**MINUTES OF TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2016**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTH BEACH, TROON**

**Sederunt:**

**TCC** – H Duff, D Graham, M Love, B Phillips, D Barr, A Cameron, K Workman, E Williamson,

A Wainwright, J Thornhill, E McNish, N Power, R Milligan, S Dunning, G Baird, L Matheson.

**SAC** – Cllr P Convery, Cllr N McFarlane, C. McGarva (Community Development), P Scully (Link Officer)

**Adam Wilson & Sons** – D Cross

**SPEnergy Networks** – I Young

**Morrison U. S.** - A Hood

**Police Scotland** – Two Representatives

**Media** – S Houston (Ayrshire Post), D Docherty (Troon Times)

**Public Forum**: M Palmer, M Connolly, T McAvenna, D O'Donnell, K Muir, A McNish, D Read (TBA)

**Apologies:** Cllr P Saxton, Cllr W McIntosh, D Cram

**Chairperson's Welcome:**

H Duff welcomed all those present, making particular mention of those attending members of the public.

**SP Energy Networks**

D Cross (A Wilson & Sons), I Young (SP Energy Networks) and A Hood (Morrison U.S) gave a comprehensive and informative report re dates and route from Church Street Substation of installation of essential cabling/pipework, whilst stressing there would be minimal disruption as far as possible. D Read of TBA praised the route which will be followed.

**SAC (Community Development)** – C McGarva spoke briefly of the various workshops/training programmes available for councillors, and distributed a leaflet outling the possibilities on offer.

**Public Forum**

**M Connolly** spoke again of the Gordon Brown Memorial Gardens, being pleased to note that although the cones are still in evidence, the nuts have been removed. In addition, he spoke of the public toilets at Stagecoach Ayr being closed due to vandalism. A Cameron will raise this issue at the next Bus Users Group.

M Love was asked to write to Stagecoach re closure.

**A McNish/ D Read** spoke of the fund raising effort to establish a wood carving memorial for Lachlan McKenzie whose tragic death took place recently. Troon Community Council undertook to give some support to the fund which already stands at £900.

**M Palmer (Dundonald Action Group)**  spoke at length on the situation re Hillhouse Quarry expansion towards Hallyards , asking for support from Troon Community Council as developments could involve disruption to the Smugglers Trail. It was affirmed that to date no actual planning application has been received.

**D O'Donnell** spoke of her aims to promote a Seaside Celebration of Troon, and of a request for representatives to attend a sub group meeting initially on 28th November planned to take place in the Council Chambers, with proposed following meeting on 28th May 2017.

**T McAvenna** spoke of the successful clear-out of the burn in the field between Muirhead and Loans, of the traffic hazard at the Monktonhill roundabout caused by trees obscuring drivers' vision, and of a series of incidents taking place on a Thursday which involved the theft of a bicycle from Barassie, a broken window at Beach Cafe, and a disturbance outside the Lonsdale. The Police Scotland representative responded to his concerns. The removal of trees could be the responsility of either SAC or Ayrshire Roads Alliance, both of whom should be contacted.

**Police Report**

There was a brief report on the current situation in Troon, with information that incidents were slightly up in number from this time last year, but reported crimes were down. K Workman spoke of cycling on pavements without warning bells; E Williamson spoke of speeding cyclists on the Prom; and N McFarlane spoke of indiscriminate parking at Golf Crescent, P Scully undertook to report this problem. The issue of speeding motorists at Brodie Avenue and Logan Drive was also raised.

**Approval of Minutes**

These were approved by E Williamson, and seconded by D Barr, with the amendment that under Councillor N McFarlane's report, at bullet point 1, the text should have read “instability of **headstones** at Crosbie Cemetery……….”

**Matters Arising**

**West Crescent** – 13 bollards have now been removed, leaving 28 still in place.

**Pavilion at North Shore Road** – possible demolition and rebuild planned

**Gym at Swimming Pool** – still not ready; refunding on season tickets planned.

**Grass Cutting** – a continuing Health and Safety issue, together with leaves clearing responsibility being unclear.

**Netting on Golf Course at Ottoline Drive** – D Barr spoke of public concern as to possible temporary erection, asking who had underwritten the costs involved.

