**Troon Community Council Meeting**

**Council Chambers, South Beach Troon**

**Tuesday December 1st 2015**

**Sederunt:**

**TCC Members:**

H.Duff (chair), D.Graham (Vice Chair), E.McNish (Temp Sec), L.Matheson (Treas.), D.Barr, K.Workman ,J.Thornhill, S.Dunning, B.Phillips, R.Milligan, A.Cameron, F.Carson, G.Baird.

**South Ayrshire Councillors:**

N. McFarlane & P.Convery

**Police Scotland:**

Sgt. J.Kelly

**Youth Forum:**

Luke Light

**Media Representative:**

S.Houston

**Apologies:**

N.Power, E.Wiliamson, M.Love & Cllr. P.Saxton

**Chairperson’s Welcome:**

H.Duff opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and requested a minutes silence & reflection in respect of the late provost Winnie Sloan.

**Police Report:**

Sgt Kelly reported:

* + - 7 shoplifting crimes: 5 detected
    - 1 serious assault
    - 9 common assaults: 4 detected
    - 9 housebreakings
    - 1 Drink driving reported another 1 today
    - 3 careless driving
    - 2 Road Traffic Offences
    - Drink driving campaign has begun; the reports to date have shown a National drop in numbers of offences.
    - The licence trade have reported selling more soft drinks and recognised designated drivers increasing.

**Housebreaks:**

High value thefts have been reported through Ayrshire; a 53 year old male has been arrested and remanded in custody. Forensics are on-going in their investigations.

**Post Office:**

The theft was a distraction theft and the culprit has been identified, the investigation is on-going.

**Wintertainment:**

No issues were identified; Sgt Kelly made apologies for the absence of the mounted police due to the death of one of the horses.

**Suspicious Car:**

This has been reported on Facebook allegedly a red car approached a young girl. No reports have been made to the police from the public and there is no CCTV footage of the incident.

**Other Police Business:**

A. Cameron enquired about an incident of fire-raising in Barassie

* Sgt. Kelly said a person has been reported

D. Barr reported two ladies with dogs causing an annoyance

* Sgt. Kelly said the police are aware of who they are and officers will visit.

**Beach Buggy:**

Plans are in place for the summer to deploy the buggy for the season, a meeting with the RNLI new officiate was productive and the hopes are to include lifeguards on the beach.

Possibly the council could help with some form of assistance for this.

A survey of the beach in the buggy will help to identify risks and hazards and can be relayed to relevant parties.

Signs indicated exit/entrance to the beach need replacing and updating.

An e-mail to the beach buggy suppliers requesting bigger seated buggies (perhaps 2) would be a bigger attraction for locals and visitors to both Troon and Ayr. Fundraising for these buggies could be done locally as they are an asset to the town and would enable officers to be deployed onto the beach areas.

The buggies could also be used while the golf open is on for transporting officers quickly around the course.

Shore watch will be in place from Easter till September.

**Open Forum:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Proposer: R. Milligan seconded D. Barr

**Matters Arising:** None

**Wintertainment:**

**Beacon:**

Robert Milligan reported the program went to time; the risk assessments were tested vigorously and on the day fired up during carol singing service. The fire service volunteered their time and duty for the day, thanks extended to them.

H. Duff thanked everyone for their input on the day; D. Barr reported it was a great success from the beginning of the parade to all the events on the day. A suggestion from a member of the public to place a burger van at the “fun-fair” area was voiced but was deemed unacceptable as this would take business away from the locals.

E. McNish reported fun fair operatives “bumping up prices”, signs turned over and higher prices written on the back.

Disappointment was conveyed the big ride was inoperable the entire day.

**Wintertainment Events:**

* ***Dog Parade:***
  + Concerns were raised that traffic was still coming up Ayr Street while the parade was in progress.
* ***Dignitaries:***
  + No police presence was available to bring the dignitaries to the town hall
  + It was suggested next year the parade should end outside the town hall so an escort for the dignitaries is not required.
* ***Light Switch On:***
  + A meeting will be organised to discuss the light switch on and change of venue.
  + Cllr McFarlane told the meeting Prestwick receive a grant of £1000 every year for new Christmas street lights, E .McNish will apply for the same grant for Troon for next year.
  + 2 sets of lights don’t work, the Troon Business Association (TBA) is now up and running and is keen to make suggestions and get involved with the TCC and town lights.
  + H. Duff asked the Cllrs present about funding from SAC for town decorative lights, she reported how the Town Business Association (TBA) held fundraising events in the past for lights etc in the town and they have now re-established themselves and it was suggested they be approached for funding of new lights for Troon as they have done in Prestwick.
  + The erection of the “Buzzworks” banner resulted in lights being taken down; these lights came from the “Common Good Fund”.

