**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday February 5th 2019**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance**: Chair – H.Duff, Vice Chair – D.Graham, Treasurer – W.Barr, Secretary – J.Thornhill, Minute Secretary – S.McFarlane, D.Barr, E.Williamson, A.Cameron, K.Workman, N.McFarlane, N.Power, R.Mulligan, B.Phillips,

**Apologies**: L.Matheson

**Marr College**: R.Watkins, C.Webster

**SAC**: Cllr Mackay, Cllr Convery, Cllr Saxton, Cllr Pollock, P.Scully

**Police**: D.Barlas

**South Ayrshire Paths Imitative**: S.Donnelly

**Friends of Fullarton**: C.Young

**Residents**: R.Baxter, I.Wilson, I.Girvan, F.Girvan, K.Smith,

**Welcome from Chair**: Chair H.Duff welcome all to the meeting and gave a special mention to the Troon Civic Award winner Ian Wilson who was in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Pg2 – should read Constable Dickie.

Pg3 – Hunter Crescent not Wilson Avenue for resurfacing

Marr Trust next meeting Feb 26th

Pg4 – Name should read Marie Walsh in Correspondents

Pg6 – SAC not SGov

Approved after amendments – Proposed: B.Phillips – Seconded: N.Power

**Matters Arising**

Pg4 – H.Duff asked about the bins of elderly people and if they are now being taken on Brown Avenue. Cllr Pollock works using GPS system and likely an error occurred. Should now be resolved.

Pg5 – N.McFarlane spoke about the puddle at WHSmith on Portland Street. Believes its due to a fault that water had to run upwards in the drum. Never fixed Chruch Street. Cllr Mackay is pursuing advised chair.

Pg6 – Troon Taxis in 2020 for 75th Anniversary will be providing a VVIP. – Very Very Important Person.

**Youth Forum**: The girls in attendance gave a update on the latest events and goings on from Marr College including:

* S4 Pupil Competition
* S3 Pupils won rotary prize
* Set up a new house point scheme. Pupils encouraged to work together to help your house win.
* S2/s3 Pupils went to paris/Disneyland to improve French.
* Pupils went on trip to Glasgow Film Festival
* Careers night planned for 7th Feb.
* 15TH Feb a Charles Marr presentation for assembly and community groups.

N.McFarlane – mentioned a two page spread in Ayrshire Post on the Monday about C.Marr.

**Open Forum:**

F.Girvan:

* Expressed she felt Adam Wood Gardens was historically important to Troon.
* Raised the toilets at Templehill and asked if they were for sale – Cllr Mackay had looked into the matter and advised that the cannot sell lease without permission from SAC. Sign is incorrect.

K.Smith

* Asked what can be done about the bridge at Dundonald Road – pigeon droppings. Cllr Saxton believed there was protection in place previously but Network Rail removed it when surveying bridge.

I.Girvan

* Asked for update on extension at Templehill Surgery. Raised concerns about street becoming overcrowded with cars and damage being caused to local businesses. Cllr Convery said he understood the frustration and raised the question of how things will get over the roof. D.Graham asked about parking being considered in planning – Cllr Convery – doesn’t come in to it with this type of thing.
* Raised wider concerns about the GP Practices and closures in Troon and why health board didn’t take over 101. H.Duff said TCC fought hard for health board to buy 101. Cllr Pollock explained GP practices are privately owned, owners of Templehill didn’t want to move to 101. H.Duff explained could not get GP’s to work in practice. D.Barr raised concerns about patient numbers now, Cllr Pollock explained that compared to the wider country Troon practices are relatively small numbers.

**C.Young – Friends of Fullarton**

C.Young gave a detailed update on FofF including the following:

* 40 Cherry trees planted to release pollen and to recreate Cherry Avenue.
* More clearance worked being carried out to allow
* End Feb/start of March planting campaign with several hundred samplings – looking for community help
* Getting some assistance form SAC on work
* Wood will look rough for a while but to bare with them.

H.Duff: raised resurfacing of car park. C.Young resurfacing of car park will remove rough road and install disabled spaces.

N.McFarlane: hoped to discuss Crosbie Castle at next meeting of FofF including option for historic centre. Castle was entrance to barracks and believes it should be preserved.

C.Young – Desperate for volunteers at FofF.

**S.Donnelly: South Ayrshire Paths Initiative**

S.Donnelly gave a report including the following,

* Had an AGM last week – thanked MP and cllrs for support.
* Got grant at Troon locality funding day
* Have purchased promo material and signs
* Have received a large grant from cycling Scotland to install new bike racks. Pilot bike rack rejected by ARA due to design. Not sure why? Options being looked at including library. Got the money just awaiting ARA response.
* Consultation finished and two proposed cycling routes - loans to Troon and Dundonald to Barassie.
* Received feedback of additional lighting required.
* Commissioned the design of Troon walks signs. Visitor info on them too.
* Requested cllrs nudge ARA.
* Asked cllrs about Fullarton Drive – Cllr Mackay lack of agreement between SAC and ARA. Need to look at legal agreement.

