

TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013

SEDERUNT

TCC Members: D Graham, D Barr, H Duff, E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman, E McNish, D Cram, M Love

SAC Councillors: P Convery, N McFarlane, P Saxton

Youth Forum: K Beckwith

Police Scotland: PC D Carlyle, PC C Mowitt

Public Forum:

C Malone, **MTRA** - T McCormack, **Troon St Meddans Golf Club** - K Milliken, C Baird, E McFadden, D Finch, A Gilligan, G McFadden, R Milliken, D Power, J Greer, **Troon Bentinck Ladies Golf Club** - K Letton, S Ward, **Troon Times** - E Harbinson, **Ayrshire Post** - S Houston

APOLOGIES:

R Pollock, F Macdonald, F Carson, V Thornhill, PC B Downie

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Vice Chairman D Graham welcomed all those in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

Representatives of both Troon St Meddans Golf Club and Troon Bentinck Ladies Golf Club attending the meeting, voiced their great disappointment at the situation regarding the lack of progress re refurbishment of the Golf Clubhouse. All three councillors – P Convery, N McFarlane and P Saxton - voiced their support for a private developer's proposals, confirming that the matter will be raised at a Leadership Panel towards the end of September. TCC Secretary was asked to write to the Chief Executive of South Ayrshire Council for an explanation of the current position.

KYLE INITIATIVE

In the absence of Mr Arthur Spurling, Chairman of Dundonald Community Council, Vice Chairman D Graham raised the issue of monetary resources which have been made available to Carrick district, and asked Councillors for their assistance in obtaining similar funding for the Kyle area.

POLICE REPORT

PC Carlyle delivered a comprehensive report involving statistical figures compared to similar period last year on the following:

Common assault ; robbery; antisocial behaviour; hate crime; domestic abuse; possession of knives; consumption of alcohol; drugs suppliers.

He further noted that the Troon Shore Watch initiative had been very successful.

H Duff asked that thanks from D Simpson should be given to Police Scotland for their rapid response in an emergency situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were approved by E Williamson, and this was seconded by D Cram

MATTERS ARISING

- Troon Youth Centre – Two member of TCC attended the AGM held in August, and expressed their concerns with regard to the management and day to day running of the Centre, but have agreed to remain on committee.

- Toilet Block at Barassie – Cllr McFarlane confirmed that the sale has now been signed off.
- Sale of Toilet Block at Templehill -ongoing
- Repairs to Bollards at Muirhead – completion still ongoing

YOUTH FORUM REPORT

K Beckwith delivered an informative report making note of the following points:

Architects have been at Marr College recently, and the chosen architect is scheduled to be nominated by the end of September, when a public consultation will take place.

New initiatives taking place in school include:

New S6 Captains;New Formatted Student Council;Encouraging stronger pupil-teacher relationships (including the Head Teacher joining the Guitar Club);Motivation – Ambition, Respect, Responsibility – boosting the Arts Programme;Drama being introduced into the curriculum;School show being initiated and maintained by a new production team;16 new staff members.

Keir ended his report by stating that due to his education commitments in the coming he would step down as Youth Forum Representative, but would introduce a replacement at the next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Sent

- Letter of thanks to Simply Hair & Beauty
- Letter of support and donation to Marr Rugby Club
- Email to Mr D Stewart, Chairman of Marr Trust re two TCC members' contact details

Incoming

- Draft South Ayrshire Mental Health Strategy 2013-2016
- South Ayrshire Council – Wintertainment Procession (passed to H Duff for G Mulveny)
- E-mail from G Collins,Community Engagement Manager,SAC, re Troon Community Council Meeting Announcement Banner Display at the Town Hall
- South Ayrshire Council – Updated Community Council Handbook (mention was made of the postage costs incurred at a rate of £1.09 per envelope, with a suggestion of writing to the CEO)
- Living Streets Scotland Walkable Communities Project
- Cheryl McEvoy, Editor, Ayrshire Post – invitation to attend Live@Troon event, re launch of Troon Edition
- V. Gwynne – invitation to attend Fair Trade Association meeting
- Letter of Resignation – TA McNish

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr N McFarlane spoke of the following:

- Ayrshire and Arran Doctors' practices use of call centres, and the resultant exorbitant charges
- Enthusiastic and successful Coastal Rowing Club event
- Marr Rugby Club framed photograph now on display in the Library
- Updated Community Council Handbook, and some suggestions for future inclusion

Cllr P Saxton spoke of the following:

- Swing Parks having been repainted
- Vandalism at Muirhead
- Troon Youth Centre AGM being poorly attended, and proposed staffing changes, the immediate necessity for the appointment of a Youth Worker, a proposed Open Day for Parents, and information to local schools being undertaken.

Cllr P Convery spoke of the following:

- Complaints correspondence received from residents in Portland Terrace/Titchfield Road re parking restrictions and poor signage re parking areas
- Of the excellent service of a dedicated SAC officer with regard to sourcing funding for community associations, and of his forthcoming meeting with her
- Of some 29 councils having achieved windfarm renewal funds
- SPT Calming Proposals near St Patrick's Primary School – D Graham asked the position re assessment by firm of Parking Consultants with regard to general parking problems in Troon, but communication of outcome has still to be received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D Cram confirmed that Troon Community Council's funds were in a healthy and stable position

OTHER REPORTS

Wintertainment –

H Duff confirmed that all arrangements were now in place, and of her intention to check with all participating shops with regard to having lights on during the event.

A O C B

A Cameron asked councillors re the position of monies being available to Seaside towns. It was stated that the Scottish Government designates the chosen towns. She made mention of lights being out on footpath, and their non-repair being the subject of a dispute between contractors and the Council. P Convery will investigate.

K Workman asked re suitable storage space for the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. Cllr McFarlane advised contact with SAC for a possible 6 months' lease of buildings such as disused toilet block at Templehill.

Troon Youth Centre -K Beckwith advised that he had been requested to take down the TYC website details. C Malone spoke of his meeting with Ms N Sykes (SAC), and of his offer to assist as a Youth Worker in the running of TYC, with poor reception. General opinion was one of no confidence in the present situation.

D Graham spoke of his attendance at an Access Forum Meeting and confirmed that the Government can close rights of way, without public consultation, for major events. He also spoke of the 5 Troon Walks.

E Williamson spoke of the continuing confusion of drivers at the traffic lights at Church St/Portland St, and it was agreed that, once again, this was due to poor driving skills. She further noted that the amber lights at Lang Road had been out of action for 2 weeks.

D Barr praised the work of those responsible for the magnificent floral displays in Troon Centre, and its surrounds. In addition she made mention of the Smugglers Trail and the necessity for clearing undergrowth in some of the area. She also raised the problem with the "Grey Bins", and asked what the cost was to ratepayers. When it was explained that the Scottish Government had funded this initiative, and that contents would be recycled in North Ayrshire to assist with energy production, she further stated that a previous information meeting was extremely poorly attended, in part possibly due to lack of appropriate signage.

D Cram enquired as to the position and responsibility of road signs being obscured by overgrown trees etc. It was stated that any obstructions should in the first instance be reported to the local Council Office.

C Malone asked the Council for their views on promoting a "Christmas Lights Trail" which he would be happy to orchestrate, and this was agreed.

M Love spoke of her attendance at the Outbox 4 Website training. She suggested that it would be in the best interests of the Community Council to designate one computer literate person to be involved re input and updating of data. It was generally agreed that Keir Beckwith would be the ideal choice, on a remunerative basis.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2013

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