

Tarbolton Community Council
Minute of Meeting 5 December 2018
7pm at Tarbolton Community Campus

In attendance

Robbie Mann	Tarbolton Community Council
William McColm	Tarbolton community Council
Jean McColm	Tarbolton Community Council
Ian Ferguson	Tarbolton Community Council
Mark O'Hara-Thomas	Tarbolton Community Council
Mungo Taylor	Tarbolton Community Council
Nicola Kelso	Tarbolton Community Council
Cllr Julie Dettbarn	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Cllr Arthur Spurling	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Lorraine McKenzie	South Ayrshire Council
A Campbell	South Ayrshire Council
PS Michael Cowan	Police Scotland

Members of the public: 6

1. Welcome

Chair Robbie Mann welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Sederunt

Sederunt completed to record all present.

3 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest by any person present at the meeting

4. Apologies

Apologies received from Cathy Thomson and Josie McMurdo.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Jean McColm

Seconded by Billy McColm

6 Matters Arising

No matters arising

7. Reports

Chairman

Nothing to report.

Treasurer

Nothing to report.

Police Scotland

PS Cowan reported that crime in November 2018 when compared to November 2017 had actually gone down. There were no instances of housebreaking or vandalism and no reported drug offences. One assault and two instances of breach of the peace were recorded and the offenders detected. In addition one drink driver was traced.

Sergeant Cowan then went on to speak about the recent attempted robbery at the Spar store. He reported that Police Scotland were following a positive line of enquiry and that a dedicated CID team had been assigned to the enquiry. PS Cowan updated the description of the suspect previously circulated by Police Scotland, amending the height of the suspect to 6'2". He then made a request for witnesses to the incident to contact Police Scotland.

PS Cowan then advised that in relation to the recent road crash in Westport, one person has been arrested and charged with several Road Traffic offences. He added that road traffic officers would be patrolling the village and surrounding areas and he urged residents to report any similar instances of dangerous driving to the police.

A discussion thereafter took place during which a member of the public asked what South Ayrshire Council intended to do about speeding within the village. Cllr Spurling replied that South Ayrshire Council have formulated, and funded, a Scheme whereby if three people from each local community volunteer, a speed gun, training in its use, and suitable safety clothing will be provided. Thereafter the three volunteers will undertake to attend another community area and use the speed gun so that no one is carrying out the task within their own community. The results will be given to Police Scotland who will respond to them appropriately.

Chairman agreed in principle to scheme and undertook to advertise on the Facebook page for volunteers.

8. Special Reports

Tarbolton Library (Lack of Permanent Librarian)

Chairman reported that a representative from South Ayrshire Council Library Section had been expected at the meeting but that they had failed to turn up. No apology or explanation for this had been received. Discussion thereafter took place, during the course of which, fears were expressed that, with the introduction of winter opening hours in the library, South Ayrshire Libraries were initiating a managed decline and eventual closure of Tarbolton Library.

Tarbolton Moss Landfill

Chairman reported that SEPA have published a new report, and the risk remains the same. SEPA are also going to publish locations of their sampling points at the landfill. Discussion thereafter took place.

Tarbolton Church Wall

Chairman reported that the application for planning permission to carry out work on church wall has now been submitted.

Dog Fouling

Chairman reports that Link Officer has volunteered to arrange for enforcement officers to attend in the village in relation to dog fouling if optimal times and locations can be identified. A discussion followed.

9. Ordinary Business

No other ordinary business.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Jean McColm raised the question of signage for the Community Campus being put in place on Montgomerie Street. Cllr Dettbarn advised that plans were in place to have this done although the sign will not be lit.

Jean McColm also raised the question of parking in the Community Campus and surrounding area when events are being held within the campus and Masonic hall on the same evening.

Mark O'Hara Thomas raised the question of having a light sited outside the Erskine Hall as this is used by children's groups.

The Meeting was closed by the Chair who thanked all for their attendance.

Date of next meeting: 6th February 2019 at 7pm in Tarbolton Community Campus