**Minutes of Troon Community Council November 7th 2017**

**Venue: Council Chambers Troon Town Hall**

**Apologies:** June Thornhill, Elizabeth McNish, Erica Williamson, Frances Carson, Brian Phillips, Linda Mathieson, Dougie Graham, Amanda Wainwright.

**Attending Community Council Members:** Helen Duff, Anne Cameron, Kay Workman, Dawn Barr, Robert Milligan, Walter Barr, Annie McIndoe, Nicky Power

**South Ayrshire Councillors:** Craig Mackay, Bob Pollock, Philip Saxton, Peter Convery

**Youth Panel Marr College:** Fraser McArthur, Gigha Anderson

**Press:** Stephen Houston

**SAC:** Paul Scully

**Police:** Dean Barlas

**Members of the Public attending:** Jean Shields, Robin Archibald, Ruth Hawkins, Joan Hawkins, Alexis Barboor, Peter Barboor, Margaret Robertson, David Chalmers, Linda Cunningham, Ian McGunn, Mary McIntosh, Anglea Brown, Ian Brown, David Jaffray, Jean Kally, Alan Rae, Ian McIntyre, Sandra Law, Christine Faulkner, Gordon Law, Kevin Faulknmer, David Grant, Rona Ihnen, Caron Whitehead

**Opening:** Helen Duff opened the meeting and welcomed everyone noting the large attendance from members of the public in the open forum.

**Community Council Business**

1. HD: Walter Barr is joining community council
   1. Robert Milligan proposed, Kay Workman seconded.

Open Forum

1. Kate McGuiness state of the empty and vacant shop and the tenement t number 86. Since last meeting there has been a degree of action due to community council and the press. One month ago Environmental health got the owner to allow access. Water Ingress has been determined as being due to a burst pipe. All the owners in the tenement have been lettered as to what they wish to do about the pipe. Although all tenants are willing to pay, they have no right of access as the owner of the shop controls that. In order to get right of access they have been advised need a Sherrifs warrant and to sue. The structure of the building is sound currently but will not continue to be so. Wire has been put up which will prevent the pigeons gaining access to the shop. Environmental Health have said that the front of the shop is detrimental to the environment and to planning. The tenants have been told that it is to do with planning. Question: If we stop paying council tax then we are subject to council rules, what is the position regarding business taxes, can one have a premises and not pay taxes?

Response Councillor Craig Mackay: Spoken to Fiona McMullen twice on this subject, the owner of the building has agreed to improve the building. Officers are due to visit this week, to see how the improvement notice has been observed.

1. Mary MacIntosh. 84b, lives above the aforementioned premises. At the 20th October meeting, she also gained access to view the property. She reports it is wringing with damp. The burst drainage pipe is at the side, goes through the flat property and as a result the ceiling has fallen in. Although Building control has said the building is okay at the moment in the longer term it could result in damp damaging the residents buidings. She feels that they are being shoved from pillar to post. The owner has been back at the building and is trying to repair it himself which is not satisfactory.

Both residents request that they are kept updated on the situation.

ACTION Craig MacKay.

1. **David Grant: Troon Business Association.** The grant from SAC was approved on Friday 3rd November for Christmas Lights. As a result there will be 3 permanent lights at the cross and 3 at library. In addition there will be 10 motifs; 6 in Ayr street, 4 in Portland street. Without TBA, South Ayrshire Council and the support of live at Troon this could not have been done. In total there will have been £11 000 spent on the lights in the last couple of years, with the TBA contributing more this year. Longer term they expect the project to continue to 2019.

TCC Dawn Barr: Please note 16th December there is a bag packing event, proceeds of which will go towards the Christmas Lights.

1. Joan Hawkins Open Forum Local Development Plan 2

Very concerned about the green belt between Muirhead and Loans, would like some clarification on what is happening, concerned she will be living on a building site.

