**MINUTES OF TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2015**

**Sederunt:**

**TCC Members:**

H Duff (Chair), D Graham (Vice Chair), M Love (Secy.& Min Secy), L Matheson (Treas.), D Barr, A Cameron, E Williamson,D Cram, J Thornhill, S Dunning, R Milligan, N Power, E McNish, B Phillips

**South Ayrshire Councillors:**

N McFarlane, P Saxton, P Convery

**Police Scotland**

Sgt D Barlas, Sgt L Booth

**Youth Forum**

K Davis, L Light

**Open Forum**

J Sawers, D Kerr (Barassie Residents), S Lewis (Community Engagement Officer, SAC), H McNish ( Round Table), A McNish

**Media Representative:**

S Houston, Ayrshire Post

**Apologies:**

Councillor Bill McIntosh, K Workman

**Chairperson's Welcome**

H Duff welcomed all those present, and asked for the Police Report as the first item on the Agenda to be given

**Police Report**

Sgt Barlas delivered a competent and encouraging report, as the situation has been relatively quiet, but with some concern over the number of housebreakings. Cllr McFarlane asked re Audit concerning theft from a shed. Sgt Barlas agreed to attend to this matter

**Youth Forum Report**

Marr College S6 Pupils, K Davis and L Light, delivered a most informative and detailed report on the various activities of Marr College. These included the following: Successful fund raising, House Assemblies, the Student Council Structure, Sporting Clubs, Chess Club, Debating Club, Youth Enterprise. In addition, they made available for all members copies of both a comprehensive Marr College Community School Report, together with Student Development Plan 2015/16.

E McNish asked that the issue of litter outside a local shop be raised at a Student Council Meeting.

E Williamson spoke of the imminent Christmas lunch at Ivy Cottage on 7th December, when Marr Pupils have decorated the area so well, and her understanding that this will be continued this year, and asked that thanks are extended to all those concerned.

A McNish (PF) suggested that the Captains' Page on the MC Web Site could be a vehicle to assist publicising new businesses within the town.

**Fairy Trail**

Donna Read, Organizer of the Fairy Trail, gave a very interesting update on the success of the Fairy Trail, making mention of the response (4500 Likes on FaceBook) over the past 3 weeks, and of proposals for a Christmas Celebration. In addition, she spoke of a Committee being set up, of signage being required, of the benefits already having been enjoyed by local businesses, and of the possiblility of SAC assistance with funding.

**Public Forum**

H McNish (Round Table) outlined the details of the distribution of funds which remained after the alteration of the function of Troon Youth Centre> In addition he spoke of the intention of awarding up to a maximum of £250 grant to Applicants of youth organisations, at a possible rate of 1 to 2 times per month. In addition he responded to an enquiry from E Williamson re the Digital Clock at the corner of Jubilee Road, by confirming that this was a Rotary Club responsibility.

**North East Development**

J Sawers voiced his disappointment re lack of response from Troon Community Council; of Roundabout alterations, and of the works timescale involved; of his request for a meeting involving some Troon Community Council members. D Graham responded, quoting the conditions of the revised plan, and of the email received from G McKinnon requesting the attention of Troon Community Council and their reply confirming their option. In addition, D Kerr spoke of Option 2 of the proposal, and entered into detail re direction, and of the impending disruption whilst amending the Roundabout.

**Wintertainment**

G Mulveny spoke with enthusiam of the forthcoming Wintertainment, of the great enjoyment provided to the public, and asked for support to be given to the members of the Activities Group of Troon Community Council for their efforts in assisting a bringing together of the community as a whole.

**Approval of Minutes**

These were approved by E McNish, and seconded by D Cram.

**Matters Arising**

The Erection of Bunting – A Cameron spoke of her frustration in her attempts in trying to ascertain whomever is responsible for assistance with erection of bunting, and also of the quoted price of £1350 to carry out this task. Cllr Saxton agreed to investigate and report back. E Williamson confirmed that A Cameron had expended a great deal of time re this, and that her enquiries were poorly received by SAC officials.

**Planning**

D Graham spoke of the contents of an email received from D McAllister, PAS Manager – Training, and asked that A Cameron give this matter her consideration.

