**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TROON**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC MEMBERS**: H Duff (Chair), D Graham (Vice Chair), M Love (Secy & Min Secy), L Matheson (Treasurer), D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman, E McNish, J Thornhill,

R Millligan, D Cram

**SAC**: Cllr P Convery, Cllr N McFarlane

**STAGECOACH WEST**: W Mainus

**WEB SITE:**  B Hollywood

**PUBLIC FORUM:** J Sawers, S Ronson, E Arnott, G Caldwell, M Limonki, B Phillips, R Ball

**MEDIA**: S Hilley (Troon Times)

**APOLOGIES**: Cllr W McIntosh, Cllr P Saxton, D Lunan, L Lunan

**CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

H Duff welcomed all those present, making especial mention of those members of the public, and commenced the meeting by asking Mr Mainus of Stagecoach to make his report.

**STAGECOACH**

Mr Mainus thanked the Council for the invitation to attend, and spoke in some detail of the various problems which the recent change in timetables has generated., and apologised for the lack of timetables in the Library. A Cameron gave a detailed account of the present situation following the meeting which took place between herself, N McFarlane and Mr Mainus. Cllr N McFarlane spoke of the likelihood of the formation of a Users Group. In response to an enquiry re the bus shelter at Craigend Road, Mr Mainus confirmed that this was to be removed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Member of the Public, J Edgar** had contacted Chairperson re a Planning Objection to the proposed development of the Toilet Block conversion/Restaurant at Barassie Beach. Discussion followed on the Carpark & Soft Play Areas, where the ownership/sale is still unclear. ***M Love was asked to write to L Bloomer, South Ayrshire Council re the situation regarding provision of toilet facilities for general public use, and to J Cronin, South Ayrshire Council on the issue of flooding in the* *surrounding area.*** It was suggested that Council Members might attend a Regulatory Hearing when the issues of Toilet Provision and Parking facilities could be raised, amongst others.

**J Sawers, Barassie resident,**  spoke of the following:

* Overhanging trees and bushes at the small roundabout just immediately out of Troon, and of the driving hazard created. ***M Love was asked to write to K Braidwood, South Ayrshire Council, to request attention to the overgrowth.***
* The illegal display of posters on fencing at Deveron Road/Jubilee Road areas.
* The installation of sewage pipe work at Barassie (Adams Court/Adams Gate and other surrounding areas); the disruption which will be caused; of the heavy construction traffic involved; and he requested the support of Troon Community Council to request a re-think of the situation, in the hope that there may be an alternative installation solution. Cllr Convery suggested that a Public Meeting should be arranged in order to address the situation. ***M Love was asked to write to both Stewart Milne and Scottish Water before the cut-off date of 29th July.***

**S Dunning** spoke in praise of the condition of South Beach on Saturday morning, after Friday's incursion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With the amendment which Cllr McFarlane pointed out, that in her report on the proposed renovation of the Golf Club House, “  **the** **absence of No Smoking signs”,** should be altered to **“the absence of a Smoking Area”,** the Minutes were approved by E Williamson, and seconded by D Barr.

**MATTERS ARISIING**

**A Cameron** noted that the problem of lighting at the Car Park was now back on again. Cllr Convery undertook to report again.

**Cllrs McFarlane, Convery and Saxton** attended a visit to the home of A McNish, and were agreed that serious issues re the poor state of repair existed in the block. E McNish on behalf of her daughter thanked TCC and SAC Councillors for their attention.

**Kissing Gate** – Cllr McFarlane confirmed that this does not comply with regulations, and that it will be removed. She further confirmed that she has notified Mrs Cunningham.

**Troon Youth Centre Finance**– Cllr Convery will keep the Community Council updated. E Williamson spoke of £1000 from the Rotary Club, and it was agreed to leave in abeyance pending further investigations.

**Marr College Artefacts** – Both Cllr Convery and Cllr McFarlane confirmed that security measures at the John Pollock Centre for storage were appropriate.

