**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014**

**SEDERUNT**

**Troon Comuunity Council Members:**

R Pollock, D Graham, D Cram, M Love, F Carson, E McNish, A Cameron, E Williamson, D Barr, H Duff

**Youth Forum:**

K Beckwith

**South Ayrshire Council:**

Cllr P Convery, Cllr N McFarlane, Cllr P Saxton, Mrs L Fyfe

**Members of Public:**

Mr B Foy (OIR), Mr T MacCormack (MTRA)

**Press Representatives:**

Mr S Houston (Ayrshire Post), Mr E Harbinson (Troon Times)

**Police Scotland:**

PC Borland, ,PC Dalgleish

**APOLOGIES**:

K Workman, L Mathieson, Cllr McIntosh, F MacDonald

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

R Pollock welcomed all those present, and introduced Mrs L Fyfe as representing SAC on the subjects of closure of Troon Youth Centre, and the situation re Muirhead Activity Centre. In addition he asked the attending member of the public, Mr Foy, Chairman of OIR to introduce himself.

**TROON YOUTH CENTRE CLOSURE and MUIRHEAD ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Mrs Fyfe confirmed the imminent closure of TYC as the end of March,stating that no decision as to disposal has been taken at the moment, but that a decision will be taken fairly soon. She further noted that discussions were also taking place with TYC Development Committee and other interested parties, that the issue will go to a Leadership Panel meeting. Regarding Muirhead Activity Centre, she confirmed that all Activity Centres opening hours were under review, and that consultations were taking place. She further stated in response to F Carson that she was not aware of any contracts being terminated. It was confirmed by Cllr McFarlane that no cuts in hours for staff were planned; that there was a necessity for different pricing policies, and Cllr Saxton spoke of the desirability of closure of gaps in the usage of centres.

Discussion followed on the possibility of a temporary lease being granted to TYC.

R Pollock thanked Mrs Fyfe for her explanation of the current situation re TYC and MAC.

**POLICE REPORT**

PC Borland delivered a detailed and positive report with regard to great reductions in offences being committed,in the area. Cllr Saxton asked for police awareness of the situation re Driving Schools from outwith the area using unsuitable roads for hill start practice, such as Dundonald Road near Marr College.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

K Beckwith pointed out that C Russell & M Fanning attended previous meeting as representatives of MTRA. With this amendment the minutes were approved by D Cram, and seconded by A Cameron.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Signage at Car Park (Dundonald Road/Central Avenue)**

R Pollock thanked D Barr for canvassing the opinions of the various traders. Cllr Saxton will attempt to have SAC undertake the erection of appropriate signage

**Web Page**

Now appearing to attract desirable attention. K Beckwith is now in administrative position. H Duff will send photo contributions to Keir for inclusion on site. Discussion followed on input, contact details etc.

**Logan Drive/Marr Drive Shrubbery**

M Love confirmed that the situation remains unchanged.

**Lady Margaret Drive Shrubbery**

Has been attended to

**Poor Road condition at Hunter Crescent**

D Barr confirmed that the situation remains unaltered, and that a resident had suffered £200 damage to their vehicle. Cllr Convery stated that repairs were not on the list for next year, and urged residents to continue to report the unacceptable situation.

**Footpath into Muirhead Primary School**

F Carson spoke again of the continuing problems at the entrance to the school where children are forced to walk through pools of mud, and of the dangerous situation with cars transporting children to and from school. Cllr Convery noted that poor weather conditions had created the problems, and that the Council were looking at the possibility of a second entrance to alleviate the situation. Discussion followed on road safety issues for children, including the speed of vehicles at Barassie Street, and members were urged to report offending traffic to Police Scotland.

**YOUTH FORUM**

**Report from Keir Beckwith**

**Basketball** : Stopped when teacher left in 2012. Restarted on 20th Feb, straight after school every week for S1-6. Delivered by Chris Morrisons from Troon Tornadoes

**Girls Rugby**: Started two weeks ago. Had at least 15 girls at both sessions. Continuing for foreseeable future with Marr Rugby coach training. Hoping to attend regional training soon.

**Eco Committee** : Working towards Green Flag. (May have seen at Queen Margaret Academy)

Committee made up of Staff, prefects and pupils from S1-­-S6. Recycling bins in every classroom and office. Grey food disposable bins in dining hall and bases. Volunteers in S1, spent an hour cleaning up litter in the local community accompanied by Paul Scully and PC Derek Simpson and

collected nearly 20 bags of litter.

