**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 6th September 2022 – Minutes**

**COUNCIL BUILDING**

1. **SEDERUNT/APOLOGIES.**

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| Name | Attended | Absent | Apologies |
| Frances Carson (FC) | x |  |  |
| David Carson (DC) | x |  |  |
| Walter Barr (WB) | x |  |  |
| Robert Milligan (RM) | x |  |  |
| Douglas Graham (DG) | x |  |  |
| Nicky Power (NP) |  |  | x |
| Anne Cameron (AC) | x |  |  |
| William Muir (WM) | x |  |  |
| Ian Wilson (IW) | x |  |  |
| Ian Girvan (IG) | x |  |  |
| Andrew Girvan (AG) |  |  | x |
| Rob Shirley (RS) |  | x |  |
| Brian Phillips (BrP) | x |  |  |
| Ian Knight (IK) | x |  |  |
| George Mulveney | x |  |  |
| Sarah Knight (SK) | x |  |  |
| Linda Mathieson |  |  |  |
| Philip Saxton (PS) SAC | x |  |  |
| Kenneth Bell (KB) SAC | x |  |  |
| Bob Pollock (BP) SAC | x |  |  |
| Craig McKay (CMcK) SAC | x |  |  |
| Paul Scully (PS) SAC L | x |  |  |

1. CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME

FC welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Proposed - Anne Cameron

Seconded - Robert Milligan

1. YOUTH FORUM –

Nothing to report.

1. **UPDATE– CYCLE PATH**

BP gave an update over the CCTV cameras in North Road. No further action will be taken until the public consultation.

1. **UPDATE/PRESENTATION FROM NETWORK RAIL – TROON STATION**

James Ledgerwood (JL) Scotrail

Joe Noble (JN) Network rail

Stephanie Kyle (SK) Scotrail

JS explained that NR had provided temporary services at the Troon train station. Information on proposed upgrade to Troon station are available on the NS web site. She explained that they are in discussions with various stakeholders. They understand that there are tight schedules to meet especially for the Open Championship in 2024.

JS head of economic development. Stated they had been working from day one from the fire. The building was insured which helped to rebuild the station. We are focused on delivering the new station as quickly as possible. They are aware of the new ferry operating from Troon. They understand that Troon is a popular holiday location.

Asked for question

SK asked for feedback from the previous public meeting. Three options werer presented although nothing has been decided. You can send feedback via the NS web site.

They intend to maximise the customer experience for the new station.

RS raised questions on behalf of TCC.

OPTION FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC VIA THE WBSITE AT THIS TIME AS OPTION 2 WAS THE PREFERRED CHOICE FROM MOST PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED YOUR OPEN DAY.

JN sated the feedback is that option 1 and 2 are level.  
  
PROPOSED START AND FINISH DATES FOR THIS PROJECT.

Not before the end of this year. No contracts will be agreed until October.

Contract for the detail design will take 6 months. By the spring of next year we need to go through a

Tender contract to meet   
  
PROJECT MANAGER.

JN Not me I am the development manager. We have project manager in house who will mange the project  
  
APPOINTED CONTRACTOR.

JN I am the co-ordinator  
  
HEALH AND SAFETY ISSUES RELATIVE TO COMMUTERS DURING THIS PROJECT.

The station will be safe and will meet all H&S standards.

SCOTRAIL ISSUES.  
  
CALMAC AND TROON PORTS AUTHORITY ISSUES.

JL we cannot comment over what Calmac will do. We have been in dialogue with Calmac to discuss timescales. They are looking for the ferry to be in Troon by summer of next year and until 2025. They are issues over the bridges hight and volume of passengers coming from the ferry regarding available trains. We are looking at the best places for bus stops.

We are considering the effect on the car park, bus access, cycles and access to the station.  
  
RS asked that we be kept up to speed over the project.

DC asked for comments over the transition period when the ferry will run until the new station is in place.

JN stated that they are considering weather protection at the station during this period.

Nothing will be put in place that is considered to be temporary. The aim is to get the new station in place as quickly as possible. We will consider taking passengers from the ferry to alternate stations if the volume of passengers is too high.

CMCK Happy with what has been discussed. Fourteen month lead up to the open.

JN we are looking to have this done before the open.

CMCK after the event which was welcomed the collective people still feel they have not had their views represented.