**Glasgow Taxis Outing** – H Duff spoke of her disappointment and the poor display of decorations to celebrate the Outing, and of the offer from Glasgow Taxis to provide flags for future events. Congratularions were extended to Girvan's for their fund raising contribution of £4,730. There was general agreement with regard to the catering provision for invited guests, and contribution from other attending personnel with regard to their own participation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing**

OUTBOX4 re Contract

Stagecoach re invitation to attend Meeting

Notice of Co-option to SAC

Letter to B of Scotland re removal of previous signatories, and inclusion of current signatories

**Incoming**

SAC – Notice of a Public Procession – Univ. of West of Scotland – 3rd July

K Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance – West Portland Street Road Conditions

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Strategic Plan

Claire Monaghan, SAC – OnLine Training Resource

SAC – Notice of a Public Procession – Wintertainment – 22nd November

SAC – Regeneration Funding Alert

SAC – (To D Graham) re Planning: Invitation to Meeting in Ayr (22nd September)

(To D Graham) - Local Development Plans – Wind Energy Council Guidelines

(To E McNish) – Licensing Form ( E McNish to pursue application)

**SOUTH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Convery** spoke of the following:

Completion of refurbishment at Walker Halls

* The Activation of the New Security Cameras
* The Play Area and its improvements
* The development of the Golf Club,and of the options to be implemented re installation of a lift, and a glass fronted Locker Room
* Replacement of the Chairs which have been vandalised in the Gordon Brown Memorial Garden

**E Williamson** thanked Cllr Convery for the restoration/improvement work which has been carried out to the Walker Halls.

**K Workman** again asked re the signs being replaced at Troon Primary School.

**Councillor McFarlane** spoke of the following:

* Ownership of land being in dispute between an owner of his property of 29 years standing, and South Ayrshire Council's selling off of a portion of his property to a neighbour.
* Unauthorised parking at St Meddans Court by probable commuters causing extreme disruption and blockage to residents
* Following her situation as Burger Stall Guarantor at the recent Troon Community Council Mini-Fair, she made the suggestion that Health and Safety Training and First Aid Training is advisable. Details were passed to H Duff.
* Planning Training and the desirability of obtaining the attention of a SAC Link Office
* Her Election to the Cycle Forum
* Her involvement in the production of two “Walks” Brochures

**OTHER REPORTS**

K Workman reported that the situation at the railway embankment at Gillies Street is now overgrown and that she will contact RailNetwork to ask for their rectification of the problem.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Boundary Changes** – **A Cameron** asked for an update on the proposed boundary changes and of its impact, and of the possibility of a Public Consultation. Discussion followed including issues re deprived areas and the difficulties created, with Cllr McFarlane confirming that SNP have placed a response, and Cllr Convery confirming that 4 Councillors will remain within our ward.

**D Barr s**poke again of the dangerous situation at Dundonald Road/Central Avenue with the lack of Ingress and Egress signs, where retail outlets appear to be reluctant to commit to funding their erection. In addition she asked the situation re the provision of Troon P School uniforms locally, instead having to travel to Kilmarnock for purchase. It was suggested that a decision may have been made by the Parent Council to nominate a supplier, but it was also pointed out that a Paisley Supplier could be contacted on line.

**D Graham spoke of the Planning Applications**

A proposed bungalow at Dundonald Road/St Meddans Street

Modernisation of Royal Troon Club House

**M Love** spoke of her concern re the recent incursion of youngsters to South Beach, and of the security and safety of the general public enjoying a fine day on the shore, but was assured by other members of Troon Community Council that Police Scotland presence was well to the fore to deal with a minority of troublemakers.

**Code54 Web Designers** – Barry Hollywood spoke of Troon Community Council's situation with our current Web Design company, and outlined the provisions which he could make. Given the question of contract details with OUTBOX4, L Matheson agreed to contact former Chairperson R Pollock for information.

**Troon Beacon** – Discussion took place on the transference of monies from the Millenium Committee; the necessary Gas Key currently in the possession of E Williamson; the necessary repairs to the Beacon, and the intention to have it in working order prior to Wintertainment.

R Milligan has approached two possible firms with a view to completing repairs. **Chairperson H** **Duff emphasised that any approach to Mrs E Fisher/Mr M McKinlay (Millenium Committee) must be made through her.**  R Milligan suggested that it would be advantageous to speak with an apprentice who had been involved in the original construction and erection of the Beacon. D Graham volunteered to approach one apprentice, and pass on his details.

**Coopted Member -** **Mr Brian Phillips** stated his interest in becoming a member of Troon Community Council, he was proposed as a member by Chairperson H Duff, and seconded by M Love, who undertook to complete a Cooption Form, to be displayed in the Library and also forwarded to South Ayrshire Council as soon as possible.

**Chairperson H Duff concluded the meeting by emphasising that any/all contact which involves the attention and/or advice from Troon Community Council can only be made after consultation with either herself as Chairperson, or Vice Chairman D Graham.**

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at approximately 9.50pm.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 1st September 2015**