Troon Community Council

Minutes

3 September 2019

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Troon Community Council:- Douglas Graham (Chair), Walter Barr, Dawn Barr, Erica Williamson, Frances Carson, Anne Cameron, Raymond Baxter, Linda Matheson, Maxine Togneri, Ian Girvan, Robert Milligan, Nat Alexander, Nicky Power, Brian Phillips (from 7.50pm)

In attendance:- Paul Scully (SAC), Peter Convery (SAC Councillor), Craig Mackay (SAC Councillor), Philip Saxton (SAC Councillor), Dean Barlas (Police), Kenny Dalrymple (SAC)

Members of the public:- Ian Wilson, Fiona Girvan, Kevin Doyle,

Apologies:- Helen Duff, June Thornhill, Bob Pollock, Kay Workman

D. Graham (TCC Chair) welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked that Specialist Co-optee Maxine Togneri be invited to join the TCC. This was proposed by D Barr and seconded by Dougie Graham.

Police report D Barlas

Antisocial behaviour measures were put in place over the summer for the seashore, Fullarton Woods, etc. These worked well although there were no major incidents.

Other crime figures were low although there was an increase in the number of break ins to houses and cars. Measures have now been put in place to look more closely at these as it is thought a small number of people are involved. D Barlas asked that members of the public be particularly vigilant with locking houses and cars. Any member of the public can request a crime prevention survey by ringing 101.

Planning for policing at future events such as Wintertainment is ongoing.

Questions Raised

Q. There have been a number of incidents of children climbing on Muirhead Primary roof. Are the police aware of these? Is the CCTV not revealing who these are?

A. The police do know about these and have responded appropriately. However there have been no break ins reported.

Eurobins Templehill

Presentation by K Dalrymple from Waste Management (SAC) who had been invited to discuss the ongoing saga of the large Eurobins on Templehill.

These bins service 30 residents and were introduced to meet the new recycling Code of Practice. Previous arrangements did not meet this Code and breached Health and Safety Rules. No other suitable site that were in council ownership could be identified. K Dalrymple has been in conversation with Garden Services to now arrange better screening as this will be their permanent site.

Q. The Troon Together survey is talking about the beautification of Troon and these bins, however camouflaged, do not fit this. There are strong feelings that there must be a more satisfactory solution.

A. This is the only solution available at present.

Q. The presence of these bins is not suitable for those who are visually impaired. The new placement of the seat is also poor as it is close to the road side. The bicycle rack which is also in this area interrupts access to the post box when a bike is parked. In addition, wrong items are added to the bins by passers by. They are overflowing right now. There is a consultation ongoing about parking on Templehill but no consultation was undertaken for the placement of these bins.

A. There is no requirement for consultation for placement of waste bins and there have been no complaints from the local households. Less litter is in evidence in that area.

Q. What is the orange container outside the Bank of Scotland which impedes disabled access on that side of the road?

A. This will be followed up as this is not acceptable and must be a private arrangement (as it is orange) but should be removed except when due to be emptied.

Chair commented

How to move forward with this? Could we advise SAC of what land is available and maybe they can consider this. Using private land is a legal difficulty. K. Dalrymple will review this as there are such strong views held by local people.

Open Forum

No items.

Approval of the minutes.

Corrections. Page 4. Social evening. Ann did not suggest the £5, she merely said that the public might not appreciate TCC spending public money in this way.

Minutes proposed by Ian Garven Seconded Nicky Power

Matters arising

Christmas Lights – the situation appears to be unclear at present. L Matheson will request clarification from D Read who has been dealing with these.

Treasurers report

Current balance is over £5000. A £10 refund been handed back to NODA for charging for a Gala stall twice. TCC were also charged twice for the Walker hall but this has been rectified. All debts have been paid. The Gala took a small loss but was very successful.

Correspondence

Most correspondence has been sent by email. TCC have received a Bronze award in the SAC Community STAR award

SAC councillors’ reports

Councillor P Convery

SAC are just back from recess so there is very little to report. P. Convery commented that it will be a challenge to find an alternative to the present location of the Eurobins on Templehill. There is a new proposal for the use of the Toilet Block at the top of Templehill and this will be going to planning shortly.

Councillor C MacKay

C. MacKay wished to compliment the waste management team on addressing the issue of litter on the prom with increased numbers of bins, emptied frequently. There is an ongoing issue with maintenance of the the cycle path next to the railway line which he hopes will be resolved shortly. Who is responsible is the issue here.

Councillor P Saxton spoke about the walls that are crumbling on Templehill. They will require replacement at some cost. It may be possible to use some of the common good fund for this and he will report back at a future TCC meeting.

Car parking charges are an ongoing issue – previous plans were rejected in the SAC and thus the issue is on hold whilst more information is gathered. One issue is equity with Prestwick and Ayr.

A short discussion considered models of ships from Ailsa shipyard and their whereabouts. This will be investigated and brought back to a later TCC meeting.

Questions for the councillors.

Q. Why has it taken so long to complete the toilets at Barassie?

A. There have been ongoing difficulties with the water supply but they will be completed this month.

Q. Do the councillors know what is happening with the Fairy Trail?

A. No. L Matheson offered to request this information from D Read and circulate by email.

Q. Is there any word of when the crossing outside the Town Hall will be put in place?

A. No date as yet.

Q. The flowers around the centre of town are beautiful. What is happening outside the town centre such as around Hunter Crescent? These need a lot of attention.

A. The councillors were not aware there was a problem here.

Q. Are SAC aware of the amount of lying water on the grassy areas around Barassie and the north shore? A lot of large lorries use this route and bring in mud and debris so it is probable the drains need clearing.

A. Industry down near harbour pays money towards roads. The councillors will look into the possibility of some of this being used for this purpose..

Q. What is happening to parking at Barassie railway station?

A. P Convery stated that this is a difficult and ongoing problem with an urgent need for a solution. It has been suggested that a consultation be undertaken to collect the views of local people.

Q. One of the compacting machines at the recycling has been out of commission for some time. Are the councillors aware?

A. Yes, but the necessary work is somewhat specialised and expensive but is ongoing.

Reports

Planning Report.

There has been an application for 20 more houses at the development near Collenan. On examining the plans D. Graham observed that a core path is not in the plan. He has raised this with the architects.

Troon Together Consultation

There has been a great response to the survey with over 800 households responding. Over twenty groups have also been sampled for their views including TCC. Consultants attended every Troon school and listened to the young people’s opinions. The results of each of these will be presented at the concluding event on Saturday along with further workshops. Thanks to those members of TCC who have volunteered to help at the event. The remaining members are encouraged to attend and give their views.

Next meeting.

Tuesday 1st October 7pm.