SK we are looking for suggestions from the feedback from the public

CMCK having spoken to people the building design is important i.e., location of toilets etc. and when the station was unmanned.

JL more and more customers are not coming into the ticket offices. There are not numbers of passengers using the ticket office during non-peak times.

Taking this into consideration the toilet location could be more suitable being accessed from the platform. We are looking to have staff more accessible to customers.

DC My experience ids that complex projects don’t run to schedule. The building design is critical. What else will you be doing to get to the threshold.

LN Their will be feedback to the group by December. I need a decision by October to meet procurement deadline. Most have the group prefer option 1 and 2. The opportunity will be given for feedback to the public

DC will SAC planning dept by working with you to get this done.

SK Discussions have been held with SAC planning department.

BP stated that there has been involvement with SAC planning dept. There are statutory processes that need to be adhered to.

Public You discussed the toilets I am disabled Troon has no toilet facilities will these toilets be available. How can disabled people get on and off the train.

JL you can book passenger assistance. The ticket examiner can help disabled people on and off the train. If you have a radar key the toilets will be available.

Public we are not going to have a station building in time for the Ferries or the open.

JN no we have been talking to Calmac, there will be an overlap between the ferry starting and the station being completed. We aim to have the building completed several months before the open starts.

Public You aim to have the station completed you have not even appointed a contractor

JN we have been in discussions with contractors

AC will you raise the platform as this is causing issues with disabled people. Why did you not allow people to vote at the public meeting.

JL the rail network is centuries old. It would cost millions to raise the platforms. This would come from the public purse. We need to deliver a station to a tight timescale raising the platform would mean that we would not meet the deadline for the open.

We were in consultation with local government the day after the fire. Network rail have worked tirelessly to get the building completed.

BP asked if Barassie station could be used more.

JL the answer is yes. Calmac told us they were moving to Troon before they told us. We are aiming to work with them, especially when things are busy.

FC thanked the Network Rail and Scotrail personnel for attending the meeting today. She raised concerns over the delays in getting the station completed. The feeling is that option 2 is the choice of the feedback.

JL discussed that there is a process that needs to be followed. This process is in fact quick.

KB suggested that there is a communication issues, an example was the public consultation happened with 2 weeks’ notice. We had no time to advertise the event.

RM thanked all people for attending. We need a plan to set out the progress. He suggested that information should be sent to the “Going Out” to update the progress to the Troon public.

JN all communication to Network rail is recorded.

FC thanked the Network Rail and Scotrail people for attending the meeting.

1. OPEN FORUM

No questions

1. POLICE REPORT –

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| Community Council Meeting: | Troon |
| Date: | Sept 2022 |
| Officer Attending: | Report submitted |

The information below covers the period from 31st May 20 01st September 2022 with details provided in relation to the local priorities highlighted in the 2021-23 Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire.

Specific figures, stats and trends will continue to be provided at the Senior Management Scrutiny Board via the Partnership Panel.

