**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,**

**SOUTH BEACH, TROON**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC:**

R Pollock (Chairman), D Graham (Vice Chairman), H Duff, D Barr, A Cameron, K Workman,

R Milligan, E McNish, F Carson, F MacDonald, D Lunan, L Lunan, D Cram, M Love (Secy)

**SAC:**

Councillors W McIntosh, N McFarlane, P Convery, P Saxton

**Members of Public**:

Mrs J Millar, Mrs ? Henderson, Mr T McCormick

**Media Representative**

Mr S Houston (Ayrshire Post)

**APOLOGIES:** L Matheson, E Williamson

**Chairman's Welcome:**

R Pollock opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, and introduced Ms Heather Anderson, Housing Policy and Strategy Manager, South Ayrshire Council.

**SAC – Planning (Ms Heather Anderson)**

Ms Anderson spoke in detail of the current demands for additional housing in the Troon area. She outlined sites at Marr Drive, Alderside Avenue, and Spey Road for the provision of housing suitable for elderly and disabled persons for whom ground level accommodation would be appropriate, whilst emphasising that not all proposals would progress. She further noted that discussions with the community would be implemented as a priority. At present possible proposals for housing units numbers are as follows: Marr Drive-5, Aldersyde Ave -7; Spey Road-15

Discussion then took place on the present difficulties with regard to parking in the Marr Drive area, the poor road surface conditions, the accessibility for larger vehicles such as ambulances/fire tenders, and the Open Space policy.

**Mrs Henderson,** an attending member of the public ably illustrated her concern by producing a series of photographs showing the congestion being experienced on Marr Drive with especial emphasis on evening and overnight parking. An assurance was given that parking issues would be addressed positively.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Mrs J Millar** voiced her continuing disappointment with the condition of the Children's Play Area, where she felt that progress had still to be made with regard to surfacing. Cllr Convery responded by confirming that this was still a Work in Progress situation, with some work scheduled regarding re-surfacing and equipment. R Pollock spoke in defence of the facilities available in Troon, whilst pointing out that a response with regard to the necessary repairs at the Play Area had been given by Cllr Convery given the timescale.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the February were approved by D Cram, and seconded by H Duff

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Troon Beacon**

R Pollock confirmed that he had received a response from SAC re some of the issues which he had raised, but some remain to be clarified. After discussion, it was agreed that Mrs E Fisher, Troon Millenium Committee, be contacted in order to effect the transfer of funds to Troon Community Council, part of which will be used to effect the repairs recommended by South Ayrshire Council.

**Street Banners**

Cllr Convery stated that, to date, these had still not been located.

**Update of Marr College Project**

Cllr Saxton spoke in detail of his attendance at a recent a Marr College Parent Council meeting. It was confirmed that despite some delay experienced regarding the Playing Field development, no budgetary loss will be incurred. The proposed Sports Club was mentioned; and A Cameron asked that plans explaining the Building Timetable be placed in the Library for public viewing. Cllr Convery agreed to contact Head of Service.

**Independent Planning Advice**

R Pollock stated that he had received a reply from Mr I McLarty, declining the invitation to give independent planning advice on behalf of Troon Community Council, in the meantime.

**Troon Primary School Signage and Banners**

K Workman reported that as far as she was aware the situation had been remedied

**TCC Meeting Banners**

The display had been inadvertently overlooked on this occasion

**Defibrillator Unit**

Troon Community Council thanked Cllr Convery for his instigation in the installment of a defibrillator unit located at Troon Swimming Pool.

**Open Golf Tournament**

Cllr Convery confirmed that significant arrangements were already being put in place for this event

