TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2014

IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTH BEACH, TROON

**SEDERUNT**

**TCC:** R Pollock (Chairman), D Graham (Vice Chair), H Duff, D Barr, A Cameron, K Workman, F Macdonald, E McNish, F Carson, M Love

**YOUTH REP:** K Beckwith

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

**POLICE SCOTLAND:** PC A Corson

**STEWART MILNE HOMES:**  S Partington, J Graham, S Henderson, G Loudon

**MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE:** E Harbinson , Troon Times

**APOLOGIES**

W McIntosh (SAC), L Matheson (TCC), E Williamson (TCC) – late arrival

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock welcomed all those in attendance, including the large group of members of the public to the meeting

**POLICE REPORT**

PC A Corson delivered an up-to-date report making mention of the following;

* Serious Offences – none
* Housebreaking – no big increase
* Travellers at South Beach – situation has been resolved

He responded to enquiries re

* Cones having been placed at Victoria Drive – matter has been attended to
* Street Begging, and also outside Morrison's Supermarket with the advice to contact Police Scotland
* [Live@Troon](mailto:Live@Troon) reprentatives were advised that contact should be made with Inspector Greenwood if police assistance is required re road closing/traffic break.Cllr McFarlane affirmed that an application with regard to this event has been processed.
* Skate Boarding – some complaints have been received, and in response to enquiry from a member of the Public Forum, it was asked that justified/unjustified complaints should be statistically logged.

**STEWART MILNE PRESENTATION**

G Loudon commenced the Presentation by introducing the members of Stewart Milne Homes. His stated purpose for the presentation was to explain the imminent building works and their final outcome.

S Henderson outlined in detail, with visual assistance, the Earls Green Development, Phases 1 to 4, commencing Monday 9th June.

In addition, he gave an in-depth report of the timetable of events (from present time up to June 2016) re:

Construction of roundabouts

Traffic Interruption, with any Road Closure unlikely

Creation of Drainage Basin

Sales Area

Completion of Landscaping

It was confirmed that Stewart Milne would be responsible for the construction of some 340 houses (with a provision of 50 “affordable “ homes). These figures will also apply to Lynch Homes, as part of the whole development. Questions were then invited from the floor.

Some concerns were raised by attending members of the Public Forum; these included

* Provision of a Supermarket to service NE Development to be known as Earls Green
* Drainage of a recognised area prone to flooding
* The ownership/factorage of the proposed 100 “affordable” houses
* The buildings' finish/ appearance in relation to other privately owned housing
* Sewage capacity
* Efficiency of proposed constructed roundabout (at Lang Road)
* The question of possible vehicular access at Leven Road, but it was stated that this would be a footpath **only.**  
  At this point, Chairman R Pollock suggested that a further meeting with Stewart Milne Homes would be advantageous, and it was agreed that this would be arranged at a later date. In conclusion he thanked those representing Stewart Milne Homes for their attendance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**T Macavenna** raised some points of concern:

* The condition of the remains of **Crosbie Castle,** asking for the assistance of South Ayrshire Council, in clearing of some of the tree growth.
* **Crossburn/Darley Burn**  where flooding issues are creating erosion problems
* **Cemetery Extension** – where a situation may encroach on golfing fairways of two of the three municipal courses. Cllr McFarlane responded by stating that there was no way this move would take place. Cllr Convery interposed by stating that there was still a need to identify areas available

**SkateBoarding –**

**Mr Rod Nugent** spoke of the necessity of an appropriate site for the youngsters of Troon. He informed the meeting of residents' complaints, and his meeting with two residents when some complaints proved unfounded. He also spoke of an event planned for Troon Primary School playground area. Cllr Saxton confirmed that some sites were in mind for a skateboarding facility and that South Ayrshire Council were 100 per cent behind this initiative, and that SAC has a working party looking at the situation, whilst making the point that a suitable location and supervision must be available.

**Mr S Gilmore,** a resident of South Beach Lane,

asked for the support of Troon Community Council in lodging an objection to the proposed development at **Crosbie Towers**. R Pollock confirmed that Troon Community Council has already communicated by letter their intention to object. Cllr Convery left the meeting at this stage, to avoid a potential conflict of interests. Discussion followed on the current situation, and it was confirmed by Cllr McFarlane that she would be addressing a forthcoming meeting, and that the planning issue would be discussed on August 28th.

**Mr M Stewart** expressed his concerned opinion with regard to some housing, traffic and location issues which were included in those expressed in the Stewart Milne presentation, and was advised by R Pollock that factual statements were required rather than an expression of opinion/point of view.

**Mr D Potten** enquired re the involvement of Social Service in the **allocation of Council housing**, and was advised by Cllr Saxton in the first instance to speak with Housing Office staff. Mr Potten also made mention of his extreme disappointment re:

**Toilet Block facilities, condition of roads in the area, lack of Skateboarding facilities, parking restrictions, and general conditions pertaining in Troon.**

A short discussion followed on the refurbishment of Troon's Street Furniture, and confirmation that Fly-Posting is not permitted. Mention was made of the continuing lack of signage at car parks. Cllr Convery responded by confirming that signs are currently in manufacture, reinforcing the availability of car parking, which could include the use of School Grounds during the school summer recess.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AGM** – approved by E Williamson, and seconded by H Duff

**MAY MEETING** – with the amendments of K Workman being being present, and deletion of Cllr McIntosh's apologies, as he was present during the first part of the meetings, these were approved by R Pollock and this was seconded by H Duff.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Muirhead Footpath** – F Carson will contact G Collins and W Mitchell (SAC)

**Skateboard** – Matter already covered

T**oilet Facilities –** Cllr Saxton will cover in his report

**Fencing at Muirhead Flats** – still not repaired

**Lift at Council Chambers**  - E Williamson had reported problem, obtained a Report Number, and confirmed that all was now in working order.

