

TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2013

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TROON

SEDERUNT:

TCC: R Pollock, D Cram, D Barr, K Workman, E Williamson, A Cameron, E McNish,
F Carson, M Love

Visiting Adviser: ~C Malone

SAC: Cllr W McIntosh, Cllr P Convery, Cllr P Saxton, Cllr N McFarlane

Police Scotland: PC S Woodley, PC S Hill

Youth Forum: K Beckwith

Open Forum: Mrs C Morrison, Resident

Local Press Representatives: S Houston (Ayrshire Post), E Harbinson (Troon Times)

APOLOGIES: D Graham, H Duff, F McDonald

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME;

R Pollock welcomed all those present ; Members of Troon Community Council, SAC Councillors, Police Scotland representatives, also requesting that the Public Forum representative, and two members of the Local Press introduce themselves to the Meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

PC Woodley delivered an up to date report on the present situation in Troon, making mention of the following: Robberies (none), an increase in Serious Assaults, Common Assaults, and of an increase in Drugs Supply offences, but stated that in general the position is on a positive course. He also intimated that he will now be transferring to Ayr. R Pollock thanked PC Woodley and on behalf of Troon Community Council , wished him well in his forthcoming placement

OPEN FORUM:

Mrs C Morrison, Troon Resident, spoke of her concerns with regard to the recently publicised suggestion of house fronts of properties in Titchfield Road being painted in a variety of colours, in

order to provide a more attractive tourist image of Troon. Discussion took place on what costs would be involved, and borne by whom. Cllr Convery stated that at present this still in the discussion stages; that it was an attempt to raise the profile of Troon; and that choice to participate, together with costs would require to be undertaken by individual owners. Further discussion took place on the more pressing necessities to provide

- adequate toilet facilities for all visitors to the town,
- parking signage,
- *and of the lack of slipway provision impeding the furtherance of the developing water sports in Troon.

TROON WALKS:

On D Graham's behalf, Campbell Malone outlined the situation re Troon Walks, and the present lack of funding for further leaflet production. After discussion TCC agreed unanimously to fund the cost of £470 approx. for the purchase of the template, in order to secure the copyright for further production, together with making an approach to possible sponsors for assistance with funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were approved by E Williamson, and seconded by D Barr, with the amendment re K Beckwith's report where it was erroneously stated that he had been requested to take down the TYC website. Factually he had only been asked to take down the Facebook page, which task he had undertaken, although the TYC website has subsequently also been removed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Letter to Mrs E Howat, CEO, SAC re Golf Club House – M Love confirmed that this had been sent, and an interim reply has been received pending further investigation

Toilet Block at Templehill – Cllr P Saxton still investigating

Repairs to Bollards at Merrick Avenue Muirhead:. Cllr Saxton confirmed that these had been carried out.

SPT Calming Strategies – Cllr P Convery will be attending a meeting with SPT this month

Lights at Footpath(s) in the Brodie Avenue, Logan Drive and Willow Lane areas. Cllr P Convery agreed to pursue the issue at Burns House, and Secretary was asked to write to CEO outlining the difficulties being experienced in remedying the situation.

Storage Space for Chernobyl Children's Lifeline donations – K Workman confirmed that she will be attending a meeting in the forthcoming week to establish a suitable site.

Traffic Lights at Lang Road – amber light still non-operational

Website Input – M Love spoke of having attended a brief but informative training at Outbox 4, and of her suggestion that K Beckwith, with his agreement, was the most appropriate person to facilitate and oversee input, update etc, with suitable remuneration for his efforts.

Troon Community Council Banners: In response to Chairman R Pollock's enquiry, A Cameron confirmed that she had been in touch with G Collins,SAC, and that initial approaches had been made to erect banners announcing impending meetings. R Pollock stated that he would be willing to assist.

YOUTH FORUM:

K Beckwith delivered a comprehensive and informative report as follows:

Scholar Bus The Scholar Bus visited Marr College on Monday 2nd September as part of a whistle-stop tour of Scottish schools, with Marr being the only South Ayrshire school on the route. The aim was to raise awareness of Scholar, which is a online learning resource that supports a number of subjects at S5/6 level. More

than 200 students and teachers boarded the bus where they had the opportunity to experience a range of fun educational activities.

UCAS Dr Neil Speirs from Edinburgh University delivered a talk to students and then later that night, delivered a parent session. Students have also received a University funding lecture. Students can now apply through the UCAS Apply 2014 website. Students can also download the Little Guide 2014 and parents can download the Parent Guide 2014 too. UCAS classes on a Thursday Period 4 have been well attended and will assist students through the application process.

Fundraising The Parent Council have set up a fundraising initiative that allows you to purchase goods online from a huge number of retailers, (Amazon, Argos, Boots, iTunes & Tesco to name but a few) who will as a result donate up to 15% to Marr College.

Young Musician of the Year 2013 this year Marr College will host Troon Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year competition. Any school age children from Troon are welcome to enter and entrants can be either instrumentalists or vocalist. The competition will be held in November, a date has yet to be confirmed.

