MINUTES OF THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**OF**

TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON**

**TUESDAY 1 MAY 2012**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**TCC MEMBERS** D Graham, R Pollock, D Cram, D Barr E Williamson, A Cameron, K Workman,

R Wilson, J Snoddy

**SAC LIAISON OFFICER** P Vaisie

**MINUTES**  M Love

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chairman D Graham welcomed the assembled member of TCC along with others present. He made mention of the initiatives of the previous year including the Taxi Outing and the Gala Day and thanked committee members for their input in ensuring the successful outcome of these events.

Mention was made of the concerns raised during the course of the year regarding anti-social behaviour in both the Muirhead and the Harbour areas. However it was pleasing to note that actions taken by the respective Residents’ Associations in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council and Strathclyde Police Officers had significantly improved matters.

Mr Graham expressed his thanks for the support given to TCC by the Local Councillors, Mr Forsyth the SAC Link Officer, and Strathclyde Police. However he also expressed his disappointment that occasionally debate had turned to political argument. He reminded members that Troon Community Council was an apolitical organisation and not a suitable forum for such dialogue.

He expressed sadness at the death of Community Councillor Janet Walker who had been a well organised and conscientious worker on behalf of the TCC for many years, and whose contribution would be missed.

Mr Graham concluded by declaring his intention to stand down from the position of Chairman – a post which he has held for 4 years – and reiterated his thanks to all members for their efforts and support.

On behalf of the members, E Williamson thanked D Graham for his hard work and stressed how greatly his efforts had been appreciated.

**Apologies:**D Jaffray, H Duff, T Cameron, Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Convery, Cllr P Saxton,

Cllr B McIntosh, J Forsyth (SAC Link Officer),

(Note Local Councillors and Strathclyde Police do not attend the AGM)

**Finance Report**

D Cram Treasurer reported that funds were in a healthy state, the accounts for 2011/12 had been approved by SAC, and that previous signatory problems were now resolved.

Moved as correct by B Wilson and seconded by A Cameron

**Election of Office Bearers**

Ms P Vaisie as representative of Mr Forsyth, SAC Link Officer, assumed the chair whilst the election of Office Bearers took place.

**Chair** – R Pollock Proposer: D Graham Seconded: D Cram

**Vice-Chair**: D Graham Proposer: B Pollock Seconded: B Wilson

**Secretary**: J Snoddy Proposer: A Cameron Seconded: B Pollock

**Treasurer**: D Cram Proposer: B Pollock Seconded: D Graham

**Planning Officer**: D Jaffrey Proposer: B Pollock Seconded: D Graham

**Minute Secy**: M Love Proposer: D Barr Seconded: E Williamson

**Activities Committee**

D Barr, A Cameron, H Duff, E Williamson, K Workman

Proposer: B Pollock Seconded: J Snoddy

Marr Trust

T Cameron, H Duff, B Pollock

Proposer: D Barr Seconded: E Williamson

Ivy Cottage

E Williamson Proposer: D Cram Seconded: B Pollock

Troon Youth Centre

J Snoddy Proposer: D Cram Seconded: B Pollock

At this point Ms P Vaisie handed over the chair to the newly elected chairman, B Pollock making note of her thanks to members and the retiring chairman for their community efforts.

**Approval of Minutes of the 2011 AGM** Proposer: D Graham Seconded: B Pollock

**Matters Arising**

Housing and Incomers to Troon

R Pollock quoted assurances from both Strathclyde Police and the Housing Office that no further problems had been encountered since concern was first expressed. D Graham spoke of a situation in Logan Drive but confirmed that the matter was in hand.

Fullarton Woods Access

Discussion took place on the possibility of TCC members removing the barrier across the Right of Way, but it was felt that the legal implications of such a move could prove difficult. It was agreed that the matter should continue to be referred to the recently appointed SAC Access Officer until the situation was resolved.

Lowered Pavements

A Cameron suggested an approach to the Roads Department with a view to implementation

Beach Clean

Members noted that Troon Rotary, supported by the Youth Club and other volunteers, had recently undertaken a successful clean-up of the beach and their efforts were praised. However it was felt that the summer cleaning programme of the beach by SAC needed to be reviewed with a view to extending it. However concern was expressed by E Williamson with regard to mechanical erosion, and it was agreed that more information was needed before this matter could be pursued.