Councillor Philip Saxton: Local Development Plan 1 was agreed 5 years ago, there is now a local development plan 2, which is out for consultation. There will be a Public Consultation at the end of the month where residents can put case forward whether they object or not. The whole of the consultation will be taken back and decided by the councillors. There is scope to take that area out of the plan. If you feel it should be used as farm land then you can put it forward.

Councillor Peter Convery: Sad state of environment is the drainage. There are 4 burns underground and 3 above it. Land is not capable of taking that kind of building. It is also a SSSI site, migratory birds use the fields which is very important. PC felt that if that piece of ground gets chosen then the rest of the green belt will disappear eventually. There will be information in the Going Out. A motion was put up to strike that part of the land off the development plan. They lost the vote, two councillors from Troon who voted for it.

Councillor Craig MacKay: There has been lots of scaremongering, this is not a political forum, the whole point is to put officers’ ideas into public domain. Then they will take all views into account. The LDP has been created by the council officers, no developer has expressed an interest currently. The consultation opens on 20th November, and there will be a public consultation meeting in addition. Social housing inclusion plan allows inclusion of development of 1000 houses across South Ayrshire and is concerned that the land will be used. Agreed a consultation is required.

1. Annie McIndoe read out a letter from Margaret Robertson detailing the list of birds including but not completely, Heron, pink footed geese, canda geese and curlews which use the site and detailed the importance of green space and her environmental concerns for Troon.
2. Anna Stevenson, lives in South Drive, looks straight onto the field, cannot understand why anyone would want to build on an area, which is flooded every year. Showed images of birds which come from Iceland every year. Her family have been s residents of Troon for generations. She recalled her mother telling her that when the houses were being built vehicles were sinking in the mud. Her house has been underpinned 25 years ago because of the peat, limestone and the burns. When digging her own pond after 3 feet the ground was sinking. Her worry is that 1991/92 a similar development plan for the area was blocked. Ms Stevenson is concerned that south drive would be used as an access road. Loans does not want to be joined. Muirhead does not want to join with Loans. Why are they building more houses on bad land, new houses at Earls Green are built on bad land. Can the council not buy it and make it into a wet land. Lots of different birds. She stated she was a Birder. It’s a very bad idea.

Gareth Davis, agrees that the letter from Margaret Robertson was excellent and acurrately reflected his views. Loans has been a distinct area since the 16th century. Found it incredible that the council would consider building on the land. Several other sites within the local development plan. When Muirhead was designed there were open sites for the people who lived there, these have all been built on. Troon is an attractive place to live, and part of that is the open land. Upon consulting Land Register, bought by a developer some time ago.

Councillor Philip Saxton: No-one has seen the lDP2, to take the green belt out the plan. They did not take it out as it is up to the public to take it out of the plan. He said “I was elected to represent the people of troon, and if they take it out then I will vote against the plan”. The officers put the case, the public put their thoughts forward. The decision on the LGP2 is taken at full council meeting by councillors reflecting the views of the public.

Joan Hawkins has said that there is a lot on facebook implying this was a done deal and it was worrying

**Councillor Bob Pollock:** This is not a done deal and everyone should put their thoughts forward to make sure that they make their views known. Public Consultation is very important covers the whole of South Ayrshire.

1. **Open Forum Philip Martin**: On the map that Mr Convery has, it would appear to be the case that the council is considering selling part of Loans park. Part of the councils proposal for selling Damelling golf course is that the residents would retain a park yet they are proposing selling off part of Loans park.

**Councillor Peter Convery**: I have been in the council for a long time all these suggestions come in out of the blue, and would say please and come to meetings to have your say. Loans will lose quite a chunk. Peter Convery gave the administration pictures of the flooding. Loans is an important village in the history of Ayrshire and locally.

**Open Forum Angela Brown,** lives beside the park in loans, see children playing in the park, it would be a huge loss to Loans the community. Where would the access roads be?

