**TROON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 7th November 2023 – 7pm**

**COUNCIL BUILDING**

**AGENDA**

1. **SEDERUNT**

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| **Name** | **Attended** | **Absent** | **Apologies** | **Number** |
| **Andrew Girvan (AG)** | X |  |  | 1 |
| **Anne Cameron (AC)** |  |  | x | 2 |
| **Arlene Gordon** | X |  |  | 3 |
| **Brian Phillips (BrP)** | x |  |  | 4 |
| **Caroline Cummings** | x |  |  | 5 |
| **Christine Smith** | X |  |  | 6 |
| **David Carson (DC)** | x |  |  | 7 |
| **David Jaffray** | x |  |  | 8 |
| **Diane Ferguson** | x |  |  | 9 |
| **Douglas Graham (DG)** | X |  |  | 10 |
| **Frances Carson (FC)** | x |  |  | 11 |
| **Ian Girvan (IG)** | X |  |  | 12 |
| **Ian Knight (IK)** | X |  |  | 13 |
| **Ian Wilson (IW)** | x |  |  | 14 |
| **Nicky Power (NP)** |  |  | X | 15 |
| **Robert Milligan (RM)** | x |  |  | 16 |
| **Sarah Knight (SK)** | X |  |  | 17 |
| **Walter Barr (WB)** |  |  | X | 18 |
| **Sara Ward** | X |  |  | 19 |
| **Tommy McAvenna** | X |  |  | 20 |
| **Janette Docherty** | x |  |  | 21 |
| **Liz Bell** | X |  |  | 22 |
| **Allison Lawson** | X |  |  | 23 |
| **Gavin Lawson** | X |  |  | 24 |
| **Tracey Whiteford** | x |  |  | 27 |
| **George Mulveney (GE)** | X |  |  | 28 |
| **Ross Gilmour** | X |  |  | 29 |
| **Bob Pollock (BP) SAC** |  |  | X | 30 |
| **Craig McKay (CMcK) SAC** | x |  |  | 31 |
| **Kenneth Bell (KB) SAC** | X |  |  | 32 |
| **Philip Saxton (PS) SAC** | X |  |  | 33 |
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| **Paul Scully (PAS) SAC L** | x |  |  | 34 |
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1. **APOLOGIES Anne Cameron, Nicky Power, Bob Pollock**
2. **CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME.**

**FC** opened the meeting.

**Tracey Whiteford – introduced herself, senior Communities Officer, Thriving Communities**

Deals with SAC community councils, visiting and putting faces to names and find out what going on in area. Happy to clarify any points or answer questions.

FC – attended Collective Community Councillors meeting – Wallacetown – group discussed and would like to see simplifications to handbook, have you found any issues in other groups?

TW – nobody has mentioned this but recent changes involved election of family members who could be office bearers but not on the community council bank account. Admin grant,this is something we can look to waive.

Handbook updated 2020 – came in to being and in use 2022.

**Alison Lawson –** asked how often community collective meet up? Relatively new. 3 meetings so far. No constitution as yet. Well attended. Maybe 6 monthly meet up. Next meeting December time.

**CM** – special meetings for particular purpose in which the public would not attend.

**DC** – Would be useful to have guidelines for when certain topics and meetings should be private or public, and aligned to principles of transparency. Criteria should make it clearer and easier to decide when a subject matter justifies a private and confidential meeting with no local community in attendance. We need some clearer guidelines.

**TW** - could be providing the CC with information and then it is made public, can then be down to members.

**Ross Gilmour – Thistle Cabs group – 20 year**

150 cabs – 180 drivers – family run business – liaising with Frances and George Mulveny, to provide free taxi every Wednesday till end of DEC - senior citizens scheme – 9am-12noon, free taxi into town for messages, down for a coffee, meet up with friends. Local postcode lottery – this is on the social media pages and open to all. Introduce himself and all drivers about the town.

Andy Girvan – suitable taxis for wheelchair users – some that need help getting in and out of taxis, need help with drivers getting them in and out.

1. **OPEN FORUM**

**Janette Docherty – Fullarton crescent**

Golf courses – 1/2million pounds being spent – being told it was waterlogged, notices put up to say the pathway between Irvine and Prestwick, paths closed, nobody knows where they have come from?

**Cllr Bell** responded – news to cllrs, during summer were doing the path further down towards Barassie, golf course maintenance, council officer is on annual leave who deals with this, will take this on and find out. Planning, at a meeting to discuss the closure of certain paths for the golf open.

**DG** – work that has been done, realignment to do with the tees. will try find out about the notices.

**Sara Ward** – traffic movement – concerned about this, lives in cottage in the car park of the library – subject to a lot of traffic, and when EYC comes in all that traffic, where is it going to go? Would like to know will this car park be shut off or will it be used for a specific purpose, safety aspect, people dropping children off, pedestrian crossing should be used. Dangerous.

**IG** – agree with what lady says, matter of some urgency - need to look at another car park in centre of Troon. Do desperately need another car park in Troon.

**Alison Lawson** – really concerned about the road – been to Ayrshire roads alliance – not answering my queries. So busy, the HGV’s etc. Ayrshire road alliance need to be accountable to people of Troon and answer their queries.

**AM** – parents will be using the car park and therefore no one else will be allowed to use.

**Cllr Saxton** – result of meeting, decision and I opposed this, re-consider an put it in grounds of school, only for 6 cars – one way in and one out. Still of opinion it should be in the primary school.

