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For the attention of Councillor Sandra Goldie

Dear Sandra,

Dunure Community Council – Station Road

First of all, we would like to thank-you for your regular attendance at our Monthly Community Council Meetings, for your active participation, and for your continued commitment to our Community, for which we are extremely grateful.

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to a potential **Road Safety** issue.

For some time, it has been the collective opinion of the Community that the upper and lower-ends of “Station Road” (the road running from Fisherton Primary School & Nursery Class to Dunure Harbour) is dangerous, for the following reasons:

1. Upper-End

Fisherton Primary School & Nursery Class is located directly across from the intersection of Station Road and the A719 (Ayr Road).

Both Roads are assigned 60mph speed limits, reducing to 30mph in the area immediately around the School, and around Residential properties.

However; given that schoolchildren routinely cross the A719 (Ayr Road) for the purposes of walking or cycling to and from School, and for walking to Kennedy Park as part of their outdoor-learning curriculum, we believe this part of the Road should have Traffic Calming measures, in the form of:

- (a) 20mph “flashing” warning lights, operating part-time when schoolchildren are arriving at or departing from School (similar to those found at the approach to Maidens Primary School and other comparable Rural Schools within the South Ayrshire Council boundary and jurisdiction);
- (b) Speed bumps, humps or similar on all approaches; and
- (c) Warning Signs, on all approaches, alerting Drivers to the potential presence of schoolchildren.

2. Lower-End

The lower-end of Station Road, approximately 500m length, is assigned a 60mph speed limit, before transitioning back to 30mph.

This stretch of Road suffers from:

- (a) Numerous “blind” corners;
- (b) No Street Lighting;
- (c) A narrow (typically less than 3 feet wide) Pavement, on one-side only;
- (d) Overgrown hedgerows; and
- (e) Overhanging trees.

This route is again routinely used by schoolchildren for the purposes of walking or cycling to and from School, and for walking to Kennedy Park as part of their outdoor-learning curriculum. It is also widely used by Residents, Visitors, Tourists, School Buses, Public Buses, Delivery Vans, Motorhomes and Cars.

Over the years, there have been several incidents and near-misses.

Accordingly, we believe this part of the Road should be assigned a 30mph speed limit, and should have Street Lighting, improved Pavement arrangements, and regular hedgerow and tree maintenance, put in-place.

We acknowledge the Budget constraints imposed upon South Ayrshire Council and upon the Ayrshire Roads Alliance, and the competing priorities of each Community, but we would be grateful for your review and consideration of this matter.

Please note that a copy of this letter, together with South Ayrshire Council’s response, will be circulated to all local Residents, placed on the Community Notice Boards, and uploaded to the Community Council Website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Steven Izatt
Member – Dunure Community Council

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