**Troon Community Council Meeting**

**Council Chambers, Town Hall, Troon**

**Minutes**

**April 3rd 2018**

**Present:** H.Duff (Chair), D.Graham (Vice-chair), B Phillips (Treasurer), L Matheson (Minute taker), D Barr, E Williamson, A Cameron, F Carson, G Mulveny,

**Apologies:** A.McIndoe, S MacFarlane, A Wainwright, R Milligan, E McNish, W Barr, K Workman

**Police:** Officer D.Barclay

**S.A.C.** Cllr.R.Pollock, Cllr.C.McKay, Cllr.P.Saxton, Cllr.P.Convery, .

**In Attendance:** K Braidwood(Ayrshire Roads Alliance ARA), D Manson (ARA), S Harrow (ARA),

**Members of the public:** S Dunning, M Rennie, A McConnell, I McConnell, D Dewar, B Cashmore, C Morrison, D Rudge, U Cotter, C Cotter, R Baxter

**Police Report:** Very few issues the past month, minor disorders principally. Some big events planned at which police will attend. A table top exercise has taken place with other services to plan for possible visits by youths in the summer. There will be an alcohol ban on the trains, social media will be monitored, and the services are currently looking into CCTV and waste management.

H Duff notified the police officer of the Gala day (23th June) and taxi outing from Glasgow (20th June).

**Presentation from the Ayrshire Roads Alliance:** ARA are looking into a cycle route linking Dundonald and Troon. There are three options, from the Olympic Business park and along a footpath, on or parallel to the A759, or along the Smugglers trail. The first is somewhat indirect, the second the traffic is too fast and the road too narrow, the third very rough and would need a lot of work. A route parallel to the A759 would lead to issues with land ownership and around the railway bridge. The plans will be placed in the library for public viewing and further discussion and analysis to continue. ARA were asked if there are any plans for the route to join up with the Troon railway station, but this is not under discussion at present.

The issue of the roundabout on Kilmarnock Road is also under discussion at present. Due to the ongoing complaints about the existing roundabout, the developers are considering replacing this and two further planned roundabouts with traffic lights. Previously the public had said no to traffic lights. ARA would like to know which the people of Troon would prefer. H Duff will set up a public meeting to consult with the people of Troon about their preferences.

**Open Forum:**

* A McConnell practising RN spoke about her concerns about 101 practice. Dr. Whitford has made a statement in this month’s Going Out regarding the suggestion that the Health Board can take over GP surgeries. Ms McConnell is concerned about the small number of locums allocated to the practice in the days before its closure. The SAC councillors were concerned with this information and would urgently seek a response from the Health Board about the allocated number of locums.
* M Rennie spoke about the proposed parking charges of £1 an hour. She has written to the SAC who has informed her that It will be several months before this is introduced. A petition has been started opposing this plan. Councillor P Saxon commented that charges have not been finalised yet but are likely to be £2 and lesser amounts per hour.
* D Rudge identified a problem with the number of dogs now being walked in Troon, some commercially and some without leads. He suggested a gate should be installed at the playpark on the sea front to protect children.
* C Morrison from the Ivy Cottage has put out petitions against car parking charges and asked for the TCC’s opinion. G Mulveny commented that parking charges would without doubt affect the shop keepers in Troon. F Carson commented that she personally had no objection to these charges if it meant other facilities such as public toilets would remain open. Councillor C MacKay commented that South Ayrshire Council had put out a public consultation and along with the results with this needed to consider what to retain such as public facilities and how these would be paid for. He is hoping there will be a number of concessions etc for locals and shop keepers etc. Parking charges are being introduced throughout South Ayrshire, not just in Troon and only apply to SAC car parks; not to on street parking.
* R Baxter brought to the TCC his observation that the people of Troon are missing out on events. Where are these advertised? Going Out, Website, Facebook, South Ayrshire Life. Although events are advertised in many ways they are still being missed. Troon and Villages locality Group also looking at this.

**Minutes:** Checked for accuracy.Proposed D Graham, Seconded D Barr.

**Treasurers Report:** Finances are healthy at present. Mandate to change signatures has still not been completed. TCC requested that the financial books be made available at every meeting.

**Correspondence:** Sea Cadets will bring along an assault course for the gala and Wintertainment.

All TCCs have been asked to be aware of accuracy of information put up on social media. H Duff reminded councillors to check the accuracy with her about TCC events.

A Cameron asked about the consultation about road plans for 2018- 2019. TCC should have been consulted. H Duff suggested this may be with the Secretary who is not present at the meeting and she will follow this up.

**Youth Forum:**

No one from youth forum able to attend meeting.

**Councillors Reports:**

C Mackay advised that the situation with parking at Marr College playing fields has been addressed. Groups have been given advice re parking facilities and advised that there is a need for stewards on busy days. This is being monitored over the next few weeks. Bollards have been installed to protect residents parking.
He has spoken to the manager of the Cooperative car park. Signs have allegedly been lowered and parking lines repainted but this is not evident. Craig will follow this up.
The shop front previously discussed will be smartened up and gate installed to prevent further disturbances.

P Convery reported that D Read has been in touch regarding a funfair to be run just before schools go back on Barassie Beach.

B Pollock identified that South Ayrshire paths have their website up and running. Other issues he wished to raise have already been discussed via public forum. He commented about the ongoing public’s response to car parking charges even though the Balancing the Balance survey was well advertised with a good response.

P Saxton informed the meeting that Struthers school has a new headmistress.

Questions to the councillors. Does Marr all weather pitches have a maintenance budget available. P Saxton will follow this up.

There have been ongoing issues with flooding in Wilson Avenue; is this included in the new road maintenance programme. Yes it is. The document will be sent to H Duff for circulation.

E Williamson – there is no signage on car park at north shore next to the portaloos. The councillors responded that this is not a designated car park so none are required.

**Other Reports:** F Carson reported that on Eastertainment which was very enjoyable despite the problems with the high winds preventing some outdoor activities. No other reports were forthcoming.

**Date of Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7pm**

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