**Open Forum Anna Stevenson:** She spoke to an environmental person. It is a flood plain, if they built on it, all that would happen is that the water would go further down into Troon. Troon gets flooded as it is. There was also an Environmental company doing a report and were walking around the field.

**Councillor Peter Convery: The reason we cannot bury people at the cemetery because of the raised water ta**ble. Global warming has affected the water table in Troon, living now much closer to your house than before.

**Councillor Craig MacKay** believes that there will be enough objections if the volume of people at the meeting are an indication, and he spoke against the local plan. There are other sites which can be used. We do not need this at all. We need to look at social housing and developer led housing. We need more social housing.

**Councillor Bob Pollock:** when Local Development Plan came out 5 years before, we thought it had been put to bed. If we get the same public response then we need to look at getting it removed permanently.

**TCC Annie McIndoe:** Can TCC be sent the link to the consultation which we will put it on the website.

**Open Forum Billy Thomson**, Muirhead has developed towards Barassie none of that has been stopped. Residents need to make their voices heard and he wanted to know what the position of the Troon Community Council was in all this.

**TCC Chairperson** Helen Duff stated we represent the people and we will go with the majority.

**Open Forum Alexis Barbour,** during the previous consultation, the end of Spey Road, was tested and found unsuitable. Ground left in a terrible state. Ground was designated a play area, how can it be considered for building. After Nan McFarlane intervened it was improved but not back to its former status. This area is already a very congested area with parents dropping off children at school including Leven road,and safety of children, very little access and it is a danger. Why would Spey Road be considered for given the dangers already evident.

**5. Open Forum Jean Shields** last month, Dog training park, could someone look into it, last month.

Could it be redone so it could be re-used as a training park.

**Councillor Peter Convery** has been out, it was developed to allow dogs to be trained, and was there for the blue flag award, so 4 legged animals did not go on the beach. It is overgrown, not attended. Interior and exterior is in pretty good shape. Working with Fiona Ross and will keep us up to date.

**Action**: Councillor Peter Convery will respond within 15 days. Deadline: 22nd November.

**6. Youth Report:**

Captains, have been organising the Pudsey including teacher dodgeball and a Marr bake off. Lots of opportunity for pupils to take on responsibility to organise own events, eg. Chocolate fountains. Marr is encouraging pupils to take responsibility to make money for CIN.

S1 student council has been created and meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Senior council are going to get junior captains involved. Being involved in these kinds of things is good for personal statements.

Working on relationships between different years, peer English, forming links with library.

School Show will be We Will Rock You on 6th-8th June 2018.

Everyone has their green colour bands, juniors can see prefects wearing them and know that they can approach Seniors if they need to.

S6 organised a Halloween party for the S1 on 26th October 2017.

Open nights, PE teachers DJ ing.

Fraser starting a llot of new things, building up technical team, set up lighting and sounds, and dj ing scheme. Marr Radio, trying to set up a radio station which will start in school, possibly have links on our website. Currently waiting to see what funding will be available. Great new project. Currently behaviour for learning, rebranding as Respect for learning, make it better, to create a better learning environment. Final phase of the refurbishment completed. Fitness Suite, new gyms used by teachers too.

As part of the Scottish governments new national improvement working to provide a breakfast club, peer reading, numeracy, better emphasis on health and well being. Closing the gap between vulnerable learners and others. Access to the school, via the playing fields, issues are being discussed with Councillor MacKay. Currently opened at lunchtime. It is a public right of way. Public cannot wander in and out of the school. Lots of interest in the new school and there should be tours. The open day will be on 29th November and there are places for 240 people, so many of the parents went to Marr, and they will be a ballot for tickets On the evening there will be the Pipe Band, Brass Band and Tours of the building.

Raised £100.00 with the McMillan coffee morning.

Learning plaza has been opened again with prefects monitoring.

Children in need, Marr bake off, teachers will be baking and it will be open to students.