Overhanging Trees Impeding Pedestrian Traffic

D Barr stated that the issue of trees on private property overhanging public footpaths in various areas of the town had still not been resolved and remained a danger to the public. She also expressed disappointment at the response from some staff at the local Housing Office when she had tried to report the matter. A Cameron confirmed that she had experienced similar difficulties.

B Pollock asked that any complainant/enquirer to Council Office should request an Incident No. which should be furnished by the staff member. This would allow events to be catalogued and if necessary passed to SAC officials for investigation if it was established that there was a problem. He advised that at a recent meeting of ASACS, Community Councillors from the Girvan area had spoken positively on the introduction of a “One Stop Shop”, and he hoped that this experience would be replicated at Troon.

**Any Other Competent Business**

Building Development Troon North East

D Graham has received an email from Stewart Milne Builders and Developers who wish to deliver a 30 minute presentation to TCC on their development(s). Plans will be available for members’ perusal. Meeting which was proposed for June 5th will be re-arranged to June 6th due to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Troon Mini Fair

A Cameron provided an update on progress.

Royal Visit to Troon Lifeboat Station

D Barr expressed her concern at the condition of the main road approaching Troon Harbour.

B Pollock suggested whilst the matter could be referred to the SAC Helpline, it may be better to make a direct approach Mr K Dalrymple, Head of Roads, as he had proved quick to resolve issues in the past..

Letter to H Duff from Provost W Sloan

A Cameron read out letter from W Sloan regarding her resignation from office after a long and successful career in local politics. TCC members expressed their gratitude for the excellent support given by Provost Sloan during her time in office and wished her well in her retirement.

Correspondence

A Cameron asked that this item be placed further up the agenda in order that Councillors would be in a position to address any concerns before leaving the meeting. R Pollock pointed out that Councillors’ time at Community Council meetings was limited owing to their other commitments and that the Police were in a similar position. Both organisations had previously requested that their reports be move further up the agenda to free them to other duties. He agreed to consider the suggestion, which had merit, however a balance had to be struck between taking their reports in a timeous manner to ensure their continued attendance, whilst involving them in relevant debate.

B Pollock took the opportunity to remind members that the attendance of Councillors was voluntary and that TCC had been fortunate in benefiting from their regular participation over the years. He expressed a desire to build on this good relationship and asked that both the TCC and Local Councillors worked in harmony for the common good, without reproach on either side. This was particularly important as proposed reforms of local government would increasingly devolve decision making on policies and priorities down to community levels.

Association of South Ayrshire Community Councils (ASACS)

B Pollock had attended the most recent meeting, and detailed some of the issues discussed. Particular mention was made of Ailsa Horizons – a Girvan based Community Enterprise Initiative – involved in promoting economic development, tourism, and supporting community groups through access to funding streams. He would be keen to invite a representative to a future meeting, and will discuss the possibility with Councillors/ SAC Link Officer.

Mention was made of celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn next year and the part Community Councils of South Ayrshire could play either individually or collectively.

More Community Council Members

B Pollock pointed out that a number of posts had fallen vacant over the last year due to various circumstances. It was important that numbers increased if the Community Council was to continue playing a vital role. He encouraged all members to try and recruit new members through any contacts they may have. J Snoddy stated that it would be helpful to attract young people to the Council by way of social network sites, and also speaking at a Marr College assembly, and it was agreed that these ideas were worth pursuing.

Troon Rotary Club

B Pollock advised that he had been approached by a representative of the Rotary Club to establish if there were any deserving individuals and/or families who could benefit from a limited amount of financial support to see them through a difficult time, which was not of their own making. Members are asked to try to identify deserving cases. There is no closing date for nominations.

Rubbish at Railway Embankment

B Wilson stated that due to rubbish build-up vermin have been spotted. A Cameron undertook to contact ScotRail.

Rubbish on A78 Troon By-Pass

B Pollock advised that he had seen work parties out clearing up the area, and that the lorries thought to be involved were now properly harped. He had passed concerns on to Strathclyde Police, and proposed monitoring the situation to see if it was now resolved.

Dog Fouling

This issue will be dealt with when new Council is in place.

Structure of South Ayrshire Council

Following discussion on the difficulty of contacting Council Departments members expressed concern that following several restructurings, no one really understood the current structure of the Council. B Pollock noted that TCC had an excellent resource in the Link Officer, Mr J Forsyth, and suggested that he be invited at a future meeting to give an overview of the Council, and in particular his role, which was probably being under-utilised.

There being no further issues B Pollock closed the meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 06 June 2012**