**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022 – 7pm**

**COUNCIL BUILDING**

**AGENDA**

1. **SEDERUNT**

Frances Carson (FC)

David Carson (DC)

W Barr (WB)

Ann Cameron (AC)

Kevin Braidwood

David Manson ARA

Ian Wilson (!W)

Andy Girvan (AG)

Ian Girvan(IG)

Robert Milligan (RM)

Billy Muir (BM)

George Mulveny (GM)

Bob Pollock SAC (BP

Phil Saxton SAC (PS)

Paul Scully (PSC)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Alister Milton

Craig McKay SAC

Kenneth Bell SAC

Douglas Graham

Nicky Power

Alister Milton

1. **CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME**

Welcomed all people to the meeting and explained that there was a large agenda items to cover. She explained that David Manson from Ayrshire Roads Alliance was here to explain and take questions over the Cycle Path proposal for North Drive.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Proposed by Andrew Girvan, seconded by Ian Girvan.

1. **YOUTH FORUM – No report Available**
2. **UPDATE/PRESENTATION FROM AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE – CYCLE PATH**

DM explained that following feedback from the local counsellors that all proposals were off the table and that a new round of consultation would take place. It was planned that a public meeting would be held in the Muirhead Activity Centre and that this would be widely publicised. He stressed that the local residents should attend to allow ARA to gauge the feelings of the local residents over this proposal.

A number of questions were asked by members of the public:

* Would the one-way system in North Drive be going ahead?
* Is the proposed route via Spey Road and Earn Drive safe?
* Are these roads suitable for the volume of traffic?
* How will parking restrictions affect people who live in North Drive?
* Would planning permission be needed to proceed with this plan?

DM explained that a three-day survey had been conducted over a twenty-four-hour period each day to assess the traffic volumes. He again stated that the one-way traffic system was not going ahead at this time as all proposals had been taken off the table and that the consultation was going back to the beginning. He again stressed the need for residents to complete the survey to allow ARA to assess complaints and suggestions.

He also confirmed that planning permission would not be needed to proceed.

1. **UPDATE/PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – COMMON GOOD FUND**

A discussion took place of a £5000 grant. FC advised that she had been told in a telephone call from T Burns that the money would be granted to TCC. BP stated that T Burns was off work due to a bereavement and would not be back for some time. PS asked if FC had this in writing as this was not the proper process for how the grant works. It was agreed that PS and BP would chase this up with T Burns management. (AP 1 BP & PS)

DC asked for clarification over how the process works. BP explained that Governance should lie with the council. TCC don’t have a role in this, all money should be endorsed by the ward counsellors.

A discussion took place over the tight timescale to be able to fund the Christmas Lights. It was suggested that a special meeting be held in August once clarification is received over the grant and ARA support to install the lights.

1. **OPEN FORUM**

A question was raised over the progress of the new supermarket.

BP stated that outline planning had been approved.

RM advised that he had written to Scottish Government re the issues with Network Rail. BP advised that NR are owned by the Scottish Government.

FC stated that NR had not attended any TCC meetings as they had no updates over the station.

RM advised that the Troon Port Ferry project had been delayed again due to shortage of Ferries and that trials have been delayed until winter.

A suggestion was made by a member of the public that a presentation be put online to encourage participation.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour was reported to be happening in Barassie. PSC advised that he had discussed this with the Police and additional officers will be on duty at the weekends.

A report was given over the Friends of Fullerton Woods project, concerns were raised over two recent resignations which would affect the project. It was suggested that more support is required. The following events are planned

* Community Event on 14th August.
* Work party on 31st July.
* Recycling Event no date available.

IG confirmed that the Troon Together Planting was completed and thanked Paul Scully and the local counsellors for their support.

AG discussed the lack of Defibulators in the town and that there are some that have limited access. He suggested that we look to fund a second Defibulator.

(AC) Advised that at a recent Tenant Participation in South Ayrshire event two runner up prizes were won. She also advised that Francis Carson won the tenant of the year award.

She also advised of a Community Fund Day that will be held on 10th September.

(AG) advised that due to no minister being available at the Parish Church the Remembrance Day service will be held at the war memorial following the parade.

(AG) Thanked all people who supported the recent Falklands Memorial Day.

(AG) asked for clarification over entering a British Legion competition over decorating war memorials with flowers. A general discussion took place BP suggested that we enter the Beautiful Scotland event and enter Troon using all the existing areas that have been planted recently. (AG) sought clarification over whether he could advise his British Legion that Troon would enter the competition. AP2 No decision made

(AC) Advised that the BOS would close on 21st September 2022. The Auto Teller and night safe would be removed. She stated that this must be dealt with as Troon would be left with no bank at all. BP stated that Scottish Government has stated that no town should be left without a bank. AP3 what action is proposed?

A question was asked over when the Town Hall contact centre would re-open? AP4 (SAC)

A discussion took place over the retiral of Brian Muir from Troon Station and if we should offer a gift? A suggestion was made that we could ask NR to instal a plaque when the new station was up and running. AP5 no decision was made.

1. **POLICE REPORT – No report submitted**
2. **MATTERS ARISING**

PS advised that four people would be co-opted onto TCC.

Rob Shirley

Ian Knight

Sarah Knight

Brian Phillips

FC raised an issue of continued vandalism by youths in Muirhead. She reported that one property had been targeted and that yet again a fence had been vandalised. She asked if this fence could be replaced by a steel fence. Both BP and SC stated that the cost of installing a steel fence would be excessive and that this would only move the problem elsewhere. PS stated that the issue needs to be resolved by dealing with the people who are causing it. BP stated that all incidents should be reported to Police Scotland.

