**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairperson H Duff, M Love, D Barr, N Power, D Cram, A Cameron, K Workman, J Thornhill, A Wainwright, S Dunning, E McNish, R Milligan, D Phillips

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

N McFarlane, P Saxton, P Convery

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

Ins. A Kelly

**SP ENERGY NETWORKS**

G Campbell, A Menzies

**PUBLIC FORUM**

A. Carswell, C Morrison, M Connolly, R Adams

**MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE:** C Hunter (Troon Times)

**APOLOGIES**: D Graham, L Matheson, E Williamson, F Carson, G Baird, Cllr McIntosh

**CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

H Duff welcomed all those present, and invited those attending members of the public to state their concerns.

**OPEN FORUM**

* A Carswell reaffirmed his opinion re tree felling etc. at the Cycle Path,but also agreed to hear the report from SP Energy Networks before voicing his concerns
* M Connolly asked the situation re busking licence, but was assured by Insp. Kelly that no licence is necessary.
* C Morrison spoke of the proposal to instal a putting green on the grounds in front of the Library, and of the opposition to this proposal by many angry residents. Chairperson H Duff was in a position to re-assure that this proposal would now not be going ahead, and that there could be a development near to the Italian Gardens.
* R Adams spoke at length of her extreme disappointment in returning to the town after a 5 year absence to witness the dog-fouling and litter problems which residents of Troon are currently experiencing. It was confirmed that the Council are involved in litter collection on a 3 day basis, and it was suggested that TCC could be pro-active in organising the supply of dog faeces bags, in the publication of posters showing the result of infection by toxocariasis, and of assisting general awareness of the problem.

**SP ENERGY NETWORKS**

G Campbell thanked all those involved in the ongoing situation, once again apologising for disruption at the Cycle Path. He spoke in some detail of the modernisation and restitution which is currently being carried out; of his meeting with Dr P Whitford; of all commitments being fulfilled (re Sustrans and South Ayrshire Council); of a proposed drop-in centre awaiting finalisation; and of a request from Sustrans re removal of trees at the forementioned cycle path.

Mr A Carswell in response to Mr Campbell's report spoke at length of his surprise at the request from Sustrans, together with his frustration at being unable to obtain a response from Sustrans, and of his lack of satisfaction at the situation. S Dunning confirmed she had also approached Sustrans and undertook to contact South Ayrshire Council re this situation. It was generally agreed that Sustrans has a responsibility to inform a community of their plans. R Milligan spoke of receipt of a letter from Sustrans, and of information from F Ross (SAC) re incomplete tree planting. A Carswell spoke of various building projects within the area, suggesting that a levy to assist in the updrade of facilities would be appropriate. Chairperson H Duff confirmed that SP Energy Networks had offered a donation, and M Love was asked to communicate by letter with G Campbell with a formal request for financial assistance, together with the suggestion of their taking a stall at the Mini Fair on Saturday 24th July.

**YOUTH REPORT**

**N Powers** as Chairperson of Troon Round Table reported on the following donations:

* Troon Toddlers Group -£250
* Portland Church Toddlers Group - £250
* Community Learning Development Group - £350
* Troon Thistle - £500

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved by D Cram, and this was seconded by J Thornhill

**TREASURER' REPORT**

**L Matheson** confirmed by e-mail that finances for audit were almost complete.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Inspector A Kelly** spoke of the following: concerns with parking, 6 Road Traffic Accidents, complaints re Beggar in Portland Street, Assault charges, Motor Vehicle Thefts, Domestic incidents, Theft from Sawmill. In addition he spoke of the Beach Buggy being re-introduced on Tuesday 10th outside Council Chambers at 10am; of arrangements being well in hand for the Open Golf Championship whilst confirming that Police Scotland will not be involved in security issues at the Tented Village at Marr Rugby Ground.

