



Tarbolton Community Council

APPENDIX 1: Action Plan

Tarbolton Community Council

Updated following meeting on 7 December 2022

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Action Plan

Purpose of the action plan

The action plan records responsibilities, status and progress against all matters being considered by the community council and will help facilitate discussion and ensure progression of actions.

Methodology

Ongoing items are marked as pending for continued discussion/action.

Those items which are closed at the meeting being minuted remain in the action plan for the next meeting for information purposes.

Any items closed in earlier months are removed from the action plan.

New items are added as they arise.

Summary of matters arising as discussed at the meeting on 7th December 2022

1) Thirteen items remain pending for ongoing discussion/action, including one new item added. These relate to:

- Community buy-out of fishing pond (action point 1)
- Library Service (action point 2)
- Antisocial behaviour (action point 3)
- Landfill Contamination (action point 4)
- Parking Issues (action point 6)
- Speeding Issues (action point 7)
- Pavement conditions (action point 8)
- Flooding Gallowhill Park (action point 9)
- Award for war memorial (action point 11)
- Cosy Spaces (action point 13)
- Gallowhill Avenue resident complaint (action point 14)

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- Old primary school stones (action point 15)
 - Refuse collection/littering (action point 18)
- 2) Two items were closed at the December meeting. These relate to:
- village tidy-up (action point 10)
 - purchase of Christmas tree (action point 17)
- 3) Three items which had been closed at earlier meetings have now been removed from the action plan.

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1	Community buy out of fishing ground	The Chair of the TCC is awaiting a reply from the Crown Estates.	Pending
2	<p>Library Services</p> <p>Librarian has raised lone worker concerns due to antisocial behaviour of children, including harassment and intimidation.</p> <p>Subsequent Library Closure</p>	<p>The police have been made aware of this previously with the possibility of increased patrols being made available.</p> <p>The librarian has now resigned as the harassment and intimidation has extended to her bus journey home. This leaves the village with no library facilities. Statistics show that 7-10 adults are using the library weekly, excluding craft events.</p> <p>Indications are that existing SAC library staff are not prepared to work at Tarbolton.</p> <p>The CC noted at the December meeting that someone in the village may be interested in taking on the role of librarian.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor this situation</p> <p>Action point 3 will address the ongoing issue of antisocial behaviour.</p>	Pending
3	<p>Antisocial behaviour</p> <p>Issues including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harassment and intimidation of librarian - Vandalisation of Montgomerie woods memorial garden - Intimidation of elderly residents within Margaret Sloan Place - Ongoing antisocial behaviour throughout the village by the same individuals (who fall into the younger children age group) 	<p>Acting Head Teacher advised that the matter of antisocial behaviour has been raised at school assembly. The school could consider bringing the campus police in to speak at future assemblies.</p> <p>This ongoing antisocial behaviour is no longer deemed the responsibility of the community council or South Ayrshire Council. It is now considered a police matter. Villagers are urged to report all issues to the police or crime stoppers. They should take photos and videos of evidence to be passed to the police, but must not post them on social media.</p>	Pending

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teenagers travelling to the village from other areas using free bus passes and causing disorder 	<p>The Social Media & Public Relations Officer issued a statement on behalf of the community council via social media on 7th November 2022 advising of the correct process for reporting antisocial behaviour issues.</p> <p>The SAC Link Officer will contact the Community Safety Officer regarding the antisocial behaviour, however ultimately it is a police matter.</p> <p>The Police Scotland report received on 8 December (too late for the December meeting) noted instances of antisocial behaviour being reported to the police.</p>	
4	Tarbolton Landfill contamination	<p>The Chair provided an update at the December meeting. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPA officials have advised that it is no mans land, no one knows who owns it • Scottish Government have funds but are not releasing them to SEPA for the site • Scottish Government and South Ayrshire Council have met to discuss it • Possibility of South Ayrshire Council taking responsibility for the landfill site • SEPA also in discussions with landfill operators with a view to taking over the site <p>A member of the public advised that it has been run well in the past. Concerns were raised that it is deteriorating and contaminating the River Fail. However the same member of the public advised that he has walked the site and it is sound. The only thing required is the leeching to be managed.</p>	Pending

