**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TROON**

**SEDERUNT:**

**TCC:** H Duff (Chair), D Graham (Vice Chair), M Love (Secy and Min. Secy), L Matheson (Treasurer), D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, J Thornhill, F Carson, R Milligan, B Phillips

**Police Scotland:** Ins. A Kelly

**SAC:** Cllr. W McIntosh, Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Saxton, Cllr P Convery, Ms H Anderson (Housing)

**TROON INITIATIVES:** E Fisher, M McKinlay

**PUBLIC FORUM**: K Hunter, N Power, A Wainwright

**MEDIA REPS:** S Houston (Ayrshire Post), S Hilley (Troon Times)

**APOLOGIES:** E McNish, K Workman, D Cram

**CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME:**

H Duff welcomed all those present, and introduced Ms Heather Anderson, South Ayrshire Council Housing Strategy Manager by asking for her report with regard to the projected housing development at North Drive.

**NORTH DRIVE HOUSING**

Ms Anderson delivered an informative report of the proposed 13 single bedroom bungalow units, their accessibility for persons with mobility issues, issuing diagrams for councillors for consideration. After some discussion on the necessity for deliverable and cost effective accommodation, the Allocation Policy, and seriously insufficient parking and access issues, it was felt that Troon Community Council would lodge an objection. Thanks were extended to Ms Anderson for her report and attendance at the meeting. ***D Graham will compose a letter indicating Troon Community Council's objection.***

**POLICE REPORT**

Inspector A Kelly delivered a very competent report on the general situation within Troon, making mention of the following:

* A generally high detection rate concerning various crimes which included robbery, housebreaking, common assault, serious assault.
* The successful Safer Shores Iniative in working partnership with RNLI, Coastguards, SAC, Fire Service
* Summer Incursions when Police Scotland had an arrangement with British Transport Police, of their early intervention, and the ban on alcohol
* The possibility of Lifeguard services on beach for next year
* The Beach Buggy, of finance received from SAC and the Rotary Association, and of a proposed survey to be carried out at Wintertainment by Police Cadets.

He responded to queries re missing signs banning dogs from the beach, by explaining that this had been erected when Troon was awarded a Blue Flag sign several years ago, no longer valid.

Vandalism by a group of youths at the North Shore Road area, and on the railway line when Network Rail Inspector/British Transport Police are investigating, and confirmed the distribution of leaflets on this issue. In addition he responded to an enquiry re children climbing the fence in order to use the new all-weather pitches in the evening, by confirming that some complaints had been received from neighbouring residents.

**TROON INITIATIVES**

**Mrs Elizabeth Fisher** and **Mr Malcolm McKinlay,** representatives of Troon Iniatives, were in attendance at the meeting, and Mrs Elizabeth Fisher was given a round of applause when she presented Mrs Helen Duff (Chairperson) with a cheque for £2,715. 42, which will be used to help preserve the Beacon, confirming its ownership as belonging to the people of Troon, with its upkeep and maintenance being the responsibility of Troon Community Council.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Secret Santa:**  Mr Kevin Hunter introduced himself as being in regular contact with Campbell Malone, and spoke of the two previous successful Secret Santa initiatives. In addition he spoke of the proposed Santa Dash, being planned for Saturday 12th December, and Troon Community Council agreed to grant a sum of £50 towards this event, after a nominated Treasurer's details were received.

**70th Annual Glasgow Taxis Outing** : Ms A Wainwright spoke of her disappointment at the lack of decorations celebrating this important event. H Duff echoed this opinion, together with mentioning the poor Christmas Lights display. Discussion followed with the result that a suggestion that a sub-committee should be set up in order to seek public support. Ms Wainwright agreed to head such a committee, and also to become a Co-opted member of Troon Community Council, in order to undertake this project. H Duff asked that all 4 SAC Councillors could also make some enquiries as to obtaining appropriate display items, and report back to the next meeting.

**NEW CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Ms Amanda Wainwright was proposed as a Co-opted Member by H Duff, and this was seconded by M Love.

Mr N Power was proposed as a Co-opted Member by H Duff, and this was seconded by D Graham.

***M Love was asked to inform the Community Council Section and to place Notices of Cooption in the Library.***

 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of July 7th were approved by E Williamson, and seconded by D Barr.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Stagecoach Bus Service** – A Cameron stated that the proposed timetable changes will now take effect on 12th October, explaining the changes to be effected, both for the No.10 and also the No.585. R Milligan confirmed that there was now adequate fencing and that the shelter at Craigend Road has been removed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing**

L Bloomer, SAC – Provision of Toilet Facilities at North Beach

K Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance – Overgrown Bushes

Scottish Water – Installation of Sewage Pipework at NE Development

Stewart Milne – Installation of Sewage Pipework at NE Development

J Cronin, SAC – Flooding Issues at North Beach

**Incoming**

I Bashir, SAC - Disused Toilet Block at Templehill

G McKinnon, Stewart Milne – Installation of Sewage Pipework

Scottish Water - Do. do.

P Farrer, Scottish Water – Do. do.

K Milroy, SAC – Provision of Toilet Facilities

P Fairclough, SAC – Flooding Issues at North Beach

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P Bradley, SAC – Do. do.

