Troon Community Council

Minutes

1 October 2019

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Troon Community Council:- Helen Duff (Chair), Douglas Graham, Walter Barr, Frances Carson, Kay Workman, Anne Cameron, Linda Matheson, Maxine Togneri, Ian Girvan, Robert Milligan, Nicky Power, Dawn Barr

In attendance:- Paul Scully (SAC), Peter Convery (SAC Councillor), Craig Mackay (SAC Councillor), Philip Saxton (SAC Councillor), Bob Pollock (SAC Councillor) PC Connor, PC Dickie (Police), Calum Inglis (Marr College pupil)

Members of the public:- 41 individuals

Apologies:- Erica Williamson

H Duff (TCC Chair) welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked for the Youth Report to be brought up the agenda.

Youth Report

C Inglis (Head Boy) explained the process whereby he was elected to his role within the school. A number of initiatives are ongoing within the school such as the Colour Run and the Young Singer’s competition. Marr College intends to work more closely with the community this year.

Police report

Low numbers of crime in all categories have been reported since the last meeting. An intelligence into drug crime is under investigation locally. There have been ongoing difficulties with parking outside Struthers school during school start and finish times and the police have been there in an observation capacity. No issues of health and safety have been observed.

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

Questions Raised

Q. Was the incident in Portland Road reported?

A. Yes but this in ongoing and cannot be discussed.

Q. Returning to the parking at Struthers school, this is a continuing nightmare and an accident is highly likely. Temporary traffic lights are also aggravating the situation.

A. The police will continue to monitor this. C Mackay commented that the Crossings assistant was also being disregarded. The police will have a word with him to determine the exact nature of the problem.

Q. R Pollock had received reports of speeding once again in Deveron Road. Were the police aware of this problem?

A. No, this had not been observed by the Police.

Open Forum

S Dunning of South Ayrshire Paths Initiative introduced TCC to a proposed new poster of walks and cycle tracks around Troon which will include places of interest. It is hoped this will replace the poster already present to the left of the Library.

A short discussion ensued about the notice board in front of the Town Hall. R Pollock offered to once again follow up bringing this back into current use.

The majority of other members of the public forum wished to discuss the build of houses behind Findhorn Place as per LDP2. Their questions and comments included

* The proposal to build yet more houses could not be supported by the present infrastructure of surgeries, schools etc
* The effect of the development on the adjacent golf course
* The need to build social housing in this area
* Difficulties accessing the new houses
* The ownership of this land
* Notification to households of this proposal by letter was not equitable with all those neighbours affected

In reply, P Saxton notified those present that this was part of a regular review of the land required for development and at SAC this particular area had been rejected for new built at this time.

Other proposed areas had been rejected previously in the same process such as that between Muirhead and Loans.

He also commented that there is an urgent need to identify land for social housing; F Carson applauded the SAC for this as there is a need for housing for our children and grandchildren.

A further point was raised by a member of the Public Forum that when the Consultation on LDP2 was arranged, it was held in the Library where there is insufficient space for the number of concerned people. In addition the planners in attendance were not accurate in their knowledge of the ownership of the land and not very informative about the whole issue generally.

The SAC councillors agreed that this was once again not well organised but emphasised how vital it is for all members to comment individually on any ongoing consultations.

Further questions

Q. Are private developments required to build 25% social housing?

A. P Saxton. Yes

Q. Could public consultations be held outwith working hours?

A. For consideration.

H Duff suggested that TCC publish any further updates on the website.

There followed a short recess whilst those members of the Public Forum who wished to, left.

Approval of the minutes.

Correct.

Minutes proposed by R Milligan. Seconded I Garven

Matters arising

The Waste Management team was going to look into the orange industrial waste bin outside the Bank of Scotland. Has he reported back? No. This will be followed up.

Cleaning up of Harbour Road and on the road along the north shore – has this been followed up? R Pollock will look into this..

Treasurers report

Current balance is over £5700.

Correspondence

Most correspondence has been sent by email. Are there any questions about any of the items? None offered.

I Garven asked for clarification about the arrangements for the Cenotaph; explained by H Duff

H Duff received letters from pupils of Primary 4 at St Patrick’s Primary about the litter on Barassie Beach. They are planning a beach clean and would like to invite members of TCC to join them. L Matheson suggested that, in addition, they should be put in touch with Troon Friends of the Beaches. H Duff requested that L Matheson speak to the latter and suggest they collaborate in this.

SAC councillors’ reports

Councillor P Convery took questions about the new toilet block at Barassie before leaving urgently. These should have been connected to water at the end of September but the Water Board did not attend. No further date for completion available.

Councillor C MacKay is looking into traffic problems at Troon Primary. He has met with the Head of School and proposed a traffic exclusion zone but the parent council were not in favour of this. He has also suggested parents park at the little used car park across from the swimming pool on the shore side.

C Mackay mentioned the graffiti which is an ongoing problem and thanked P Sculley for removing this.

He is also looking into the ongoing problem of flooding in Portland Street despite resurfacing work.

Councillor R Pollock mentioned the Managing Connections event being held on 25th October and urged members of the TCC and the public to attend. There is an urgent need to relook at GP services and how this can be addressed will be part of the discussion at this event. A number of related Workshops will also be held.

Questions for the councillors.

Q. Will the Making Connections event be looking at Private Services as well as the NHS?

A. Yes, the range of services will be considered.

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

A. No. L Matheson apologised for not following this up after the last meeting and will enquire and circulate by email.

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

A. Not a priority at present.

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. SAC councillors will look into this.

Other points made to the Councillors included

* The new white lights that have been installed around Troon are resulting in dark areas.
* There is a discontinuity in the speed signage approaching Collenan and Loans
* The build up of traffic at rush hour between the two Monkton roundabouts – drivers are cutting through Monkton itself to avoid this.
* Difficulties contacting the Provost
* The disabled ramp exiting the beach next to the swing park. Inconsiderate drivers park there and prevent access.

Reports

Events subgroup is meeting monthly. TCC members however are not being notified about date and time of these. A request was made for an email reminder before the meeting. All Wintertainment arrangements are up to date. A number of singing groups will be involved. Next meeting will be on Wed 9th Oct at 7pm at Southbeach Hotel.

MTRA are arranging a number of events over the coming months.

Live@Troon has had a difficulty with management and with ticket sales. Next years event will go ahead but possibly under a new format.

Round Table fireworks will be held on 2nd Nov with strict but adequate parking arrangements.

AOCB

L Matheson asked about secretarial support for TCC. This needs to be properly arranged and not ad hoc. H Duff will follow this up.

Next meeting.

Tuesday 5th November 7pm.