**Fundraising:** Raised £754.12 for Unicef Day for Change 2014.

**Colours** : Colours are beginning to be distributed for pupils.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing:**

Mrs E Howat, CEO – Imminent Closure of TYC, Reduction in Useage of MAC

Mr B Wyllie, Roads Dept – re Car Park (Dundonald Road/Central Avenue)

**Incoming**

E-mail: From Lesley Bell confirming letter of concern had been sent from Chairman (OIR) to CEO Mrs Howat re situation concerning possibe closure of Muirhead Activity Centre

Ltr from SAC Legal & Democratic Services – Notice of Public Procession on 9th March (1st Troon Boys' Brigade)

E-mail & Attachments from Cllr McFarlane re St Mungo Sculpture

Ltr from SAC (Resources, Governance & Organisation) – 2014/15 Administration Grant (forwarded to D Cram

E-mail: From Mrs E Howat,CEO – Representative to attend March meeting re TYC and MAC

Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Fifth Reviews of Local Government Electoral Arrangements

E-mail: From B Wyllie, SAC re Signage at Car Park (Dundonald Road/Central Avenue)

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Access Meeting**

D Graham reported on his attendance at meeting in previous week. He also noted that Troon Community Council has received a grant towards the production of leaflets, and a notice board.

He spoke of an Official Opening, and of an Illustration of Walks Notice Board being placed at Troon Library. Thanks were given to Cllr McFarlane for her input in this initiative

**Marr Trust**

R Pollock, H Duff attended a recent meeting of Marr Trust. The following points were noted:

* Trust is looking at valuation of artefacts gifted to the school
* They were unaware of the proposal to develop a Museum at the school

**Troon Youth Centre Development Committee**

Cllr McFarlane spoke of meeting with the Head of Service where it emerged that no utility bills were available for comparison. Discussion followed on the following

* a temporary 1 month lease
* a lengthy discussion re repair costs, surveys etc

R Pollock congratulated all those involved, with the assurance of the Community Council's wholehearted support. It was noted that there is a general feeling of progress with the involvement of The Rotary Club and The RoundTable

**Offer of Assistance**

H Duff spoke of the offer of assistance, gratefully accepted, from the Proprietor of Kidz Corner with the various functions which the Community Council undertakes during the course of the year.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Councillor Convery** spoke of the following:

* Town Centre Regeneration, and the possibility of brightening up the existing streety furniture
* The Energy Trust at Auchencruive and of finance available
* Parking plans at Academy Street/Titchfield Road
* Field of Hope sign requiring to be replaced due to weather conditions, and of the necessity to trace the girl in whose memory the field was created.

(D Barr undertook to attempt to trace, and K Beckwith will place enquiry on website.)

* Committee Room where a significant photograph of No. 4 Commando is missing and requires to be traced.

In addition, **Councillor Convery** delivered a written report from **Councillor McIntosh** who made the following points:

* The recent Audit Report does not criticise the services provided by South Ayrshire Council
* With recognition of the Commission's concerns, SAC had already identified the issues, and work was underway.
* Huge amount of progress with the appointment of Mrs E Howat, CEO, last May, whilst agreeing that the Council is still on an improvement journey
* Good progress with Business Plan under the CEO
* Senior Management Team working in unity now, and the necessity for strong leadership
* The continuance of the provision of best services possible for the people of South Ayrshire
* Work is and was already underway to address the concerns raised in the Commission's Report
* The Report recognises the recent progress of South Ayrshire Council, and their hope for this position to be built on.

**Councillor N McFarlane** reported on the following:

* The recent Audit report
* Road Signs in South Ayrshire covered in green slime
* Two members of the Council being on the Roads Alliance
* Customer Contact Service failing possible due to technical faults, not of personnel
* The continuing state of disrepair in Marr College toilets
* Planting with the Brownies as part of Commonwealth Games Initiative

**Councillor P Saxton** confirmed that he would be attending a meeting re Muirhead Activity Centre in April

**AOCB**

**Skate Board Park**

E Williamson enquired as to any progress having been made re suitable site, whilst suggesting that the area near to Disposal Site could be useful.

It may be possible for the mobile equipment to be used at Troon Youth Centre (dependent on its outcome)

**New Parking Arrangements at Shore**

A Cameron spoke of loose pacing stones, and dog fouling. D Barr stated that there were too many signs now in place.

**Council Property at Wallace Avenue**

D Barr spoke of fencing being down, and of a serious litter problem at this address, and asked if the Council can help by issuing a warning. R Pollock stated that this was a problem for other residents, and that in the first instance they should complain to SAC Housing Department, rather than enrol the assistance of the Community Council.

**Road Condition at Logan Drive/Dundonald Road**

D Graham spoke of the poor state of repairs re the above.

**Fencing at Muirhead Flats**

F Carson stated that fencing repairs at the above had still not been carried out despite continual reporting. Councillors confirmed that they are trying to deal with this problem. M Love was asked to write to both the Roads Department and the Housing Department regarding repairs.

**Grass Cutting Services**

L McNish asked if boxes could be fitted when grass cutting was taking place, to minimise cuttings left behind after work had been completed.

**Planning**

Members were asked to view plans, etc for the construction of apartments on the site of the Towers Hotel. No decision was taken.

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

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 1st April 2014**

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