There is a Head Teachers Report on the Website, and different tabs on website with more information. There is a Twitter page for Captains.

C**ouncillor Bob Pollock**: Requested that the School Captains ask if anyone has ideas for the redevelopment of paddling pool area on the promenade

**Access through Marr College**

Craig Mackay, met with officers, re-open the gate for public access, would only be open for public events. ¾ of the way round for the fence. Gate will be open all the time outwith school hours on a trial basis. Then will be open out-with school hours. Signage will go up in 2 weeks detailing the opening times.

TCC Dawn Barr: said its lovely to see them here as we had not seen them for many years

ACTION: Email the school about receiving a copy of the monthly report

1. **Police Report Dean Barlas Sergeant**

No serial crime

No car crime, no house breaking.

Letters of thanks to the members of the public who helped with the thief from the Post Office.

Parking around about schools. Speed checks, a number of people have been charged and a number warned.

Fireworks, the Ayr firework had been postponed, information was put out at short-notice, no update. Barassie grass area was not used for parking.

**8.1 Wintertainment**

**Troon Community Council Dawn Barr**, Requested for Wintertainment if on Church Street Style the Hairdressors, there could be 4 cones, two parking spaces.

**Troon Community Council Helen Duff:,** can they do a quick check on the carpark to ensure that there are no cars in the park where the funfair is.

**Troon Community Council Nicky Power**: s going to block off at midnight.

Nicky and Police to communicate between each other, Police will tie in with Nicky to resolve the cone issue.

Two full shifts of Police will be on, during the Wintertainment, should be plenty of people available.

8.2 CCTV

**Open Forum David Grant:** 8 premises which have been vandalised and broken into this calendar year. Colleagues were not able to do anything with the CCTV footage. Cameras have been up for a decade. They don’t rotate. They were designed to rotate.

**Troon Community Council: Helen duff** Could councillors look at updating the Cameras.

**Open Forum David Grant:** Suggest there are 4 fixed cameras, down each street to be replaced.

Significantly easier for the police to work

**Councillor Phillip Saxton**, used to get complaints because it used to be in a fixed position, look

down Ayr Street.

**Police Dean Barlas:** Police point of view, it does move, quality of camera is good especially at

night.

The cameras can be moved but they have to be reported to the police to be moved.

**SAC Community Paul Scully**: They have been upgraded, inside. They have been used recently

to check information. They were parked strategically by Police and Council to pick up information.

From: 1:30 they look up templehill, at night. Need to be in Ayr Street and Portland Street

**Troon Community Council chairperson Helen Duff** suggested that Paul Scully and Dean should speak together re the look of the cameras.

**ACTION:** Paul Scully and Sergeant Dean Barlas to speak about the layout of the cameras.

Costing the business community 10s of 1000 of pounds versus the 4 cameras.

**SAC Community PScully:**

**Councillor Bob Pollock**  I work extensively with CCtV, fixed cameras only give you a long shop,

no definition. Proactive only work if they are covering a very small point.Cannot have 100%

coverage.

**Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:** it is the private spaces that solve the crimes in some cases.

**Police Sergeant Dean Barlas:** Fire on Johnson Drive, no criminality. No link to fireworks, electrical fault

TCC expressed condolences at the Tragic events.

1. It was noted that Jim Ross had passed away.
2. **Wintertainment Update George Mulveny:**

I need Stewards. If you could confirm that you will be available for parade as a Troon Community councillor. Can you leave me your name and email.

Programme is being printed by Ayrshire Media, distributed tomorrow, will all be out for Sunday.

**TCC Robert Milligan:** Leaflets did not include the lighting of the beacon. Do you still want it George?

**George Mulveny** Yes will be done. Robert is doing a safety check prior to the day with John Moffat and will be there on the day. Ronnie Herron is supplying the gas for free.