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		The Chair liaising via email with Sharon Downey with regards to the current situation with the landfill site.	
6	<p>Parking issues throughout the village</p> <p>Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking of cars on pavements in the vicinity of the garage and Golden Crown, also the land rover and trailer on montgomerie street. These are causing pedestrians to have to walk on the road thereby causing a danger. - Parking of a van & trailers and various large vehicles at the entrance to gallowhill avenue, thus blocking view for vehicles attempting to exit onto the main road. There were a number of near misses over a period of a couple of days. 	<p>The Head of the Ayrshire Road Alliance was invited to attend the December meeting of the TCC. He advised that parking on pavements is currently a police matter.</p> <p>The ARA are awaiting guidance from the Government on enforcement as they may in the future be granted some responsibility for this. In the meantime, he will speak to the traffic department for current Police Scotland guidance.</p> <p>There is scope for double yellow lines to be introduced. However he advised that it could take 18 months to implement.</p> <p>The Police Scotland report received on 8 December (too late for the December meeting) advised that occupiers of vehicles have been spoken to in relation to the issues raised</p>	Pending
7	<p>Speeding issues throughout the village</p> <p>Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Non compliance with 30mph limits at entrances to/from the village. Also limits go straight from 60-30 on boundaries, with speed signage too late. Causes a danger pedestrians and road users (for example, residents reversing out of driveways on Westport). - Non compliance with 20mph limits in and around the school campus. 	<p>The Chair of the TCC advised that an extension to the 20mph zones has already been requested from Ayrshire Roads Alliance</p> <p>As per action point 6, The Head of the Ayrshire Road Alliance attended the December meeting of the TCC.</p> <p>He advised that the Chair had previously been emailed asking for comments on the 20mph proposals for Tarbolton. He advised that it could however take 18 months to implement.</p>	Pending

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8	<p>Pavement conditions The poor condition of the pavements were raised, in particular outside the old folks housing in Sandgate and Princes Street. There are issues with the condition of pavements in other areas of the village too.</p>	<p>Since this was last raised, some patching of pavements has been done, but not all of it as scaffolding was restricting access</p> <p>As per action point 6, The Head of the Ayrshire Road Alliance attended the December meeting of the TCC.</p> <p>It was highlighted that this is an extensive problem throughout the village, not small isolated problems. Examples of urgent problems, ie sunken drain hazards were highlighted.</p> <p>It was agree that the community council members would carry out a survey of the footpaths and submit this to the ARA who would then arrange an inspectors visit.</p> <p>In the event of a fall due to poor road/pavement surfaces, the public are urged to report the matter as soon as possible, or any claims for damages will fail. A link to the reporting portal has been made available on the community council website.</p>	Pending
9	<p>Gallowhill Park Flooding There are issues with ongoing flooding in the Gallowhill Park. The paths are unpassable on each and every route due to extremely large puddles/flooding. Pedestrains are required to step onto the grass to pass and that is every swampy/muddy, which could increase the risk of falls.</p>	<p>This has been referred to SAC parks and recreation department.</p> <p>The council have been out and inspected the park during the bad weather. There has been some progress in the meantime, with the ditch behind the power box having been filled in.</p> <p>A response from the Parks Department is still awaited.</p>	Pending

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10	<p>Village Tidy Up South Ayrshire Council village tidy up being undertaken. This has been welcomed.</p> <p>Wild flower garden project in Montgomerie street was greatly appreciated and there is a possibility of planting being extended.</p> <p>Cllr Ferry advised that funding is available for the children to do planters.</p>	<p>3 areas around Burn Street and the cross have been cleaned up by the South Ayrshire Council Community Hit squad. This has been publicised on social media and has been gratefully received. The CC extended their thanks to SAC. The SAC Link Officer advised that this will become an ongoing programme of clean up.</p> <p>Clear up and removal of rubbish at the side of Bombay Blue remains an issue. This is the responsibility of the Bombay Blue. While it is noted that they have removed the fridge freezer they have dumped it on council ground, which is considered fly-tipping.</p> <p>Cllr Dettbarn advised that the wildflower gardens were well received throughout Ayrshire and noted the CC's request for it to be extended. She will look into funding being made available for planting out the big blue planters at the 'Y' on Burns Street. There is scope for perhaps getting the children from the Rainbows involved. It was noted that the schoolchildren and beavers and brownies have been working on some other planters within the village. It is hoped that by the children taking ownership of planting, the small minority of children who vandalise community initiatives, will be less inclined to do so.</p> <p>The CC are happy with the village tidy up work that has taken place and this matter can be closed. Further specific issues to be raised as new action points as they arise. See action point 18 village refuse/littering.</p>	Closed December 2022

