**Troon Community Council Meeting**

**Council Chambers, Town Hall, Troon**

**Minutes**

**9th January 2018**

**Present:** D. Graham (Vice-Chair), E.McNish (Minute Secretary), D.Barr, W.Barr, K.Workman, E.Williamson, F.Carson, N.Power, R.Milligan, L.Matheson, G.Mulvaney.

**Apologies:** A.Cameron, B.Philips and H.Duff

**Public Forum**: Pastor David Rudge, A.Bower, A.McCrech, J.Hamin.

**Youth Forum:** G.Anderson and E.McDonald

**Police:** Inspector J.Hamilton

**S.A.C.** Cllr.R.Pollock, Cllr.C.McKay, Cllr.P.Saxton, Cllr.P.Convery, P.Scully, (Community Safety Officer).

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** K.Workman (proposed) F.Carson (seconded)

**First order of business:** Troon Community Council welcomed a new councillor onto the council, Scott McFarlane. After confirmation all the paperwork and legalities were completed, Scott was proposed by D.Barr and seconded by E.Williamson.

**Treasurers Report:** Due to illness the treasurer couldn’t attend.

**Correspondence:** A card thanking all Troon Community Councillors was received from the previous winner of the Civic Award.

**Police Report:** New police Insp.J.Hamilton was introduced to the council.

* No major incidents reported
* There were a number of break-ins reported, both to businesses and residential
  + Police officers recommendations to be vigilant
* There was an increase of road traffic incidents due to the season
* One serious Road Traffic Accident

D.Barr reported to the officers at Killenin Hill, dog walkers letting their dogs off the leash in a field occupied by sheep. She noted at least 14 dogs running free.

The police have been made aware of this and a wildlife officer will be contacted to monitor the situation. There being no other police business the officers left the meeting.

**Open Forum:** None

**Councillors Report:**

Cllr.R.Pollock reported:

* After complaints about Ayrshire Roads Alliance procedures, he has assured the council if you make a report/complaint you will get an incident no. for reference, any difficulties with this let him know.
* Templehill toilets: There has been no finalisation of the terms of lease.
* Lang Road/Commonwealth Drive area the situation was updated at last council meeting, a proposal is on the table.

Cllr. C.McKay reported:

* Hosiery Park parking- 19th August 2017, there were 36 bookings but was unaware there was a problem with off street parking. Residents refused a parking scheme saying it would be a burden on some. He reported people parking in Brown Avenue and Brodie Avenue should be more responsible and respectful of the residents. Parking signs are in place showing areas available for visitors parking.

Cllr.P.Saxton reported:

* The budget consultations begin on March 1st 2018
* There will be a meeting in Loans organised by Campbell Malone on January 23rd 2018 to discuss outdoor entertainment for children e.g. waterslides

Cllr. P.Convery reported:

* The re-fill of Troon paddling pool will begin soon, 30 ton of aggregate will be brought in from Prestwick beach, broken down and used to fill it, there will be a top coat of poured concrete over this to seal it in.
* Troon Promenade: Officers will be involved in monitoring this area, remembrance benches can still be bought for those who wish to do so. An idea put forward was for palm trees with remembrance plaques and beach huts to be situated along the prom area.
* Timber Works: It has been reported that equipment is causing damage to the roads and paths. It was suggested perhaps the equipment is being misused.

D.Graham commended the Councillors on the good job being done in cleaning up the beach area especially around the Royal Troon but collecting the rubbish bags is proving difficult. A tractor would help as the bins are inadequate. More volunteers are needed.

D.Barr thanked Cllr Pollock for sorting the problem in Wilson Avenue and Charles Drive areas they are now looking up.

N.Power voiced his concerns to the Councillors about the new budget cuts about to be introduced.

**Matters Arising:**

E.Williamson inquired about the proposed Café/Restroom on Barassie beach have the plans moved any further along?

Cllr. P.Convery reported he arranged to speak to the owner, the plans have been passed but tree trunks put in place to prevent drivers going onto grass area are in place and it is a 3/5 year reapplication so unsure of the outcome.

E.Williamson also reported rubbish at the roadside in Loans at the Dutch House roundabout. Apparently this area is not the remit of South Ayrshire Council so they are not responsible for clearing.

D.Barr reported cones on South Beach due to roadworks and the parking outside Marr College on Dundonald Road, it was also noted that the buses are dropping children off outside the cemetery but they have to cross the busy Dundonald Road to get to school.

Cllr. Pollock will inquire about extending the parking area outside the cemetery.

G.Mulvaney apologised for his “short-fall” as he saw it at Wintertainment, George was assured by all there was no apology needed as his family suffered a bereavement and he had to leave early. Condolences were passed to him and his family after his father aged 102 passed away.

G.Mulvaney also informed the council, that the “Odd Object” competition is to be re-introduced.

**Youth Forum:**

Pupils from Marr College handed out a newsletter they have developed in school by pupils for pupils. They reported there is a new substitute headmaster (Mr. Hobson); he addressed the school in taking pride in themselves, the school and the area they live in all included in the newsletter and to become more involved in all aspects of Troon.

**Any Other Business:**

**F.Carson** informed the council she is organising with the help of the MTRA and the local churches and schools an event for Easter. Trish McMinn, head of West Coast churches has been in consultation with Frances to join forces with other churches and schools to have an Easter extravaganza in and around the town. She hopes the staff of the local schools will join in. She aims to make Troon the Centre Stage over this holiday period.

**R.Milligan** informed the council the funding event for groups and organisations ends January 22nd 2018 and H.Duff (Chair) has asked him to drive forward the funding application for the TCC. Seonaid Lewis (Community Engagement Officer) has suggested smaller groups applying separately to spread the funds available.

R.Milligan will submit an application on behalf of the TCC. David Grant (Business Association) and Ron Young (Photographer) requested a presentation for Christmas lights required for the town, there is a large support for this among the local populous.

**D.Graham** informed the council that R.Milligan and he attended a meeting where a tree preservation order was granted for Braemore Woods. No more trees will be cut down.

He also informed the council of a planning application from Stewart Milne to build 62 new houses on land to the North of Barassie Farm, Kilmarnock Road, Troon. He inquired about right of way access that is in place now and how it would be affected. He was sent plans showing the proposed site and the possible site(s) for footpaths and an assurance the existing path will remain with possibly two more paths being created.

Plans for the new care home at the top of Templehill were discussed, no objections noted but no support noted either.

There being no further business Vice-Chair D.Graham closed the meeting at 8pm.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday February 6th 2018 at 7pm.**