**Minutes**

People could not open the minutes, **TCC Chair HD** said minutes were were sent on One Drive and that it it was unlikely to happen again.

**Councillor Philip Saxton:** Requested a correction to previous minutes in correspondence Change re toilets will be knocked down and the amount of money to be generated from the sale of the Toilets.

**Minutes approved**

Kay Workman proposed

Anne Cameron seconded

**Matters arising**

**TCC Dawn Barr:** Any answers on the net on the golf course and the trees.

**ACTION:** Councillor Philip Saxton to respond within 15 days.

**TCC Dawn Barr:** Muirhead Co-operative, only one bollard now and as a result cars are going in two abreast.

**Councillor Craig Mackay** is dealing with it, called Regional manager, someone in the office has responded. I have had two acknowledgements within the last two weeks of request but no actual information.

**ACTION:** Councillor Craig Mackay to continue to action and respond in 15 days of progress.

**TCC Dawn Barr:** Spoke directly to councillor Peter Convery, on the continuous flooding in Charles Drive from number 2 to number 8, neighbours are constantly bringing it to her attention. She has provided considerable information on the flooding and would like action

No response has been had from Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

**Councillor Peter Convery** no command and control with ARA

**Councillor Bob** Pollock is attending a meeting with ARA this week and will raise the issue at the meeting, On the resurfacing Wilson avenue issue, **Councillor Bob Pollock** confirmed there was no requirement for them to resurface the road. **Councillor Peter Convery** stated There was a gentlemans agreement.

**TCC Dawn Barr** stated when she went into the development consultation it was stated they would resurface the road.

Councillor Bob Pollock confirmed that there are negotiations going on with McTaggart Michel.

**TCC DB** stated Cars are pulling out new road and not looking properly. Junction needs to be put in.

**ACTION:** Councillor Bob Pollock will get back by the 22nd  November 2017

It is noted however that Wilson Avenue is not currently on ARA plan. There are other roads which are Troon which are in a worse condition and will be done first.

ARA had recruitment problems which they have now resolved and more road improvements should be forthcoming.

**Treasurer Report**

Bank Balance: Is healthy.

HD: Paul is going to give us a breakdown of what can be done with the grant and what cannot be done, including what can be claimed.

Money raised goes back out on events.

**TCC DBarr:** St Meddans are doing alterations, after all there grants they now need £64000 can we help.

**TCC Chair HDuff:** The Community Council helped apply for funding for Troon OLD Parish, therefore we should delay the decision until Dougie is back in.

November still have not got the balance sheet from March 2017.

Brian to give a breakdown of what has been claimed for, then that will keep everyone happy. Must be done for the next meeting. Anyone can inspect the books should they which too.

ACTION: Brian Phillips

Remembrance Day is Sunday, 10:00 til 10:05, march off at 10:15, go straight

10:45 service starts. 28th Scouts

Brigadier Charles Cole will be in attendance.

Provost is coming to Troon to lay a wreath on behalf of South A C

Dawn is to buy a wreath for Helen duff.

HD Action: Phone church re wreath.

EMAIL received from Friends of Fullarton, re meeting AGM MTRA, Activity Centre. Dawn and Kay will be in attendance.

Bathing Water focus Group, Annie, Helen, Amanda, Vince, part of project by the Scottish Government on Water quality and its importance to communities.

Launching of new Pilot boat, retiring the one they have at the moment, built a bigger one, Naming Ceremony, 22nd November. 10:30 at RNLI. LADY KYLE.

Donald Crescent, lady in. TCC Chair HD dealt with it. Put forms in for bin lift. Concerned at the state of the garden.