A discussion followed between Cllr Saxton and Inspector Kelly with regard to the legality of the parkingand availability of private hire taxis, and Cllr Convery confirmed that licences could be revoked if contravention of the law was involved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing**

Morrisons – confirming bag packing slot. Volunteers and times to be arranged at next meeting

RNLI, Poole – from Chairperson re Interference of a Voluntary RNLI Fundraiser

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SP Energy Networks – Authorisation as spokesperson for R Milligan

SAC (Mrs C Cox) – Barassie Railway Station Car Park Funding

**Incoming**

SAC – Notice of Public Procession (Live@Troon on 11th September)

Troon Tortoises – 10K Road Race on Wed.6th May

Ayrshire Roads Alliance – Response to letter re Poor Lighting Conditions

SAC – 2016/2017 Administration Grant (copied and passed to H Duff/L Matheson)

SAC- Donald Gillies: Response to letter re parking at Marr College Sports Grounds

MBLEM-WEAR, Troon - Offer of supply of pre-printed materials

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Mini Fair**

**H Duff** confirmed that she has negotiated an arrangements with “Farmers Market” suppliers who will supply 30 stalls for the Mini-Fair at a very acceptable price, and was awarded a round of applause for her efforts in this regard. The cost per stall was suggested at £10. In addition she spoke of the fairground facility, of the possibility of a Dog Show again this year, of the donation of 60/90 chairs for TCC use, and her thanks to Ivy Cottage for proposed hospitality at the event.

**Taxi Outing on 15th June**

**H Duff** confirmed the following:

* members of TCC meeting at Blueberry's at approx. 10.30am,
* the arrival of Glasgow Taxis at approx. 1pm,
* the welcome support from Girvan's raffle,
* the issue of forms for next year's Gala Queen and attendants,
* the Odd Shop Competition results in Library on Monday9th at 3pm,
* the launch of the new Police Scotland Beach Buggy at 10am on Tuesday 10th

**Tree Planting (Willockston Road – Craigend Road – Cycle Path)**

**R Milligan** gave a detailed update on

* the progress being achieved by agents on behalf of SP Energy Networks in the above area;
* of letters of apology being received by residents of Fullarton Crescent;
* of the detailed planting proposals and their initiation.

 In addition he stated that the area at the Cycle Path “Kissing Gate” was being resurfaced.

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

* A serious rodent infestation in the lane at North Shore Road, and of his contact with both the Environmental Health Department and Network Rail to attend to this problem.
* Contributions from builders at the North East Development, and of the intended build of Social Housing on the site
* Barassie Post Office conditions

**Councillor N Mc Farlane** spoke of the following:

* Grave concerns re security at Muirhead Post Office, and lack of privacy
* Conditions for horses at Frognall, their wellbeing and security, and a work in progress situation re rebuilding brickwork for their safety.
* Costa Coffee's non-compliance with disability regulations
* The closure of Victoria Drive Bridge for repairs
* The abandonment of the proposal to erect a marquee at West Portland Street for the Open Golf Championships

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

* In response to an enquiry from R Milligan re planning regulations for Costa Coffee, he stated that their application had “ticked all the boxes”.
* No meeting will take place on site with Stewart Milne, who have commissioned an independent company to provide an overview; and that the present roundabout is acceptable.
* The approval of Scottish Power re Lamp Standards
* The turbulence re uplift of bins due to a union dispute involving working to rule and signing up to a change of conditions
* Of his disgust and horror at extremely negative and offensive communications having been received by Campbell Malone over the proposals re Library Putting Green.

 Councillor Convery then left the meeting.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**D Barr** enquired as to recompense for South Ayrshire Councillors' attendances at meetings. Cllr McFarlane replied by stating her income as a councillor, and Cllr Saxton confirmed that a mileage allowance was in operation. In addition she spoke of the conditions at Fullarton Woods where clearing of dead wood is required, and of the problem of rubbish dumping.

**Anne Cameron** spoke of a current situation re bin collections when it had been witnessed that despite recycling instructions re separation of refuse into the designated bins, contents were combined in an operating pick-up truck.

**Coopted Member**

At the close of the meeting, Mrs A McIndoe stated her interest in membership of Troon Community Council, and her-cooption was proposed by H Duff, and seconded by D Barr. A notice to this effect will be forwarded to South Ayrshire Council, and posted in the Library.

 There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.50pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 6th June 2016**

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