C Mitchell, Ayrshire Roads Alliance – Overhanging Vegetation

Community Councils Section, SAC – Digital Engagement event

V Hughes, - Live@ Troon Parade

Community Councils Section, SAC – Update on Digital Engagement Event

S Lewis, SAC – Introduction and Locality Planning

G McKinnon, Stewart Milne – Rising Main – Section 3a notice

E Longmuir – Trees in Adam Wood Garden

D & L Lunan – Notice of Resignation . ***M Love was asked to send a letter of appreciation.***

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Stewart Milne** – D Graham spoke of the recent meeting with G McKinnon and referred to the e-mail which had been received. After some discussion on the alternative solutions contained in the email, ***D Graham agreed to respond to G McKinnon citing Option 1 as being the most appropriate.***

**Troon Beacon** – R Milligan outlined the two quotes which he has received for the proposed repairs from D Ogilivy, Kilmarnock at a cost of £1975 plus vat, and I Hitchman, Troon at a cost of £1750 plus vat. Removal from site would be involved (which Pathfinder has offered f.o.c) New signage would cost £175 plus vat

**Bank Signatories** – Treasurer L Matheson confirmed that finally the signatory situation has been resolved, and that £250 has been awarded to Troon Community Council as compensation for difficulties previously involved. In addition she noted that South Ayrshire Council's grant has been greatly reduced, but undertook to make further enquiries; and asked for approval of using the internet for banking purposes. This was generally agreed.

**Web Site** – L Matheson spoke of her recent contacts with Outbox4, confirming that a period of 90 days' notice would be required in order to terminate the contract, while stating her willingness to assume the operation of the web-site without external assistance.

**SAC Tenants Fun Day** – A Cameron intimated that this event would take place on Saturday 12th September at the Citadel, in Ayr.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

* Congratulations to Cllr P Saxton in achieving the installation of toilets at North Shore
* The imminent Costa Coffee outlet
* Resurfacing of Crosby Road, together with West Portland Street, Westward Way, & Lochgreen Avenue repairs
* Bus Shelter on Deveron Road
* Site Visit to Council Chambers, and maintenance work in progress
* Gordon Brown Memorial Garden – Repairs and Maintenance
* The situation re control of dogs
* The new Roundabout at Kilmarnock Road

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

* 41 persons in support of the Toilet Block, and 6 objectors
* Overgrowth of vegetation at shore, and site visit re a manmade path to the shore
* Muirhead Primary and Struthers Primary Schools catchment areas, of the current and projected roll numbers in each, and his hope to achieve the re-opening of the Kitchen at Struthers Primary.

**Councillor Nan McFarlane** spoke of the following:

* Campaign for Nutritious meals from School Kitchens
* Tactile Tiles being incorrectly sited at the new Roundabout
* The meeting with Stewart Milne representatives
* The financial situation re Troon Youth Club
* Various meetings re Ayr Gaiety Theatre
* Cycle Forum in conjunction with ARA Community Safety
* The footpath from Muirhead to Marr College, and its closure
* Environmental Week – Walk Brochures
* Gala – and the availability of stalls to all applicants

**AOCB**

**J Thornhill** spoke of

a) the lack of signage indicating No Through Road at Bradan Road/ Welbeck Crescent whilst repairs are being carried out at West Portland Street

b) signage required at the new Roundabout in Kilmarnock Road

**A Cameron** spoke of

a) the cost of repairs to the Beacon being double the initial cost quoted by South Ayrshire Council

b) toilet facilities being available at Southwood Road during the Open Golf Championships. It was confirmed that these will be in operation, and that there will be 3 parking areas outwith the town.

c) enrolment issues concerning Struthers and Muirhead Primary Schools

**F Carson** spoke of

a) Situation re Bins at Muirhead.

b) Pathway from the Flats to school

c) Surfacing being incorrect and filthy condition/graffiti at park area

d) All weather pitch – dogs entering; no bin provision (N McFarlane suggested Cleansing Department responsibility); vandalism of power point. N McFarlane pointed out the dangers incurred re parking during fixtures.

**E Williamson** spoke of

a) Trees at Reedloch Drive/Lochgreen Avenue requiring trimming. P Convery will investigate

b) Unattended Ground at site of former TA Centre in Jubilee Road , and of outdated poster giving a poor image to visitors

**D Barr** spoke of

a) Overgrown conditions at the Smugglers Trail, enquiring as to whose responsibility. N McFarlane will make enquiries

b) Suspicious Transit Van in the area, purporting to be carrying out a survey; she also noted the Registration Number which was passed to Police Scotland.

c) More planting required at Logan Drive

**D Graham** spoke of there being no “Green Man” crossing the at Deveron Road/Kilmarnock Road and the implied safety issues. P Convery will attend.

**H Duff** spoke of the Glasgow Taxis Association change of committee members, involving the loss of both Jo and Tommy, with whom she has had a long and successful relationship.  ***M Love was asked to send letters of appreciation and thanks to both ex-members.***

**D Graham** spoke of the Planning Application submitted to alter the purpose of Pebbles at Templehill to use as a Pre-School Nursery.

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2016**