**MINUTES**

**OF**

**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2016**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TROON**

**SEDERUNT**

TCC: H Duff (Chair), D Graham (Vice Chair), D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman, S Dunning, E McNish, B Phillips, D Cram, R Milligan, F Carson, L Matheson, M Love, N Power

SAC: Cllrs P Convery, N McFarlane, W McIntosh, P Saxton; P Scully, K Monaghan

MARR COLLEGE: K Davis, L Light

POLICE SCOTLAND: Inspector A Kelly

KILMARNOCK STATION HERITAGE TRUST: R Carr

MEDIA: S Houston (Ayrshire Post); A representative (Troon Times)

**APOLOGIES**: G Baird, J Thornhill

**CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

H Duff extended a warm welcome to all those attending, and introduced Mr Richard Carr.

**KILMARNOCK STATION HERITAGE TRUST - BURNS CLP**

Mr Carr spoke in detail of the purposes and aims of the Trust, of the benefits to the community in

the promotion of railways; of general transport; of the restoration of facilities at Kilmarnock Station; of Line Guide, Cycle and Walkers Guides being produced, and of the hope of obtaining support from SPT. D Graham requested leaflets for further discussion. S Dunning will attend a forthcoming meeting and report back.

**LINK OFFICER**

Chair H Duff welcomed Mr Paul Scully of South Ayrshire Council as the new Link Officer for Troon Community Council.

**POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Kelly gave an up to date report, mentioning thefts, housebreaking, and vandalism. In addition he spoke of the following:

* Parking at Marr Playing Fields; Planning being well underway for Open Golf; positive moves in place for Safer Shores initiative; the presence of swans at Morrisons being reported by members of the public; of the complaints re speeding.
* D Barr stressed again the dangerous situation at Muirhead Shops parking area. M Love was asked to write to the Post Office with a request for their attention.
* Discussion followed on the proposed one-way system and parking arrangements in place for the Open Golf Championships in July.

**OPEN FORUM**

**An RNLI volunteer worker** spoke of the distress and confusion felt at the sudden closure of the RNLI Shop, and of her failure to obtain an explanation. As a supporter of RNLI, Cllr McFarlane agreed that an explanation of the situation would be desirable. Chairperson H Duff asked M Love to write to RNLI HQ in Poole stating their disappointment at the present situation.

**Mr T McAvenna** spoke of the following:

* The possibility of a continuation of the pathway at Muirhead to Dundonald Road
* Topsoil having been removed after dredging the burn between Loans & Muirhead. It was pointed out that this would possibly be the responsibility of the farmer, to whom any approach should be made

**Mr Robt Young of Friends of Fullarton Woods** introduced himself. He spoke of a charity to be set up, and confirmed that he will continue to keep TCC informed of progress.

**YOUTH FORUM**

**Kirsten Davis and Luke Light** delivered a very informative report, mentioning the following:

debating success to the semi finals of the Donald Dewar Memorial Debating Competition

* Third Cycle of Student Council Meetings
* End of Prelims
* German student on exchange until Easter
* FundRaising Week when in excess of £1400 for a variety of charities was raised, in addition to a highly successful Food Bank drive.
* Sporting achievements: Third Yr Hockey won against St Columbus to represent the district in the Scottish Cup. In Rugby the Senior 1XV made it to the semi final of the Scottish Cup, but unfortunately were beaten by North Berwick.

**E Williamson** asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Head Teacher regarding the abilities of the two Pupil Representatives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by D Barr, and seconded by E McNish.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Troon Business Association** – H Duff confirmed that £100 had been donated towards the fund for the Christmas Lights Appeal for a dedicated Troon Community Council Street Lamp. In addition, various suggestions of approaching potential donors, the possibility of moving the Switching On Ceremony to the steps at the Council Chambers and the means of contributing to the fund were also discussed.

**Marine Rescue** – Cllr McFarlane has approached F Ross, SAC Parks Dept, for a laminated Notice Board to be displayed giving relevant contact details

**Fullarton Woods Tree Growing out of a Pillar** – It was confirmed that remedial work was now in progress.

**Roundabout at Barassie** – A Cameron spoke of her hope that amendments will now progress

**Barassie Station Car Park** – A Cameron asked re conditions of planning, but it was confirmed that the situation remains unchanged, due to monies being awarded to Johnstone. E Williamson enquired as to the identity of responsibility for non-activation of the Green Travel Plan.