**McLaren Court repairs** – F Carson extended thanks for repairs, and new security doors now in place

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Saxton** spoke of the following:

* Toilet facilities at Church Street which will be refurbished by 2016, and a charge will be levied of 20p.
* Toilet facilities at Barassie – SAC have taken cognisance of this requirement, and there is an initial proposal of 24hours per day opening with a possible provision of attendants in both cases.

**Cllr Convery** spoke of the following:

* E-mail received from the Town Regeneration Officer, suggesting more consultation with TCC
* Planting of Church Street Flower Boxes being attended to
* Millenium Beacon, and its poor condition. He suggested that TCC could take ownership to improve its condition, with the reminder of funding through an existing bank account. R Pollock will pursue a definite line of enquiry.
* Commonwealth Games Family Day planned for 26th July which both he and C Malone have orchestrated which includes a Putting Competition at the Italian Gardens, and a Midnight Putting competition
* The sponsorship of Stewart Milne Homes of [Live@Troon](mailto:Live@Troon). After some discussion, it was felt that no locus would be appropriate for the Events Group.

**OTHER REPORTS**

T**roon Swimming Pool** – D Graham reported that 40% of the lockers are out of action, stating that refurbishment was long overdue. He also pointed out the serious defect of a lack of a defibrillator Cllr Convery will pursue.

**South Beach/Academy Street** – E Williamson noted the protuding Toby fixture at this location, where a car hit the surrounding hole. Cllr Convery stated that Scottish Water was liable to be responsible.

**Parking and Entrance/Exit Signs at Muirhead Co-op**  - D Barr raised this issue again, and Cllr Saxton undertook to pursue. In addition she asked that thanks be awarded to SAC for refurbishment of street furniture, and support for the Troon Walks initiative.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Electoral Reform Communication
* Email from D Yuille re Design Proposals for the New Marr College (Open session Wed 11th June, 4pm to 8pm)
* SAACC - Three-shire Challenge
* South Ayrshire Council – Insurance Documents (passed to Helen Duff)
* Email from K Beckwith (Youth Forum Representative) offering his services as Exec Director of Breakout Productions, offer to provide quote, and to liaise with Events Group
* South Ayrshire Council Community Payback Team Poster

**YOUTH FORUM**

**Duke of Edinburgh**

* 76 Pupils are now working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and in the past month and all have qualified for the expedition section of the award.

**Golf**

* Hazel McGarvie (S4) played golf for the Scotland U18s at Lytham St Anne’s for the Fairhaven trophy.
* She was the only girl in the squad to qualify and finished a very impressive 6th place overall.
* Hazel has also been selected to play for Scotland  U18’s against USA in June. The match will be held in St Andrews with match play over the Jubilee course on 11th June & over the Castle Course on the 12th June.

**Woman’s 10k**

* A team of staff and students completed the women’s 10K on Sunday 11 May.
* Three students - Naomi Sim, Emma Reid and Lucy Boyd - ran the race in just over an hour which is pretty good for their first ten K.
* Sponsorship money goes to the Malala Fund.

**Summer Events**

* Marr hosting 2 events in June
* First – Afternoon tea for residents of local community residential homes on Tuesday 17th June, 2pm
* Second – Summer Fair, featuring live music, bungee run, climbing wall, stalls from local businesses, and a family picnic area with bouncy castle on 21st of June 1 until 4pm.

**AOCB**

**H Duff** confirmed the crowning of the Gala Queen and her attendant as Sunday June 22nd.

In addition she outlined the arrangements in hand for the Mini-Fair.

**Disappointment from Events Group** was expressed at the choice of Hospitality Venue by Glasgow Taxis Owners Association, being out of the town. The necessity of the completion of Disclosure Scotland applications was discussed with regard to the transportation of the Queen and her attendants. After discussion, it was agreed that the Gala Queen and Attendant would remain, in the guardianship of the Events Group, in the town itself.

**The position of Treasurer** was discussed, with D Barr volunteering to contact a hopefully likely candidate to fill the post, and to report back to the Chairman as soon as possible.

D Graham spoke of the necessity of the **Troon Walks Notice Board** to be framed, and confirmed that finance to accomplish this is available.

D Barr asked that the Youth Forum Report should contain congratulations to **Katie Barr** for successfully competing in the Scottish Volleyball Championships.

R Pollock congratulated **Marr Rugby Club as the winners of the Club of the Year Award.**

K Beckwith, in his capacity as Exec Director of **Breakout Productions,**  suggested that photographs of all TCC members should be displayed on the official web-site and that he would be in a position to arrange. R Pollock asked that members convene at 6.30pm in advance of the next meeting which has been re-arranged for the date of

**TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2014**

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