Cllr Convery spoke about plans to bring forward cycle paths at promenade.

R.Miligan suggested Templehill might be a good location for cycle rack – advised one already there but needs updating.

N.McFarlane suggested a location near MandCo but H.Duff advised its private land.

**Police Report: D.Barlas**

D.Barlas updated the meeting on what was going on locally that was of the attention of the police.

* Youth disturbance at Muirhead and Barassie – no connection
* No public place assaults
* Two reports of disorder in town centre linked to weekend drinking
* Two disturbances at Templehill and Portland Street
* Road safety – parking around schools in particular Struthers was raised. No evidence when attended but will patrol regularly.
* Still having incidents of theft at Boots
* A few house break ins, nothing to suggest link except unusual for area. Very small number.
* Parking at Templehill identified as a problem
* Trying to improve online present using social media

Cllr Pollock asked about if incidents in Troon were linked to any one licensed premises. No Link

Cllr Mackay raised concerns of displacement of cars onto Devron Road from Struthers Primary. D.B not witnessed any concerns.

S.McFarlane raised the issue of bogus callers. D.B Has been a few incidents previously but no great increase.

N.Power asked about incidents of drinking at Marr? D.B advised had been a few.

**Treasurers Report**

* Statements and balances up to date for 2019 as of 4th of Feb
* No outstanding cheques to pay in
* Pipeband not spend cheque

**Xmas Lights**

A lengthy discussion was had on xmas lights and TBA including advise about TBA no longer being in existence. TCC had been asked if they will take on lights. Received email about L.Dope taking it on in an email from Donna Read, this is not in fact the case L.D advised. H.Duff advised she didn’t feel we could take the lights on without support Of SAC. Many TCC members give opinions about taking them or not. Other options must be explored first it was agreed including writing to Development Trust or setting up a new sub group.

**Correspondents**

* Email back from M.Walsh about public liability and advised risk assements must be carried out. TCC does this.
* A student contacted TCC to ask members to take part in a survey for her.
* Community Council elections correspondent advising forms to be completed by 28th Feb.

**SAC Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Mackay was called away so could not provide his report.

Remaining cllrs advised that most of what they wanted to discuss had been already.

Cllr Convery:

* Spoke about the application for holiday flats at Marina being passed on 31st Jan. He voted for it and believes Troon will benefit from it. D.Graham noted it was not marked for housing and that he felt it was always going to pass. N.McFarlane asked if the plan including a clause to mark it solely for leisure use? R.Milligan said it was discussed around, also stated there were no objections. D.Graham advised he raised it.

W.Barr – in relation to planning raised the question about the Nursing Home. Cllr Saxton advised its been approved.

Cllr Pollock:

* Minor success – white line now on Willow Lane after seven months.
* Had a number of complaints of rubbish raised with him at Sub Station on Isle of Pin Road – regular dumping – new survey revealed commercial waste
* Ayrshire growth deal – £200mill of funding across Ayrshire

H.Duff raised an enquiry she had received about more cameras in Troon due to muggings. Cllr Pollock advised they are not always the answer if not being monitored and also pointed out that there is not significant levels of crime in town centre – police raised no concern. P.Scully advised might be worth a review of current cameras and locations.

Cllr Saxton:

* Budget consultation in Troon on 11th Feb at Walker Hall and Library
* Advised street parking charges being looked at – worth looking at might fix Templehill problem. Possible hourly timer on Templehill?
* Wall cracking in the gardens at top of Templehill – Adam Wood Garden. N.McFarlane advised in 2000 a project was started to get it refurbished. Was taken through first stage of lottery funding with lots of groups interested. Issues then arose and it fell through.

**Other Reports:**

Live @Troon

* TCC agreed to sponsor Live@Troon £50. Good for Town – proposed: D.Graham – Seconded: J.Thornhill

Troon Gala

* Date for Troon Gala was agreed to be 22nd of June – Taxis on 19th. Time will be 1pm til 4pm. 25 stalls agreed. Stalls will be pre-paid this year.
* R.Milligan is to organise banners for Gala.

Crosbie Kirkyard

* L.Linton from SAC has advised money has been secured for the wall.
* N.McFarlane spoke about removing greenery and advised wall might fall apart.
* Might be funding available as it is a ancient ruin.
* Nan offered to look into raising money.
* Crosbie Castle will be her next project.

Eastertainment

* F.Carson meeting Helen Hogg to help get churches involved.

No other business – meeting was closed by Chair H.Duff.

Next Meeting; Tuesday 5th March.