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| 1. Serious and Organised Crime – (including Violence, Drug supply, Sexual Crime) | **Violence**  For the reporting period we received a small number of calls in relation to minor assaults (5). These range for a number of reasons such as family fall outs, neighbour disputes. For some of the assaults, alcohol was a factor.  **Drugs Supply**  Proactive work targeting drug supply is ongoing, for the reporting period we have received a few calls from the community providing information in relation to drug activity. In relation to the calls received, information has been pulled and entered into our intelligence database and will be developed as appropriate. | |
| 1. Safer Communities (including Hate Crime, ASB, Domestic Abuse) | **Hate Crime**  For the reporting period, we have dealt with one hate crime incident whereby the victim was subjected to racial abuse. Enquiries are ongoing.  **Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)**  During the reporting period we have received a high number of calls in relation to calls linked to ASB.  For the reporting period we have dealt with a high number of calls in relation to noise, neighbour disputes, disturbances and public nuisance type calls.  For calls of a public nuisance nature, these mainly related to youth disorder with repeat locations of the areas in and around Barassiebank Lane, Douglas Court, Barassie Street. Campus officers have worked alongside Locality Officers to attempt to identify the main ring leaders for these type of calls and relevant action taken.  We continue to review reports of noise complaints and neighbour disputes, for the reporting period officers dealt with a high number of calls to repeat locations. Work is ongoing to make efforts to resolve the ongoing issues. Work is ongoing between the Police ASB Team and South Ayrshire Council’s Housing team and ASB Team.  During the reporting period we had 3 activations of Safer Shores with no major issues to report.  **Domestic Abuse**  This area of policing continues to be an area of focus, officers provide support to victims and ensure with consent of the victim they are referred to support agencies. | |
| 1. Acquisitive Crime | Housebreaking  Robbery  Fraud | 5 reports of theft by housebreaking have occurred during the reporting period. Of note from each of them, quantities of high value jewellery have been stolen. Residents are reminded of the importance of home security and should review what processes they have in place.  Nil  We have dealt with a few reports relating to fraud, these have been via various methods such as banking frauds, whatsapp messages requesting transfer of funds and facebook. Enquiries are ongoing. |
| 1. Community Wellbeing | **Substance Use**  We deal with a high number of incidents whereby substance misuse in relation to alcohol and or drugs is a factor. We work alongside partner agencies to refer individuals for further support.  **Children & Young People**  Nothing to report on of note for this meeting.  **Welfare Concerns**  We continue to respond to a high number of these types of incidents, which often take up a considerable amount of time of officers. These incidents can vary from persons suffering from mental health concerns to elderly members of the community requiring assistance. For the reporting period, we dealt with a high number of incidents with many of them requiring an immediate response. We work alongside partner agencies to deal with the incidents in a timeously manner as possible ensuring individuals speak with the relevant agency. | |
| 1. Road Safety (Drink / Drug Driving, Speeding, Disqualified / Uninsured Driving) | We continue to receive a number of reports in relation to road safety. These range from speeding complaints, parking complaints, vehicle breakdowns.  Of note, during the reporting period, 6 drivers were reported for driving without the relevant insurance in place and 1 for drug driving. | |
| Up-coming events | none | |
| Other Matters / appeals | none | |

1. MATTERS ARISING

AC Banking hub. We cannot get change out of the post office.

CMCK was it coins or cash you were trying to change.

AC both

CMCK I will check this with the Post Office AP1

AC What is happening about the common good fund.

BP we hoped to use for the Christmas Lights and water sports. Troon has never had a common good fund, the money that came from that was for the lease of public toilets there is £35,000 in the fund. I have suggested that we put in compostable toilets in. These can be designed to blend into the environment. We still need to seek legal advice over whether we can use this. We need to put the proposal forward, there would need to be public consultation before anything proceeds.

Benefits are that charges could be raised any money raised would be put back into the common good fund. Ayr only uses interest from the fund.

DC what other options were considered, the new toilets near the new water sport did not come out of the common good fund.

BP replied that this would be a way of using the fund.

DC asked what the criteria are.

BP that’s the issue its not clear, there is no definitive explanation of what it can be used for. South beach is not in the old `Troon burgh, that is why the money was put in the common good fund.

FC asked about other areas using their common good funds for other uses.

BP responded that he is open to suggestions how the fund can be used.

DC said there were options put off the table. What other options could be considered.

BP it needs to be for the common good and we could be limited being spent within the old Troon Burgh.

FC understands that the Scottish Government are looking at this.

BP stated that a number of governments have looked at this and it keeps evolving.

FC stated that there are other areas to look at.

BP wants to know if TCC want him to proceed with the toilets or come up with another suggestion.

DC I believe that there needs to be a feasibility study. The example given was an English location.

BP replied this was an example of toilets fitting into the environment. I need to know what progress needs to be made

Public the £35,000 came from the sale of the toilets. This came from one transaction.

BP they were not sold, they were leased. Yes from one transaction.

PS we have the go ahead for the toilets. There is only one common good money available. We can ask SAC what we can use the money for. It must be used for the benefit of the people of Troon.

Public postal services residents in Bradan Road received notification that they were liable to be prosecuted for not renewing their TV licence. The letters notifying them was delivered 12 days late. He also raised issues over letters that he had posted not being delivered.

He asked for support from TCC over this matter.

PS has discussed the problem it appears that the post office are deciding which areas having letters delivered when there is a shortage of staff. AP2 PS

DG confirms that there is a shortage of staff in Troon.

1. TREASURERS REPORT

WB ICO on a D/D to ensure payment is not missed

Liability insurance money has been paid back from SAC

Copy of statement is provided below

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1. CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Network Rail
   2. TCC Constitution Signed off.
   3. SPT draft Regional Strategy.
   4. CalMac seeking community views on temporary relocation of Ardrossan/Brodick – Campbeltown

service to Troon.