**A.O.B.**

* ***TBA- Town Business Association*:**
  + Cllr McFarlane reported she was at the inception of the TBA from 1989 – 1990 when public meetings were held and were attended by 150-160 members of the public and businesses. A gala week was held and in 1991 the first Christmas night was held, this lasted annually for duration of 4/5 years.
  + Cllr McFarlane left the TBA in 1995.
  + On the cessation of the TBA, George Mulvaney asked the TCC if the “odd man out” in the local shops could continue. George was co-opted onto the activities group to continue with this.
  + Prestwick received a grant of £1500 from the SAC.
  + D. Graham proposed applying for the same grant for next year.
  + It was proposed to arrange a meeting with the TBA, Buzzworks, shop owners and the TCC to organise fundraising for Christmas decorations for the town.
* ***Order of Service:***
  + Confusion was voiced as to what was happening when, it was suggested a printed order of service for next year would help.
* ***Carol Singers:***
  + Thanks were expressed to Francis Carson for stepping in when needed but it was suggested the carol singers need microphones for next year as they were drowned out by the fair ground.

**Web-Site:**

The previous web-site is conflicting with Linda’s, it is causing the page to run slowly and new information needs to be added. It was recommended the older version be removed.

**Marr College Report:**

Luke Light from Marr College handed out a comprehensive report on the following topics:

* Debate Success
* Young Enterprise Group
* Christmas Dances
* Fund raising
* Auditions for summer production of the “Addams Family”.
* School Choir activities
* Parent group meetings
* Marr’s website
* Marr’s work with BOSCH
* Choices for life music video

**Bus Users Group:**

Cllr McFarlane proposed setting up a bus users group

* There would be 10 volunteers to form the committee.
* Posting of details of meeting times/day etc.
* Cllrs Convery and McFarlane would co-ordinate the meeting until it is established
* Bus UK is willing to help in the form of donations and start-up aid.
* A link up officer (*Claire Monahan*) would be available for the TCC.

**All Weather Pitches:**

The all- weather pitches are reportedly “*constantly full booked*” preventing other groups using it, Cllr McFarlane will investigate.

E-mails have been received from groups about the lights on the pitches and the sub-letting of the pitches on a Saturday from one club to another not going through the proper channels.

**CCTV:**

Cllr McFarlane acknowledged that the TCC has campaigned for CCTV to be sited in the town.

**Refugees/Immigrants:**

TCC member Kay Workman asked what plan of action the council have in place for the influx of refugees/immigrants coming into Troon e.g.

* **Housing**
* **Interpreters**
* **Schools**

Cllrs McFarlane and Convery reported they are already in South Ayrshire in the Harbour area. Awareness of their plight needs to be realised as opposed to objections of losing housing stock to house them in.

**Cllrs Reports:**

Cllr Convery reported:

* The reflection of where the town is moving.
* Kilmarnock Road roundabout
  + Delay in timing of improvement, better to start after Christmas period although it hasn’t been signed off.
* Monkton Hill Road bend being addressed ASAP
* Bus shelters are gradually going up
* Playing Fields
  + Donald Gillies looking at their surfaces
  + Condition is poor
  + Disturbance to houses either side of the fields, esp. lighting, would have a big impact
* Parking in Titchfield Road
  + White lines are needed, Cllr Convery will look into it from the Ayrshire Roads Alliance perspective

Cllr McFarlane reported:

* A meeting with Mr Sawyers ref: the information sent by Stuart Milne
* Better plans for access seen as a gain
* Seen as an opportunity to plant more trees at side of houses
* As from November 21st traffic wardens will be out in force in Troon
* Costa Coffee Shop:
  + No signs in old car park indicating entrance and exit making it very dangerous
* Academy Street service bay dangerous for children walking through
* Walkthrough between shops and houses is to remain

*The Chair stated they were unaware of the above meeting with Cllr McFarlane taking place and would have liked to have been informed and possibly attending. Vice Chair (D.Graham) inquired of the Cllrs who made the error at the roundabout? Ayrshire Roads Alliance or Stuart Milne? He was informed that Milne’s engineers planned it, ARA signed it off and Stuart Milne is paying to fix the error of SAC.*

**The Open:**

Advertising of the Troon Open will be looked into and the banners for the town will need to be found and hung.

**Troon Civic Awards:**

Forms for this award will be available from December 15th 2015 from the Council Chambers.

**Facebook:**

All TCC members were advised to be careful when speaking on facebook.

**Provost Sloane:**

The late Provost Sloane’s family sent thanks to the TCC for their kindness at such a sad time and wished all members a very merry Christmas.

**WI:**

The Women’s Institute will be starting in Troon in January 2018, place and time to be arranged.

**Lawn Tennis:**

Robert Milligan will write to the Lawn Tennis Association on behalf of the TCC for the Davis Cup Trophy to be brought to the Troon Lawn Tennis Club to be displayed.

**There being no further business the meeting was closed.**

**The next meeting of the Troon Community Council will be on:**

**7p.m. Tuesday 5th January, 2016**

**The council chambers, South Beach,Troon Town Hall.**