**Cllr Mackay** – car park at town hall being used all day by people working in town, is an issue with new EYC.

**Lesley Bell** – litter – a few years ago a lot of bins taken away why?? Moved from the TODAY store. – also in regards to reporting issues to the council, some people like to phone and don’t use internet.

**PS** – they have been moved within the route, on the front and moved them in to different areas of Troon.

**FC** – made point around having useful numbers on notice board outside council buildings for people to use, and then people that don’t use internet can have access to these.

**Robert** – it makes no sense that Cllrs from another part of SAC got to vote on closing of library.

**DC** – important issues and questions have been raised by members of public, and we want to make sure everyone gets answers to the questions they’ve raised. Asked how many have read the EYC report? In the report, there is not an infrastructure risk assessment, personal observation is that this is significanct and should have been looked at. High priority will have to be given to the potential issues of parking. In summary, the EYC recommendation included an equalities impact assessment, but did not include an infrastructure/parking analysis impact assessment when maybe it should. It would be useful for Council to give an indication of when such an impact analysis is going to be done.

**CS** – best solution is 1.4 million only for an Early Years Centre. Seem to have gone for the easy option.

**Cllr Mackay** – costing to put EYC elsewhere, a lot comes down to process as well, no way they could make a proper comment on the parking before deciding on the EYC.

**Cllr Bell** – Troon primary ruled out as not enough land, full impact assessment, needs to look at detailed design, town needs a full traffic management system. Busy with beach users, whole town needs looked at with drop off/pick up areas. Nowhere else in Troon, conclusion was the library was the best option. EYC is a requirement of Scottish government and that is where the money is coming from.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Proposed by – Christine Smith**

**Seconded by – Brian Phillips**

1. **TREASURERS REPORT**
2. **TCC REPORTS.**
3. Youth Forum - South Ayrshire Youth Forum – in limbo, not up and running as yet – need some youth representation in wider South Ayrshire. VASA – saltire awards etc and get them altogether to come up with a plan of action.
4. Events - Wintertainment 19th November – Troon old parish church. Everything organised – parade

Need volunteers to be stewards

1. Xmas Lights – Ian normally deals with lights, Paul Symington is awaiting funding, hopefully know tomorrow 8th November. TW – any existing lights will be put up, if were up previous years. PAT testing – when required, every year or couple of years, TW will double check this.
2. Licensing. – PS and FC dealing with.
3. Troon Heritage – no further updates
4. Web Page and Email update - Web page, everything updated with web page, Nicky deals with Facebook page.
5. ARA North Drive Cycle Route - still ongoing – consultations in pipeline.
6. Network Rail Troon Station - **Robert –** visited the train station, canopy around where the building is going to be, new platform on building, met Siobhan Brown, local MSP to show her what work has been done already, Mid – October up to date.

1. Cal-Mac Ferry - S Kelso, meeting with and they are re-routing the catamaran to Ardrossan to Brodick for the next 6 months, still a few things to do at Troon but not coming as yet.
2. TDT - Troon Development Trust – Cllr Bell – meeting last week, initial plan is to become a SCIO by end of year, to confirm membership and committee is postponed till spring, to submit application for a Scottish charity. Can take several months to do this, but once done can apply for future funding. Awaiting till end of busy months and then get this up and running. Stall at Wintertainment, looking to do flyers and Xmas newsletter. 30-40 members. Youth Members, looking for to join. Members 16+ would have voting rights. QR code for joining form. Looking for 16-25 which are underrepresented.
3. **SAC REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
   1. **Cllr Saxton** – not a lot to report this month
   2. **Cllr Mackay** – will send update – not a lot happening this month – traffic consultation. Rationalize the parking for the new early years centre. Locality planning grants – up to £3000 for community groups, closing date.
   3. **Cllr Bell** – cycle path, final plans getting worked on and consultation will go out as soon as possible. Consultation about Ayrshire link, travel, Ballantrae – South Ayrshire, Ayr to Prestwick to loans, community action group for this. Next meeting end of November in Girvan. There is a working group.
   4. **Cllr Pollock** – report sent out.
4. **POLICE REPORT.**

Sent out by secretary.

1. **AOCB**

Community planning webinars – 20th November – 1st December – SAC website, can register and get involved in this. Ageing well, youth forum etc.

Youth Voice work.

**DG** – regarding Troon model ships and email from Cllr Pollock – insurance for the models has not been an issue for 30-40 years but now is a huge problem. The ships belong to the whole of Troon and we should be able to decide what is going to happen with them. They are part of history of Troon and wish to see it kept that way, and the costing seems to be ludicrous. We as a community council should be fighting to keep these.

**Cllr Mackay** – will be plans available for people to see what is coming up in the town.

**AG** – permission to put a bench in Italia Gardens

**BP** – rubbish between the shops at Muirhead – Paul Scully will look at this.

**TM** – what age can people be charged for dropping litter? Mess in Muirhead an issue.

**Cllr Bell** – littering is a criminal offence, devolved to community officers to go out and check these. 16+ to be charged, would be childrens reporter.

**CS** – trees and bushes out of control within the Troon area, peoples gardens. – would need to be garden maintenance

**Cllr Saxton** – would need to report to Ayrshire roads alliance – can report this on there.

**CS** – keep fit classes well attended in Troon, problem insufficient staff, they are leaving, social environment. Highlight this as feel would be missed if cannot continue. Community asset.

**AM** – PAT testing – may need carried out due to being mobile equipment being brought down and put back up.

**DC** – Marr Education Resource Centre will no longer be part of the library setup when it moves to new location in the Municipal Building.

1. **CHAIR CLOSES MEETING.**

Next Meeting Tuesday 5th December 2023.