RM asked for an update over the funding for the return of the boat previously discussed at the last meeting. PS advised that he had discussed this previously and agreed to meet with Dougie. He advised that we cannot ask for funding till we know the cost.

(PSC) advised that both Ian Knight and Sarah Knight had passed the checks and could be co-opted on to TCC until the next AGM

Ian was proposed by AG and Seconded by FC

Sarah was proposed by AG and Seconded by FC

1. **TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer reported that the audit had been returned and that he had submitted forms for the grant. Although it appeared that the grant had already been paid into the account. The current balance is £6028.19.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

RM advised that he had received a letter regarding a past Chairperson of Troon Community Council who had had a memorial bench erected in his honour. Unfortunately, the writing on the plague on the chair has worn away. A request was made to install a new plague.

BP advised that this was in hand. The son of the past member had agreed to meet the cost of the plaque and SAC would meet the cost of the engraving.

1. **SAC REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

Bob Pollock

He stated that he has raised issues over how Community Councils (CC) could be better supported by South Ayrshire Council (SAC). He suggested that regular meetings take place with all CCs throughout SAC area.

Update on Troon Station.

Network Rail (NR) have submitted proposals to SAC. These will be looked at although at this time no formal proposal has been submitted. Plans will be submitted by end of September. He also stated that NR are proposing to put the proposals forward to public consultation, although there is no requirement for them to do so as they own the station.

He also advised that the plan is to have the station refurbished in time for the Open Championship in 2024.

Recycling Centre

He reported that the booking slots process has started, over 2000 people have registered. He also stated that all issues should be reported as the process will be under re-evaluation.

A question was raised about the number of complaints that had been raised. BP responded by citing one complaint that was obviously bogus. He stated that all staff have body cameras.

He confirmed the traffic lights system would begin in August on Kilmarnock Road.

He also advised that on South Ayrshire Council Web site there is a link to HMRC who are offering child Tax Credits to people over the summer holidays.

Philip Saxton

Reported that the Water Support Works planning had been submitted.

He also discussed the cuts to funding, for all local councils by the Scottish Government and warned of consequences over this.

He also advised that ARA had an underspend on their budget and hoped this could help get work completed on roads in Troon.

He accepted that there would be teething problems over the recycling centre and raised the issue of parking.

Craig McKay written report.

Recycling centre booking system

I've had quite a few enquiries about the new booking system for using the recycling centre. I've only heard positive comments about the way the Troon recycling centre works at present, and while I appreciate there are pressures at the Heathfield centre, I don't think this needs a one size fits all solution for a problem that doesn't exist here.

South Ayrshire has one of the highest recycling rates in the country and I am concerned that putting obstacles in the way of people using recycling centres that we will see a negative impact.

I recognise that there is a problem with the recycling centres being abused for commercial waste that should be charged for but am not convinced that a booking system on its own will fully tackle this.

I asked the Service Lead Kenny Dalrymple whether a less onerous system such as number plate recognition might be sufficient to monitor use of the sites rather than people having to make a separate booking each time they visit. He confirmed a range of options were considered but the system being implemented already works well with other councils.

I will be monitoring how well the booking system works and if necessary, asking that procedures be reviewed if it is clear that it is causing difficulties.

Station restoration

I have been advised that Network Rail are aiming to go out to public consultation on their proposals for refurbishing Troon Station in early August.

They are also very much aware of the need to have the project concluded well before the golf Open in 2024 and are programming on that basis.

I remain disappointed that they have insisted on working up options before engaging with councillors or the Community Council, when early input of local views should have been of benefit.

Italian Gardens

I wish to thank Paul Scully for his efforts progressing the soft landscape works. Planting is now under way and the gardens will be looking much better for the rest of the summer.

Banking Hub

I met with a representative of the organisation taking forward the banking hub proposal, who was viewing two potential town centre properties. It looks like timescales are slipping slightly and it could be the spring before the hub opens, but progress is definitely now being made.

Gatherings outside Marr College

After these having quietened down for a few weeks we're again seeing anti-social behaviour, loud music, broken glass etc. at night with youths outside Marr College. The police confirm they are actively monitoring this area.

1. **OTHER REPORTS**

75th Glasgow Taxi Outing

(GM) Reported that the Taxi Outing was a total success. He also stated that Girvans gave a donation to the fund.

Find the Object

(GM) Advised that 103 shops have taken part. A total of £778.00 has been raised including unclaimed prizes from last year.

Website Update

None

Other activities

(GM) Suggested that a meeting be held in the South Beach on Tuesday 2nd August to discuss Wintertainment.

1. **AOCB (if time is limited agree sequence/priority in which these items are covered)** 
   1. Amendment to Scheme of Establishment – cheque signatories
   2. Agreeing/signing Constitution
   3. Appointment of Co-optees and Specialist Co-optees
   4. Maintaining meeting attendance list
   5. Status on Banking Hub
   6. Status on Italian Gardens
   7. Bill Kerr Memorial Plaque
   8. Request received for recognition for retiring Station Master Brian Muir
   9. Proposed Timetable for issuing documents & suggested Discussion Document Template

A vote was taken over SAC proposal to amend the rules over family members not being allowed to be office bearers and cheque signatories, in a Community Council, to a new rule that states that family members can be office bearers but cannot be cheque signatories of any Community Council. This was agreed 10 votes to 1.

It was agreed to sign the new constitution.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6th September 2022**
2. **CHAIR CLOSES MEETING**

Chair thanked all for attending.

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

* Recent Correspondence + Timetable + Discussion Questions Template

A discussion took place over the how meetings should be managed going forward, it was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. AP6 (FC/DC)

A discussion took place over Committee members sharing their e-mail address, BP raised the issue of GDPR when e-mails are forwarded on if the recipients e mail addresses are not blind copied in. It was agreed that this would be an individual decision to be included or not.