**TROON COMMUNTY COUNCIL AGM MINUTES – 3RD June, 2025**

Paul Scully officiated

**Apologies**: Philip Saxton, Arlene Gordon, Andrew Girvan, Kenny Bell

**Chair Report**: Troon Community Council is running very well, we have a great group of likeminded people who although very different, are very similar in that they all care very deeply for the town of Troon in which they live. We work together very well, communicate very well, and believe in the freedom of speech, communicating throughout the month, not just at meetings. TCC are hardworking and genuinely care about the town and what happens to it, however we do feel it is a tick box exercise and we have little or no power to change things that really matter to us. We feel we could help the council better by being more informed in regards to deeper issues.

we will endeavour to do our best and will encourage others to do the same.

**Treasurer Report:** The bank balance is healthy, as at 31st March the balance was £7993.69, on May 31st it was £8607.58.

**Welcome New Members**: Ian Moffat and Jeremy Kimber

The Board are happy to stand again:

**Chair:** Frances Carson – Proposed by Christine Smith Seconded by Jeremy Kimber

**Vice Chair**: David Carson – Proposed by Fiona Girvan, Seconded by Christine Smith

**Secretary**: Arlene Gordon – Proposed by Diane Ferguson, Seconded by Nicky Power

**Treasurer**: Gavin Lawson – Proposed by Brian Phillips, Seconded by Jamie Anderson

**Planning Contact**: Nicky Power – Proposed by David Jaffrey, Seconded by Gavin Lawson

**Licensing Contact**: Nicky Power – Proposed by Fiona Girvan, Seconded by Christine Smith

**Specialist Co-optees**

**Events**: George Mulveny – Proposed by Nicky Power, Seconded by Christine Smith

**Media:** Alistair Milton – Proposed by David Jaffrey, Seconded by Jeremy Kimber

**Marr Trust**: David Carson – Proposed by Nicky Power, Seconded by Christine Smith

 Fiona Girvan – Proposed by Jeremy Kimber, Seconded by Jamie Anderson

 Andrew Girvan – Proposed by Nicky Power, Seconded by David Carson

The Chair asked if the Council will agree to two Specialist Co-optees 1 for Legal and 1 for Lighting. The members present agreed, and positions will be advertised.

The Chair asked all Councillors to introduce themselves and say what hobbies and skills they could bring to the community council.

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**Minutes from last meeting:** To be approved at next meeting.

**Treasurers Report**: Accounts are healthy, we have £8607.58 in the bank account at present.

**Open Forum:** Gavin Lawson showed concern that during a recent incident someone had to run to the Library for a defibrillator. Sandra Walker, who is a nurse, said was present at the incident, and asked it we could put together a list of all defibrillators in town and circulate it Ian Wilson advised that all Sheltered Housing units in town have one, and Gavin said British Hearth Foundation will provide one free every October. David Carson suggested a subgroup to take this further and it was agreed Sandra and Ian Moffat will contact Andrew Girvan to work together as a subgroup to get a list together, check all defibrillators are operational and ask First Responders if they can come along to our next meeting.

Ian Beattie and Annabel Beattie are concerned about the parking situation due to the increased traffic from the Ferry, and people leaving their cars for long periods whilst they are away. David Jaffrey advised that he has been working together with Councillor Kenny Bell, Robert Milligan and Fiona Girvan, having meetings with Cal Mac and Associated British Ports, to try and get free parking, but Transport Scotland insist on the charge as there does not seem to be any issues in Ardrossan. David Jaffrey said putting double yellow lines just pushed the problem further into town. Fiona Girvan asked if the Recycling Centre times could be amended of booking system dropped, as on a Saturday there is a queue of traffic for the ferry and Recycling Centre blocking the roundabout. Jaqueline McArthur said Parents dropping and collecting children from Nursery, nursing home visitors and Dough customers were bringing much more traffic to the top of Templehill already, so this has made an existing problem worse. Councillor Mackay concerned if Lidl start charging it will add to the problem and a permit scheme may need to be introduced, but this would come at cost. Parking between certain times may be an option.

**Community Councillors’ Report:**

David Jaffrey**:** All good with the Gala so far.

Ian McClure: Will arrange a letter with photos regarding parking, and charges for toilets. Christmas lights situation has not yet been resolved as insurance company say they were not actually in our possession. He will speak to ARA and East Ayrshire Council.

Fiona Girvan: Money has been allocated to clean pavements. She has spoken to Morrisons and all ok regarding them providing food for Shotts Councillors, MP and our own Councillors on Gala Day. Italian Gardens planting should go ahead end ofJune/July. New soil is already in place.

Brian Phillips: Men’s Shed and Rotary willing to Steward at the Gala.

Ian Wilson: Will toilets be free on Gala Day? Councillor Mackay will check.

Diane Ferguson: George has advised all monies paid for Odd Object Competition, and forms will be available from the new Library. All going well with Gala, we have met with Our beautiful Gala Queen Jessica, and Gala Princess Amilia.

Christine Smith: in favour of the Whatsapp group, and asked for numbers to be sent to David Jaffrey. Paul Scully advised that it must only be used for TCC communication and to be mindful if joking, only urgent issues and remain positive at all times.

Jeremy Kimber: South Ayrshire Council has bought a brazier and donated it to the Legion, can it be placed beside the cenotaph? Councillor Mackay advised a Risk Assessment wold have to be done and planning approved. He referred Jeremy to Estates Department.

Ian Beattie : Asked if we have insurance for events? Troon Community Council covers them.

Maureen Leonard TDD: Asks for community support to keep Troon Old Parish Church as a Community Trust. They need to collect £200,000 before the end of September, so time is very limited. They have arranged events and information will be available on social media . Ian Beattie asked if it would take bookings from the Concert Hall and Walker Hall? Maureen advised they are always booked up in advance and there is a need for more halls for groups, concerts, weddings etc. Asked about operating costs, Maureen said they will get help through hall lets, grants and funding.

**Councillors Report:**

* Councillor Mackay: Enforcement of pavement parking and dropped kerb obstruction started in April, with warning tickets posted on vehicles for the first month, and ten penalty charge notices issued across South Ayrshire in the first week of May. There have been no major concerns in Troon and most people are complying.
* The New Library opens in the Town Hall tomorrow, 4th June.
* The additional larger bins promised for the promenade still don’t seem to have been installed – will follow up again.
* There has been complaints about construction traffic using residential streets and shared surfaces to access building site area on Commonwealth Drive.
* Community Asset Transfer of Hosiery Park pavilion to Troon Men’s Shed is progressing. Industrial action by Stagecoach bus drivers has been affecting local services with further strike action scheduled. Following the previous council Administration collapsing, Councillor Brian Connolly from Maybole is the new Leader of the Council.

Next Events meeting – 10th June.

Next meeting – 1st July.

The Community Council will have a well earned break in August!