Cllr MacFarlane asked the situation re the partial non-functioning of Boys' washroom/toilet facilities. It was suggested that Maintenance should be attended to by the private contractors, hired by South Ayrshire Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Incoming:

SAC – Community Conference –Thursday 24th October 2013

CEO, SAC – Troon Welbeck Municipal Golf Club House

SAC – cc letter re Notice of Public Procession on 13th October 2013

SAC – cc letter re Notice of Public Procession on 10th November 2013

Outgoing:

Mrs E Howat, CEO – Troon Welbeck Municipal Golf Club House

Mr M Newall Neighbourhood Services Mngr, SAC – Troon Floral Displays

Ms C Monaghan, Community Planning, SAC – Resignation of TA McNish

Ms TA McNish – Letter of thanks

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr N MacFarlane spoke of the following:

- The meeting of the Leadership Panel on 25th September re Welbeck Golf Club House, of its referral to a Scrutiny Panel, and of its return, with recommendations, to the Leadership Panel and subsequent delay for consideration until April 2014
- Site visit to Marr Rugby Club
- Visit to Muirhead Primary School re local history
- Active Schools Performance
- Fair Trade Association request for a letter of support from Troon Community Council. Chairman R Pollock voiced his disappointment re article in Troon's Going Out, but agreement of the Council was to send a letter of support as requested.
- Her attendance at a lunch hosted by Ayrshire Post, and the success of Live@Troon

Cllr P Convery spoke of the following:

- Attendance at the Citadel for the Active Schools performance
- The appointment of a new SAC Officer whose remit includes regeneration and of hopeful sourcing of funding for the Troon area.
- The necessity for adequate car parking and signage being a key issue
- Refreshing promenade furniture and floral features
- Promenade safety and the intended alteration with regard to the Disabled Parking Bays near

the toilet block

- A meeting arranged with Neighbourhood Services re the possible restoration of the once renowned 36 hole Putting Green
- His support for involving professional people from the private sector in order to assist SAC in their endeavours

*At this point, Chairman R Pollock voiced his enthusiasm for support re the possibility of restoration of a slipway to facilitate water sports events which have taken place on a regular basis.

Cllr P Saxton spoke of the following:

- His recollection of the Putting Green, as described by P Convery, and of his success in competitions!
- Barassie ex-Toilet Block, and of being hopeful of a solution, given that the Towers Hotel facility is no longer viable.
- The enthusiasm of the Head Teachers of both Barassie Primary and Struthers Primary Schools to proceed with the Breakfast Clubs
- Twelve Units at Buchan Road being finished to a high standard, and now allocated. Ms McNish stated her concern re fencing, rights to access, being unclear. Cllr Saxton undertook to enquire.

Cllr W McIntosh spoke of the following:

Barassie Parent Council when 12 parents were in attendance when the Breakfast Club initiative was discussed to proceed at a measured pace, of his impending meeting with the

Head Teacher of Struthers Primary. Discussion followed on some Road Safety issues, and of the obvious benefits of the Breakfast Club initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer D Cram reported that the Annual Grant of £800 had been received, and that Troon Community Council funds continued to be in a healthy position.

OTHER REPORTS:

D Barr confirmed that all arrangements for Wintertainment were now well in hand.

L McNish, MTRA, thanked those concerned for the repainting of the Swing Park

M Love re-confirmed her attendance at a meeting with Outbox 4 during July re the Troon Community Council website, advising that the most positive way to proceed would be to request the assistance of K Beckwith for the facilitation of updating and maintenance, on a remunerative basis.

K Beckwith intimated the re-opening of **Lido** in the near future.

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D Barr raised the following points:

- The position of empty 1-bedroom houses in Burnfoot Avenue – Cllr Saxton will make enquiries
- Overhanging trees in Lady Margaret Drive – letter to SAC requested re whose responsibility
- Hunter Crescent – non-function of lighting
- No Ball Games signage – no bye-laws covering this situation
- Re-surfacing of Ottoline Drive – planned for October
- “Illegal” Fishing Boat witnessed by Prestwick resident – not illegal, but report could be made to Fisheries Protection.

K Workman asked re the tubers and bulbs which are now being uprooted by SAC, and as to their disposal. Cllr Convery confirmed that these were available for anyone who wished them. It was suggested that a dropping off point would be helpful.

E Williamson asked the position re the re-surfacing of West Portland Street. Whilst stating that this is not on the timetable for this year, Cllr Convery will make enquiries.

K Beckwith asked the position re the temporary Skate Park, and the likelihood of a permanent location, with a request that SAC Councillors give their attention to the funding of this facility. Discussion followed on the possibility of the Paddling Pool as a possible location, together with idea of a Mobile Skate park. Troon Community Council agreed to support any initiative providing such leisure facilities for the youth of Troon.

Chairman R Pollock stated that he was in favour of employing devices to assist in the accurate recording of TCC meeting minutes. D Barr and K Beckwith offered to lend such equipment.

Meeting closed at approximately 9.20pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5th November 201

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