson as to what consultation had taken place between residents and South Ayrshire Council, Cllr Convery agreed to make a report to Mr B Wyllie, Roads Department, on behalf of both Troon Community and the residents, with their comments, as soon as possible. D Graham asked that a letter be sent to the Roads Department re the introduction of Yellow Lines. Mr McLarty handed over a copy of his letter of objection.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved by E Williamson, and this was seconded by H Duff, with the amendment re the omission of E McNish's name as also having attended a meeting of the Marr Trust.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Road Conditions at**

- a. Hunter Crescent D Barr confirmed that the situation remains unchanged.
- b. Logan Drive (at junction with Dundonald Road) – M Love was asked to write to Roads Dept re necessary repairs

#### **Site for Skate Board Park**

Cllr Saxton stated that the Skate Board Committee were looking at 7 possible sites.

#### **Muirhead Activity Centre**

L McNish asked why no aftercare programme was in place for the forthcoming school holidays, and stated her intention to communicate with the Care Commission on the subject. Cllr Saxton undertook to look at the situation for next year.

### **YOUTH FORUM REPORT**

Keir Beckwith reported on the following:

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Awards,**

where in a recent presentation, attended by over 80 Marr pupils, held in Troon Concert Hall, 54 Bronze, 27 Silver Certificates were awarded by J McKinnon, and 14 Gold Certificates were presented by Councillor Toner on the night.

#### **Sporting Achievements:**

##### **Scottish Schools Swim Championships**

Karen Reid, S4 represented Marr College at the Scottish Schools Swim Championship in East Kilbride, winning Gold to become the Scottish Schools Champion in the 15/16 age category for 100m backstroke, breaking the event record and being presented with the RBS Scottish Schools Championship Quaich for the best performance by a girl in her age group. She went on to take the Bronze medal for 200m backstroke, and now is working towards qualifying for the Commonwealth Games.

**Shipleigh Novice Diving Competition** – Lindsay Scott, S3 and David Jack, S1 competed in this national event, David gaining a respectable 14<sup>th</sup> place in the 12/13 age group, and Lindsay gaining a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the podium in the 14-16 age group.

S1 Football Team played a home game against Queen Margaret Academy on 17<sup>th</sup> March, and achieved a well deserved 1-1 draw.

**Ball Hockey UK** -Tom Watson, S4 has been selected to represent Team Great Britain at the Junior World Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia where he will play at U16 and U18 levels. He will also represent Scotland U17s at the Ice Hockey Conference Tournament in Hull in May.

**Rugby** – S1 and S3 rugby teams won the Legacy Ayrshire Schools Tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> March, while S2 team were narrowly beaten in the final.

**Fundraising:** Marr is taking part in the Backpack Project in support of Mary's Meals, a charity providing meals and essential school equipment to schools in Malawi. Pupils are being encouraged to donate clothes, stationery, toiletries and a skipathon has been organised where pupils will donate £1 to take part in a lunchtime skipping competition over a 3 day period.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Incoming**

#### **From:**

- Troon Ladies Circle re Funds application – not granted
- (via Emails) SAC (Mr B Wyllie, Roads) re Proposed Amendments to waiting and loading restrictions Academy Street, Portland Terrace, Titchfield Street, Troon
- (via Emails) Troon Mod Rally – May Bank Holiday
- (via Email) Police Scotland re Troon Police Office
- (via Emails) Cllr N McFarlane re request to SAC for recognition of Marr Rugby Club's community contributions to the community and achievements.

(M Love was asked to write a letter of congratulations to the Rugby Club, and also a letter of support from the members of Troon Community Council to Troon Tortoises for their achievements.)

### **Outgoing**

#### **To:**

- Mr B Wyllie, Roads Dept, SAC re Continuing Problem with Path Access to Muirhead P School
- Repairs and Restoration Dept, SAC re Fencing at Scott Crescent, Muirhead

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **Troon Walks Brochures**

D Graham spoke of the final print, of the costs involved and of some alterations. He expressed his hope that there could be an Official Opening at some point during the month of May, and of placing the leaflets in Troon Library.

### **Tree Cutting at Fullarton Woods**

D Barr expressed her thanks and congratulations to those responsible for the recent tree cutting programme.

### **Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association**

L McNish thanked Cllr Saxton for his continuing support of the Association's objectives

## **SAC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

- An official recognition of Marr Rugby Club's achievements
- The forthcoming Mod Parade at May Bank Holiday, stressing the valuable publicity which could be generated for Troon
- The proposed Putting Green initiative now being unworkable due to lease problems
- The launch of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance
- His grave disappointment at criticism levied in the local press concerning councillors' strenuous efforts re Troon Youth Centre
- Briefing note on the rationalisation of the Schools Kitchens situation

### **Cllr P Saxton spoke of the following:**

- The situation re Troon Youth Centre, also deploring the unjustified criticism in the local press of SAC Councillors' stance on this matter, and of the lack of any invitation to two relevant meetings.
- The commencement of the NE New Build development next month
- In and Out Signage at Dundonald Road – situation ongoing
- The current situation re purchase of the Toilet Block at North Shore
- Schools Kitchens – the Breakfast Club at Struthers Primary continuing meantime

- Muirhead Primary School path – awaiting further information

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

- Her approach to Provost Moonie for recognition of Marr Rugby Club's achievements
- The continuing situation re Troon Youth Centre, and the involvement of Troon Scouts' interest in obtaining lease
- Schools Kitchens services, and of Cllr Saxton's involvement in the inception of Breakfast Clubs
- Her attendance at the launch of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

D Cram reported that the Troon Community Council funds remain in a healthy position and confirmed that accounts are currently being presented for audit, in order to qualify for financial input from South Ayrshire Council.

**AOCB**

**Banners intimating Meetings of Troon Community Council**

E Williamson raised the point of banners remaining on railings beyond the original times specified, and of members of the public being misled as to dates and timings.

**Rubbish Left outside Premises at Car Park**

E Williamson asked where responsibility lies with rubbish/debris accumulating outside the rear premises of retail outlets in Academy Street. Cllr Convery undertook to investigate.

**Surface Conditions at Car Park (formerly Safeways)**

A Cameron asked that the poor tarmac conditions be reported and that contact made with Jones, Lang, Lasalle as owners and/or factors, to effect repairs.

**School Meals Provision**

A Cameron asked why parents of St Patrick's Primary had not been informed sooner re withdrawal of the current provision. Cllr Convery stated that information had been sent to Head Teachers.

**Marr College Project**

D Graham noted that no further updates have been received re the situation despite previous assurances

**K Beckwith's Production Company**

K Beckwith will liaise with H Duff of the Activities Committee with regard to highlighting TCC events

**The meeting concluded at approx. 9.20pm**

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 which will incorporate the AGM**

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