

**MINUTES OF TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**SEDERUNT**

**TCC MEMBERS:** D Graham; R Pollock; D Barr; E Williamson; A Cameron; K Workman; M Love; D Cram

**KYLE RURAL FORUM:** A Spurling

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCILLORS:** P Convery; N McFarlane; P Saxton

**MCTAGGART & MICKEL REPRESENTATIVE:** L Hamilton

**PRESS REPRESENTATIVE:** Troon Times

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mr A Lennie, Mr & Mrs Matheson

**APOLOGIES**

H Duff, E McNish, K Beckwith, Inspector S Greenwood, (Police Scotland)

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock welcomed all those present with the compliments of the Season, and asked those members of the public in attendance to introduce themselves. They were Mr A Lennie, and Mr & Mrs Matheson.

**POLICE REPORT**

The following stats & figures are for the period from 1 April 2013 until now compared with the same period last year.

1. Common Assault down 16%, ( 7 incidents of Serious Assault , all detected )
2. Robberies remain the same at 2 incidents this year ( recent newsagent robbery detected )
3. Detected Drug Supply offences up 400% ( result of local CPT proactivity in targeting known individuals & dwellings connected to organised crime )
4. Possession of Knives / Offensive Weapons offences down 40% despite overall Police stop/search activity up by 46%
5. ASBO incidents down 12%
6. Street Drinking incidents down 33%
7. Domestic Abuse incidents down 9%.

In addition, we had our Troon Festive Action Plan running right through the month of December & the New Year period which involved additional officers in the town centre covering retail crime

during the day and the pubs & clubs at night .....this was deemed a success with very incidents of note including violence & disorder.

## **McTAGGART AND MICKEL PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Hamilton gave an illuminating and fairly detailed overview of the proposed Braemore Wood development, utilising display board illustrations. She spoke of the following:

- the original planning application for 39 houses in 2001, and of now a proposed 47 homes
- of subsequent minor change of house type & the intention to submit planning application this month
- of the change from 3, 4 & 5 bedroom houses to 4/5 bedrooms
- the intention to commence building by June/July

She responded to questions by a member of the public and TCC members, SAC Councillors on the following pertinent points:

- grave concerns re the sole entrance being via Wilson Avenue, and of a Transport Survey being carried out (South Ayrshire Council responsibility)
- the condition of pedestrian access footpaths already in existence and their continuance
- response to members of the public who attended the meeting in November

At Mrs Hamilton's departure, on behalf of TCC, D Barr thanked her for her forbearance and patience in dealing with the various points raised with regard to her informative and professional presentation.

## **MR A SPURLING, KYLE RURAL FORUM**

Mr Spurling explained the aims of Kyle Rural Forum, of which he is Chairperson. He spoke at length

of the possibility of accessing funding for the various Community Councils involved

of the desirability of those Councils banding together in order to strengthen any applications re finance etc;

of the need for more communication between Councils

Various points were raised, viz. Troon Community Council's good working relationship with our local SAC Councillors, Troon Community Council's membership of ASAC being advantageous;

of the possibility of another Forum being a duplication of our existing situation, and not necessarily

beneficial. R Pollock thanked A Spurling for an informative address.

### **CO-OPTION**

Mrs L Matheson (attending member of the public) agreed to be co-opted to TCC membership as an IT/Media Specialist.

This move was proposed by M Love, and seconded by D Barr.

L Matheson and D Cram will attend a training session with Outbox 4 in order to update and input relevant information to the existing web-site. R Pollock will liaise with Outbox 4 to arrange.

M Love will notify South Ayrshire Council of the Co-option.

### **MARR COLLEGE – NEW SCHOOL PROJECT**

A consultative meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Marr College. D Barr, D Graham and R Pollock will attend.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the December meeting were approved by D Cram, and seconded by D Barr

### **YOUTH FORUM REPORT**

None available due to the absence through illness of K Beckwith. A Get Well card will be sent to Keir on behalf of the Community Council.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Outgoing:**

Letter to M Newall, SAC Neighbourhood Services re availability of Consultants' Report on Troon Parking issues

Letter to B Wylie, SAC re the above

#### **Incoming:**

Email from B Wylie re the above with some alterations indicated

Statement from G MacDonald, Chief Superintendent, Divisional Command, Police Scotland

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

- the search by the Estates department for sponsors with regard to the 36 hole Putting Green
- the success of the Crazy Golf event in December, and of the benefactor who provided equipment
- the proposed Skate Boarding park, and the likelihood of its location at the Paddling Pool area
- the 2 to 3 weeks of events in July (including a Scottish Open Crazy Golf event)
- C Malone's efforts in organising a well received Secret Santa event
- Moon Putting (in spite of inclement weather conditions)
- South Ayrshire Council's financial reserves, and left an explanatory statement for distribution
- the damage caused by the recent storms, and the costs of restoring coastal defences
- praise to the agencies involved in the speedy clear-up following the storms
- working with the Scouting Association re Troon Youth Centre

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

- a letter sent to the interested party with regard to the purchase of Templehill Toilets
- in September; still awaiting a reply
- Paul Foster's being awarded an MBE and suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent from Troon Community Council on this notable achievement, which was readily agreed to.
- Golf Club, and of his confidence that the right decision which will be made on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- the future of Troon Youth Centre
- Polling Stations, and the priority to keep Primary Schools open (with the exception of Barassie Primary and Struthers Primary Schools)

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

- her disappointment in not being given the opportunity to speak at a recent Council meeting re the Golf Club House problem
- the monetary reduction for Sensory Implants

- the cessation of Audiology and Speech Therapy
- the possible relocation of the Youth Club to the Walker Halls, and safety issues due to 3 entrances
- brown bin charges being uneconomic

Discussion followed on the situation re the Youth Centre and the non-accessibility of funds, with TCC agreeing that they must show support to those involved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

D Cram reported that funds of Troon Community Council were in a reasonably healthy condition.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

D Barr spoke of the following;

- situation re missing Hillhouse jackets, and the cost of £30 in recompense
- the lack of response with regard to tree-cutting in Lady Margaret Drive
- the Citizen of the Year award to Mrs C Morrison, and of the arrangements for the award to be made at Ivy Cottage on 24<sup>th</sup> January
- post -Wintertainment meeting with G Mulveny where road closure was an issue. It was decided that this could cause major problems
- the issue of sandbags in the event of flooding. It was stated that these are available at the Dukes Road depot.

D Graham spoke of the continuing success of issuing leaflets re Troon Walks, and of financial assistance being sought from S.A.W.E.T.

### **AOCB**

Grant of £50 was agreed in support of Ayrshire Tornados Basketball team, who should contact D Cram, Treasurer.

Request from the Activities Committee that in future Forthcoming Events organised by the Committee should be moved further up the Agenda to facilitate better discussion. After some

deliberation, R Pollock agreed in principal.

R Pollock undertook to invite local press representatives at 6.30pm prior to the next TCC meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to discuss various issues/aims and objectives.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.45pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2014**

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