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11	Award for War Memorial	<p>The Vice Chair advised that South Ayrshire Council notified the village about the award but that it has still never been received.</p> <p>The SAC link Officer advised that the award has not come in yet.</p> <p>The Vice Chair advised that we have received another award from the Royal British Legion.</p>	Pending
13	<p>Cosy Spaces A number of 'cosy spaces' are to be made available during the winter months, funded by Voluntary Access South Ayrshire (VASA), in response to the energy crisis.</p>	<p>A member of the community council advised that South Ayrshire Council had not received any application from Tarbolton, before the closing date, despite the fact that in the region of 40 claims for the £2000 grant were made throughout Ayrshire for this initiative.</p> <p>Suitable venues need to be considered, such as the Masonic Lodge, the bowling club, the library. However securing a venue will be reliant on caretakers, key holders etc being available. Another constraint is the need for transport for some of the elderly/infirm.</p> <p>Cllr Dettbarn advised that some of the funding could be used for transport. She also advised that councils will waive the rent charge when council properties are used for this initiative.</p> <p>At the December meeting it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The library was intended to be utilised as a cosy space however it is currently closed due to lack of librarian, therefore not available 	Pending

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tarbolton Masonic Lodge no 135 have expressed a willingness to facilitate some cosy spaces sessions. The Secretary will liaise with Lodge 135 and CC members with a view to progressing this. Some funding may be available and this will be pursued. 	
14	<p>Gallowhill resident complaint Concerns were raised by a resident in Gallowhill Avenue, about a council tenant who is dumping his belongings such as a caravan, old shed, jeep etc outside other peoples homes, some distance away from his own front door. Due to up and coming council cladding work, residents will be unable to park on the road outside their own homes (while scaffolding is erected in their properties) due to this individual's property/rubbish.</p> <p>The resident has reported this to the council, who referred her to the housing department. She has also reported it as fly tipping and antisocial behaviour, but is getting nowhere.</p> <p>This individual is known to have done similar to other residents, by gaining unauthorised access to their garages etc.</p>	<p>Cllr Dettbarn advised that if the individuals details are passed to her, she will provide help in dealing with this matter. The resident spoke with Cllr Dettbarn after the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dettbarn advised that she has formally reported this and is awaiting an outcome.</p>	Pending
15	<p>Old School Stones The old primary school date stone has been incorporated into the wall at the new housing development. The Boys and Girls (entry) stones are also available .</p>	<p>The planning and Licensing Officer, will speak to the Head Teacher with a view to them being placed in the garden at the school.</p> <p>The Acting Head Teacher advised that she welcomed this idea. There is the possibility of making a feature of them at the front entrance,</p>	Pending

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		<p>however she will speak to some of the school children and see what ideas they can come up with.</p> <p>The SAC Link Officer advised that in the meantime, the stones have been placed in storage for safekeeping.</p> <p>The Head Teacher has advised that they will be incorporated into the campus garden.</p>	
17	<p>Christmas tree 2022 The planning and Licensing Officer advised that Trains Nurseries have asked if the CC would like a Christmas tree this year. The cost of the 18ft tree has risen from £180 last year to £350 this year. Additional costs are incurred each year for the connection of the Christmas tree lights by Ayrshire Roads Alliance.</p> <p>The Keystore have previously offered to sponsor the village Christmas tree.</p> <p>CLlr Dettbarn advised that a small share of funding is available from SAC, however this is for the capital purchase (ie of decorations etc) so couldn't be used for connection costs. But it could be considered towards the cost of the tree or additional lights etc.</p>	<p>The CC members will pursue the possibility of sponsorship from Keystore and will extend this to other businesses, including the Masonic Lodge.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to making the switch on of lights a public event to mark the occasion, if enough funding/sponsorship can be secured.</p> <p>In the meantime the Planning and Licensing Officer will order the tree from Trains nurseries.</p> <p>The Christmas tree was purchased and switched on at the beginning of the month. Three very generous donations were received totalling £300 which helped fund the tree. Full details of the donations will be formally minuted and expressions of thanks issued individually to donors by the secretary and via social media by the Social Media and Public Relations Officer.</p>	Closed December 2022
18	<p>Refuse collection/littering A number of refuse/littering related issues were raised, including: Why has the road sweeper not been replaced? Why has the refuse bin been removed from the bus terminus site?</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that members of the public do a great job litter picking throughout the village and surrounding country roads. It would appear that there are no plans to reintroduce regular council road sweeping therefore reliance on members of the public will continue.</p>	Pending

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		Ian Martin at South Ayrshire Council waste management team will be contacted regarding the missing bin.	