**Junior Golf Tickets** – R Milligan confirmed free tickets for youngster aged 12 years and below, with a £60 fee for 13 to 15 year olds (this being limited to playing the Fullarton Course)

**Harbour Area** – H Duff spoke of the non-attendance at a meeting organised in December in an attempt to re-establish a Tenants and Residents Association, and of the intention of Troon Community Council to offer their support. In addition she undertook to speak with a resident on the speeding traffic conditions in the area.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Incoming**

SAC - Notice of Public Procession (1st Troon Boys Brigade 7 February)

SAC - Gala Day Equipment Hire Form

Smarts Communicate – Request for Contact Details

Police Scotland – Letter of Appreciation re £500 donation to Beach Buggy FundRaising

SP Energy Networks – Acceptance of Invitation to Attend March Meetings

KeepScotland Beautiful – Climate Challenge Fund (by Email)

SAC – Community Council Election Promotion (by Email)

**Outgoing**

Davis Cup Legacy Organisation – Request for Display of Trophy (including supporting letters from Troon Lawn Tennis Club, and Royal Troon Golf Club)

SP Energy Networks – Invitation to attend March meeting

**OTHER REPORTS**

**D Barr** spoke in praise of excellent service and attention received by a friend from NHS, and this was echoed by other members of TCC.

**F Carson** spoke of the Muirhead Scottish Theme Evening for 65/and over year olds on 13th February organised by the Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association

**B Phillips** praised South Ayrshire Council for the clean street conditions in the town

**K Workman** spoke of the unpleasant dog fouling on pavements in the town

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Cllr P Saxton s**poke of the following:

* The difficult time ahead re Budget issues, and the advisability of applying for grants as soon as possible
* The replacement of trees at the Cycle Path
* Ayrshire Roads Alliance responsibility for a crossing at Craigend Road for golfers on the Lochgreen course

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

* The meeting which saw the formation of the Bus Users' Group
* The “ponding” situation at Polo Gardens
* A complaint from an elderly gentleman re the dangerous conditions at the Church Street Public Toilets
* The removal of trees from the Cycle Path which was illegal
* The idling of Freightliner trains, and environmental health issues at residential areas nearby
* The replacement of the bus shelter at Collennan
* Furnishings at the temporary golf club house being left outside as a possible target for theft
* The imminent launch of a joint North, East and South Ayrshire Council Sensory Service

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

* His attendance at the formation of the Bus Users' Group
* The re-profiling of the Kilmarnock Road Roundabout
* The anti-skid surface on Monktonhill Road being prepared for 1st April
* White line marking at Titchfield Road
* The expected opening in April of Costa Coffee
* The now proposed 9-hole Putting Green at the Town Library, with the assurance that no flower beds will be disturbed
* A meeting with Senior officials re the “Open”
* The dissolution of Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board when only one officer will remain in place
* The overhanging trees at Logan which will receive attention shortly.

**Following the South Ayrshire Councillors' Reports**

**K Workman** asked re the situation of P and O Ferries. It was confirmed that this was an uneconomic crossing, ceasing before October contract time.

**D Graham** enquired as to the installation of a Green Man Crossing at Deveron Road. It was confirmed that this would not take place.

**D Barr** asked if the road at Wilson Place will be resurfaced after building construction. In addition she spoke heatedly of the difficulty of a right hand turn onto Dundonald Road, asking for the possibility of traffic lights.

**A Cameron s**poke again of lighting remaining on for 24 hours at Car Park at Council Chambers, and of the difficulties still being experienced by residents near to Football Pitch

**H Duff** raised the question of extremely poor street lighting, especially in West Portland Street, seeking some improvement. There was some suggestion that modern LED lights are being planned. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to South Ayrshire Council at Burns House, requesting improved lighting throughout the town.

**H Duff** also raised the point that a Care Worker had been the victim of bike theft, but was able to assure that after some publicity on a social media site, the bike had now been returned to its owner.

**F Carson** spoke of dog owners exercising their dogs on the Marr All Weather Pitches, and the lack of signage. P Convery will attend to this

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

To accommodate the supply/hire of stalls etc. it was agreed to fix the date of the Gala Day Festivities as Saturday 23rd July 2016

**R Milligan** asked advice as to a possible venue for Troon 20s Bridge Club on a Tuesday evening, receiving suggestions of a local church, Ivy Cottage and Old Mens Cabin

**K Monaghan (South Ayrshire Council)** spoke of the appointment of Paul Scully as the Link Officer; of a 2 hour training session available for Community Councillors, with the suggestion that this could take place after the election.

**E McNish** spoke of a meeting which she will attend with Cllr P Convery regarding grant funding.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.55pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 1st March 2016**

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