* 1. Vision Zone Scotland 2022
  2. Temporary CCTV Cameras in North Drive
  3. Community Troon Fire Station
  4. ACA Open day
  5. VASA
  6. Penumbra
  7. NEC under 22 free travel

1. SAC REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Craig McKay

Community asset transfer in Barassie. I attended a civic reception for the 150th anniversary. There are roads issues, parking. Issues when discussing charges. We need to look at potential issues with people parking their cars and going to Arran for the weekend.

Kenneth Bell

Council back after summer recess. Not much business being done. RNLI presented with 150th anniversary award. Troon BB won world pipe band championship. Full council meeting taking place this Thursday.

Discussions over council building in Troon being used. It will be open for one day a week, a walk-in service. It appears that it is not being used, fear is if it does not get used we will lose it.

Bob Pollock

Filming involves taking down the playpark equipment for two days. Applied for a civic reception for the Troon BP pipe band. Dramatic improvement at Fullerton Woods. Troon Pool closing to upgrade the filters for Health & Safety reasons.

Funding for Christmas Lights and Watersports has been submitted and approved but had never been paid out. Troon will get its appropriate share. Waiting on council approvement.

Study taking place over how the council communicates with residents.

Scams taking place in Troon.

Scotland Town centre roadshow coming to Kilmarnock. Looking at how town Centres can be upgraded.

Phil Saxton

No report

Questions

DC waters port planning will go ahead. Have this group put in a Community Asset Transfer does this mean that they are buying the beach front.

CMCK different points there is an application it gives them

DC are they proposing to buy a part of the beach

CMCK they will not be buying they will be leasing it

KB it comes through the community asset transfer but is actually a 50-year lease which helps them get funding.

1. OTHER REPORTS
   1. 75th Glasgow Taxi Outing

G taxi day went really well, big thanks to all who supported it. David Malley is coming down to support wintertainment.

* 1. Wintertainment Sunday 20th November 2022A (Appendix C)

Meeting taking place next week all welcome. This will be the meeting for the events committee. Brian Muir will light the beacon. All updates will be sent out

IK update on Christmas Lights we have been awarded £9,900 from lottery fund there is a total of over £10000 we hope to get £5000 from SAC. SAC have agreed to pay for the instal of the lights. We expect the money will be in the bank account next week.

* 1. CalMac (Appendix B)

Covered earlier at meeting

* 1. Troon Common Good fund/Compostable Toilets

Covered earlier at meeting

* 1. Nominate your new council charity

BP explained that he can nominate a charity he will be happy to do this.

* 1. Network Rail (See appendix A, and D)

Covered earlier at meeting

1. AOCB
   1. New Agenda format

Agreed

* 1. Written reports

Discussed

* 1. RM Beacon gas supply sponsored by Bussworks Ltd write to acknowledge with thanks. AP4 (BM)
  2. RM Brian Muir (ex-station master) has agreed to light the beacon at Wintertainment, letter to be sent thanking him. AP5 BM

RM A proposal to buy a gift costing £20.00 to present to Brian Muir

* 1. Annual Self-Assessment for Community Councils DC explained that SAC had asked all CC to conduct a self-assessment. This has to be completed and returned to SAC. AP6 DC
  2. DG Troon BB winning the world pipe band championship letter sent congratulating them. Suggest a civic reception.

BP stated he has already made this request.

* 1. DG Model ship not getting anywhere with getting the ship model returned suggest a letter is written to Chief executive.

The model will need to be moved professionally. We should ask the chief executive to help get this returned. Happy to explain to a full council meeting as to why this ship ended up in Shetland.

FC suggested Crowd Funding

DC agrees we should write to Sac if this is a council that is involved.

Public would Shetland Council not help with the cost.

BP explained this is not a council matter Sac already have models that are not displayed. There is a lso the issue of legal tender that might need to be examined.

PS The figure was £8500 Shetland agreed to release the boat. SAC will not pay this. AP 3 send letter

BP It might be possible for the boats to be displayed in Marr College.

AC these models are dangerous where have all the photos gone.

FC there are lots of stuff in the basement.

BP the reason works of art are in storage because of public liability insurance.

DC not knowledge of this matter. Discusses how the meetings can progress.

* 1. AC lanyards asked for members to send her details for wintertainment

1. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th October 2022
2. CHAIR CLOSES MEETING