**TCC Robert Milligan:** Attended Monkton meeting, in dougies abscene regarding the Persimmon proposal to build houses, on Tarbolton Road. Field where the old windmill and monument is. 270 houses. **TCC RM:** Called Julia Dettbarn, both went to presentation. Several questions were referred back as development is dependent upon planning application when it is submitted to SAC. Note, no proper SEPA, report. This was the opening meeting. Land bought from DAWN homes. People who look onto the monument were not happy. Woman spoke to Julie Dettbarn asking how much the council gets for a house. How much was going back into the village. Showed Julie the memorial hall, and the main street. Amenities, she felt the village was too small to take these houses. 25% of which will be affordable housing. 6 months away before planning. Asked to spread the word that the houses would be built there.

Councillor Julie Dettbarn would love to have a Monkton Community Council but not at the moment.

**TCC RM:** Was phoned by resident as to who owns a horse at monktonroad, concerned that the junction. Horses are taken out at weekend, and the stables.

Councillor Bob Pollock: Has referred it to the ARA, suggestion made that horse signs need to be put up. Reponse given back that they will be looking at it. BP will ask on Friday what date they will be looking at it. There has only been one serious accident it the location. Police Scotland , criminial offence, or fatality. What drives the active alteration of a road is the accident rate. RM agreed that Jim Webb was the person he had been in contact with. BP agreed he had been in contact too.

**TCC Robert Milligan** Would like to invite Fraser Smith of Stagecoach, Number 14 and 14a, and number 11, re the appalling new service.

Ann had a bus users meeting, on 18th October had Fraser Smith, guy in charge of Ayr. Stagecoach believe that 70% of people who go to Irvine get on at the Barassie side of Troon. Not interested in providing a service as it’s a business. Chance of shifting them on anything is minimal. Staffing difficulties for local businesses, no leeway on timetables, they have made. 15th November, Fraser Smith is coming bringing whoever is in charge of Kilmarnock, Library in Irvine 1:30pm. Boutreehill, and problems in Irvine. They said they could put another bus on once an hour.

Deliberately running it down to make it unviable, will apply for subsidies, amount of money they get from the Scottish government.

**ACTION**: Anne Cameron and Robert Milligan to give us feedback on the Bus Users Group meeting.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Councillor Peter Convery:** Paddling Pool, structure down. £12000 to demolish it, steel beams etc. Wants information on what people want on the promenade to replace the shelter and paddling pool area.

It was mentioned that Donna Read has put a survey up on Facebook.

**TCC Chair** HD: wants a seating area to appreciate the view.

Various suggestions were made, including Palm Trees, seating for a new view.

Councillor Bob Pollock mentioned that he wanted the children of Troon to be involved in the decision.

**Councillor Peter Convery:** A Robust discussion was had along with ARA personnel on the state of the road down to the Harbour. A Vehicle was not licensed to be on Road. They have agree they are going to repair the and patching, and will re-instate the section that has been damaged and stop HGV from driving on pavements.

**Councillor Craig MacKay Report**

Public meeting with Colin Clark for Cycling friendly Troon. Signed up a steering group. Key stakeholders meeting went well. Working together well. Public meeting on the 18th. Key routes have been identified on the map. Meeting with ARA, next steps will be finding funding. Staged project. 1. Feasibility Study. Match Funding.

Litter Bins along the shore, overflowing. Due to staffing issues. Causing problems.

Season staff, covering the beaches, problems with volunteers cleaning the beach, not getting the uplift and connection, trying to get people to work together.

**Councillor Bob Pollock Report**

Attended the official opening of Troon Primary extension, was an impressive building, they were made very welcome.

**Councillor Philip Saxton Report** The rent increase will be due on 14th of November.

Toilet Templehill toilet will not be sold but will be leased on a 175 year lease. Terms of the lease wiill be subject to planning application.

It was noted generally that Council chambers are looking very good after painting.

**Councillor Peter Convery is** there any opportunity for councillors to be brought further up the Agenda?

**Troon Community Council Chairperson** HD has agreed that the councillors will be moved to after the Youth forum.

**Troon Community Council Anne Cameron** if anyone has dates for next years calendar please let her know

ACTION ALL