**Treasurer's Report**

B Phillips gave a satisfactory and healthy report with regards to TCC bank balance, with E McNish stating that a grant from Awards for All was imminent.

**Correspondence**

**Outgoing**

Ms E Howat, CEO, SAC – Build up of Sand at South Beach/Ivy Cottage

K Braidwood, ARA – Road Conditions at Muirhead and Charles Drive

F Ross, Scottish Power – Request for assistance re Submission of Invoice for Sponsorship of £1700

**Incoming**

RNLI – Response to H Duff and D Graham

Reply by email from Ms E Howat, CEO, SAC re Build Up of Sand

Reply by email from K Braidwood, ARA re Road Conditions at Muirhead and Charles Drive

F Ross, Scottish Power re Submission of Invoice

SAC – Notice of Public Procession - Wintertainment 20th November

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**Other Reports**

**D Graham** asked that Donna Read be congratulated for her efforts in achieving a very successful Pumpkin Trail, together with the previous highly successful events at the Fairy Trail. D Read was given a round of applause.

**South Ayrshire Councillors' Reports**

**Cllr McFarlane** spoke of the following;

* A communication which has been received by many households/ persons within the town relating to a particular person's dispute with authority. Chairperson H Duff asked that P Scully respond.
* Her attendance at the recent Broons Show at the Gaiety Theatre, and of the audio testing equipment in place
* a donation of £100 which she has received towards to restoration at Crosbie Kirkyard, and was informed that TCC would discuss support for this cause at their January Meeting
* the unclean, unhygienic conditions existing at the Church Street toilets, and of awaiting the report from an inspecting officer
* funding relating to the Locality Group

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

* that all Open Golf Posters had now been finally removed
* The imminent opening of the Gym at Troon Swimming Pool, and possible refunds
* The arrival of the bench for the Gordon Brown Memorial Garden, and of the planting of appropriate blooms which should take place in February
* The ongoing situation re repairs necessary at the Council Chambers
* The possible transfer of contract of the Arran Ferry to the Port of Troon.
* (It was agreed that a letter of support from Troon Community Council be sent to Mr H Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, at the Scottish Parliament.)
* A possible traffic filter light at Logan Drive, and also at Barassie Street
* Working closely with Members of Parliament re Traffic Management in the Town Centre

**Any Other Competent Business**

**Troon Primary School Dining Hall**

K Workman enquired as to when this will be operational.

In addition she spoke of the posting of anti-dog fouling posters.

**Post Office at Barassie**

D Barr spoke of the appearance of the above and asked if SAC could intervene to ask for improvement

**Arrangement for Armistice Day**

All attending members have been advised of the arrangements, and Chairperson H Duff asked that as many members as possible would attend the following church service.

**Wintertainment**

All arrangements are in hand. These include the switching on of the lights at the Council Chambers at 4pm, and the lighting of the Beacon at 4.30pm.

**BB Pipe Band Championships**

D Graham spoke of the tremendous success of the Troon Pipe Band's achieving the World Championship in the Novice Class, and of his contact with Cllr B McIntosh in order to organise a Civic Reception to award recognition of this momentous success to all involved. Cllr McIntosh undertook to contact the Provost's Office and report back.

D Graham also suggested that a fitting tribute could be a notice at the start of the Town:

“Home of the Troon Boys' Brigade World Novice Juvenile Piping Champions”.

**West Crecent**

J Thornhill spoke of the situation where trees were cut on one side but not on the other

**Tweet Chat -**

L Matheson explained the process and the purpose

**McTaggart & Mickel**

D Barr informed that she had been at a local meeting with a representative of the builders. A Building Communities Fund leaflet from McTaggart & Mickel was circulated, and D Barr stated her willingness to become involved as the TCC representative.

**Troon Coastal Rowing Club**

H Duff spoke of a contact from V McWhirter, Troon Coastal Rowing Club.

**Cycle Path**

R Milligan stated that the Cycle Path had still not been signed off, and that there was a meeting on 11th November.

**Troon Civic Award**

Chairperson H Duff made available for distribution to members the 2-page paperwork relating to the nomination of those persons worthy of recognition, asking that neighbours/friends be made aware of the existence of the opportunity to salute a deserving member of the Troon Community.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm.

**Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 6th December 2016**

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