**Correspondence**:

Outgoing

RNLI,TROON – Letter of Congratulations – reply received

S Richardson, The Post Office – Muirhead Post Office -reply received

Provost H Moonie – RNLI TROON -reply received

Mrs E Howat – North Shore Access - Reply received

Outbox4 - Cancellation of Agreement (sent by Recorded Delivery) – no reply received

Incoming By Email

J Sawers – Sewage Pipe Stewart Milne

SAC – SAC Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 – fwdd to members

SAC – Christmas Lights Switch On 2016 – fwdd to members

SAC – Civil Contingencies Team – fwdd to members

Code 54 web design

SAC – External Funding Newsletter Sept 2015 – fwdd to members

PAS – Community Council Training

**Troon Beacon**

R Milligan confirmed the removal and ongoing subsequent repairs being carried out to the Beacon, and the timescale for its re-instatement in time for Wintertainment. Discussion followed on the tracing the surviving apprentices involved in the manufacture, and of a suitably Corgi qualified person to ignite the Beacon at 4.50pm on November 22nd.

**Other Reports**

E McNish spoke of two Licencing Applications involving increasing opening hours for Harbour Bar and Cheeky Charlie's, and after some discussion, it was agreed that Troon Community Council had no objection to the proposed alterations.

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Saxton** spoke of the following:

* attention being drawn to inadequate signage at the Smugglers' Trail
* Templehill Toilet Block, with negotiations as work in progress with the owners of Dough
* Fireworks Display and the Temporary Toilets being open
* North Shore beach where no sweeping is being carried out due to financial restraints
* the reforming of the Harbour Tenants and Residents, and of the proposed December AGM
* the Golf Club, where decanting is due to take place shortly, and work to commence in early January
* All Weather Pitch parking where signage is due to be erected, and a reminder that parking is available outside Cemetery grounds

**Cllr McFarlane** spoke of the following:

* The establishment of a Bus Users Group Meeting on Saturday 21st November at the Cabin, when it is hoped to form a Committee. A Cameron will attend.
* North Shore Toilets, where access for wheelchair users/disabled is not possible
* Overgrowth at Central Avenue/Merrick Place, having suggested their removal, but only trimming had taken place
* Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association meeting with R Leith, SAC, re Youth Centre accessibility
* Locality Planning Group Meeting planned for 11th November at 6.30/6.45 in the Lighthouse
* a response having been received re dogs in the Playing Fields, stating that Access Rights do not apply, and of her intention to pursue a search for legal rights, whilst suggesting that contact should be made to D Loudon, SAC, in order to reinforce some public opinion, together with raising the issue at the Access Forum Meeting.

**Cllr Convery** spoke of the following:

* Playing Fields, and of attempting to white line the parking area; in addition he spoke of the difficulty of re-inforcing the necessary prevention of dogs in this area, whilst agreeing that this should be a No-Go area.
* Monktonhill Road bend, and solar energy signage was a work in progress area
* Ownership of the Ex-TA waste ground being unclear, and of the Pub ownership of the fencing
* The erection of one Bus Stop in Deveron Road, with another planned for early December, and of the speeding problem.

**Following SAC Councillors' Reports**

**J Thornhill** stated that no NO DOGS signs are on display; in addition she stated that signage at Public Fence in Jubilee Road is a commercial arrangement with the Publican

**N Power** spoke of the parking issues/ access from Marr College to sports pitches

**A Cameron** enquired as to the ferry service to Ireland; Cllr Convery confirmed that the contract with P & O Ferries terminates in October 2016.

**A Cameron** asked the position of the Councillors re the Housing Revenue situation

**E McNish** raised the question again of the difficult parking situation at Ramsay Court Muirhead; Cllr Saxton confirmed that alterations in the siting of concrete were necessary due to error

**AOCB**

**Wintertainment**

Chairperson H Duff requested the attendance of the three South Ayrshire Councillors present at the meeting, and this was confirmed.

**Grant Applications**

Chairperson H Duff stated that E McNish would now be responsible for all grant applications

**Remembrance Parade**

D Graham asked as to attendance of members of TCC; they were confirmed as D Barr, E Williamson, J Thornhill, H Duff, D Cram

**Digital Clock/Temperature Gauge at Jubilee Road**

E Williamson asked that a letter be sent to the Rotary Club re the non-function

**Proposed Route of the Barassie Rising Main**

After consideration and discussion amongst those members present, the decision was taken to agree that Option 1 (as outlined previously) was the most obvious route, and that communication be made to Stewart Milne accordingly.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2015**

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