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Mr David Thomson re TCC support in Legislation with regard to Dog Fouling
* We received an email from Mr Mark Hastings with a disappointing result to our enquiry re additional help/funding towards to the 70th Glasgow Taxis Association Outing
* An email from a concerned resident re the changes/alterations to the No.15 bus route to which I have replied as an interim measure, having written to Mr Mainus at Stagecoach West Scotland with an invitation to attend our April meeting
* Three Co-option Forms have been completed and have been posted in the Library and Marie Welsh, Community Councils, SAC, has been advised and has acknowleged receipt. In addition Marie has reminded us that coopted members will require to follow the process for election for full membership as they cease to be co-opted at the end of this month.
* Mrs E Howat, CEO, acknowledging our letter re Planning Rules & Regulations and her reply advising that Jill Cronin, Head of Enterprise, Planning and Leisure, has been asked to arrange a seminar
* Cllr Bill Mcintosh re Community Conference on Friday 30th March in County Buildings re Community Planning. Registration should be made with Marie Welsh via the Registration Form enclosed with the letter
* Dr Claire Monaghan, SAC Returning Officer, Head of Communities re AGM and information re present and serving and currently attending TCC Councillors, which has to be replied to by e-mail by Monday 9th March 2015.
* N McIllvanney, SAC (addressed to D Graham) re Consultation: Draft Supplementary Guidance – Housing Site Design Briefs . Paper Copies of the documents are available at public libraries; Burns House, and can be viewed on [www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning/publications.aspx](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning/publications.aspx)
* J Campbell, Beautiful Scotland (email to R Pollock)
* Resident of Ottoline Drive (email to R Pollock) re conditions outside Troon Cemetery – Cllr Saxton confirmed that the situation had been remedied.

**OTHER REPORTS**

* **Gala Day/Mini Fair** takes place on 21 June– H Duff spoke of the proposed revamp which will hopefully include a Scottish Theme, including a Gaelic music entertainment group whose booking could be funded from the proceeds; and in addition an approach to the Farmers Market to book a stall. She stressed the need for volunteers, including SAC Councillors to assist in the event.
* **Glasgow Taxis 70th Annual Outing on 17th June.**  H Duff asked for suggestions re a Celebrity's appearance to assist in the celebration of this important event. Thanks go to **Girvan's** in Troon again for their fundraising efforts.
* **Sandcastle Competition and Day on the Beach** – It is hoped that this successful day will be repeated this coming summer. Cllr Convery will contact C Malone to seek his input
* **SAC Grant** D Cram confirmed that the SAC Grant of £800 had been received
* **Civic Award Event** -Thanks were awarded to the Activities Group for their organisation of a very successful Civic Award Event to a worthy winner.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Bill McIntos**h spoke of the following:

* his optimism that Prestwick Airport (one of five under consideration) could well be in a strong position to be awarded Spaceport Status.

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

* the proposed repairs to roads carried out by Ayrshire Roads Alliance to Westward Way, Lochgreen Avenue and West Portland Street, and of costs involved re Dundonald Road conditions
* the lack of bus shelters at Deveron Road
* Clean up under Winter Maintenance programme at Barassie Beach, and of an offer from Beach Combing Team volunteers
* the arrival of grass turf for the new bridge site

**Cllr N McFarlane s**poke of the following:

* Careful monitoring of the crossing at Morrison's Supermarket
* Tactile tiles where the situation continues to require improvement
* Her involvement at a meeting for the Scottish Council for Visual Impairment
* the problem for residents at Hosiery Park re car parking blocking accessibility
* her pleasure at Troon Community Council having invited Mr Mainus, Stagecoach West Scotland to attend a future meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the No.15 bus service
* her intention to pursue the possibility of a bill through Parliament re Dog Fouling
* the impractability of some bus shelters in the area
* Scotland in Bloom and Friends of Troon Railway Station – Frances Carson volunteered to enrol in this venture.
* Her assistance in obtaining sheltered housing close to family in Dunbartonshire for an elderly Troon resident

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

* his earlier report concerning Marr College Project update
* Troon Flower Competition – it was confirmed by members of Troon Community Council that no application had been made for entry nor any correspondence received, but further enquiries may be made by Cllr Saxton.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**A Cameron** voiced her disappointment at the conditions in which passengers have to await bus service in the shelters provided. In addition she made the point that many pavements do not have a lowered edge to accommodate buggies, carriages etc. Cllr N McFarlane agreed to investigate.

**R Milligan** spoke of his attendance for a friend at a meeting held in Mojos's on behalf of Troon Town Centre Traders and of their enthusiasm to promote stronger links within the town. The meeting was attended by Marie McNulty, Regeneration Officer, SAC, and it was noted that over the past two years no feedback had been received with regard to any involvement. R Milligan was asked to communicate interest from Troon Community Council, with a possible view to their representation as TCC membership.

**Play Areas** – R Pollock stated that all areas were subject to statutory inspection, and that it should be appreciated that Troon enjoyed many benefits, unlike many others in Ayrshire

**F Carson** outlined the many initiatives and events which will be carried out in the Muirhead area, including a Car Boot Sale, the Muirhead Fair, together with the organisation of efforts carried out with the involvement of Eurobins.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm**

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th April 2015**

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