



Tarbolton Community Council

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Meeting Minutes for 1 February 2023

A meeting of the Tarbolton Community Council was held at the Tarbolton Community Campus at 7pm on 1 February 2023

Persons Present

Robbie Mann	Chair	Tarbolton Community Council
John Shirkie	Secretary	Tarbolton Community Council
Billy McColm	Planning and Licensing	Tarbolton Community Council
Pauline Sykes	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Matthew McColm	Social Media & Public Relations	Tarbolton Community Council
Lorraine McKenzie	Link Officer	South Ayrshire Council
Cllr Julie Dettbarn	Elected Official	South Ayrshire Council
Cllr Stephen Ferry	Elected Official	South Ayrshire Council
Cllr Duncan Townson	Elected Official	South Ayrshire Council
Gerry Bergin	Team Leader Libraries	South Ayrshire Council
PC Liz Hunter	Liaison Officer	Police Scotland
PC Russell Huttner	Liaison Officer	Police Scotland
Maureen Stewart		Member of Public
Caroline Borland		Member of Public
Mary Haughey		Member of Public
John Alexander		Member of Public
Robert Steel		Member of Public
Laura McCarrell		Member of Public

Apologies

Jeannie McColm	Treasurer	Tarbolton Community Council
Cathy Thomson	Vice Chair	Tarbolton Community Council
Josie McMurdo	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Janet Thornton	Member	Tarbolton Community Council

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, read by the Chair, were proposed as an accurate record by Billy McColm, Planning and Licensing and seconded by Pauline Sykes, Member.



Outstanding issues and action points

1. The matters arising action plan was discussed. The action plan records responsibilities, status and progress against all matters being considered by the community council and helps facilitate discussion and ensure progression of actions.
2. Ongoing items are marked as pending. Those which were closed at the February meeting remain in the action plan for the next meeting for information purposes. Any items closed in earlier months have been removed. New items are added as they arise.
3. The matters arising action plan is included at **appendix 1**
4. A summary of the action points, following discussion at the February meeting, is as follows:
 - 4.1. Thirteen items remain pending for ongoing discussion/action, including two new item added. These relate to:
 - Library Service (action point 2)
 - Antisocial behaviour (action point 3)
 - Landfill Contamination (action point 4)
 - 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)
 - Old primary school stones (action point 15)
 - Refuse collection/littering (action point 18)
 - AC Whyte Contractor complaints (action point 19)
 - Abandoned Garage Smithfield Crescent (action point 20)
 - 4.2. Two items were closed at the February meeting. These relate to:
 - Community buy-out of fishing pond (action point 1)
 - Parking Issues (action point 6)
 - 4.3. Five items which had been closed at earlier meetings have now been removed from the action plan.

Treasurers Report

1. The Treasurer wasn't in attendance but a report was provided for consideration at the meeting. The only financial transaction in the period was expenditure of £229 for the purchase of a laptop computer.



2. The laptop computer is an asset of the community council and is currently held by the Secretary. The asset details, including its location, are included on the treasurer's report.
3. The Treasurer's Report can be found at **Appendix 3**

Communications Report

1. The Social Media & Public Relations Officer attended to provide an update on the ongoing changes to the community council's social presence and corporate identity, including reporting on the social media data analytics for the period of January.
2. There was unfortunately no facility for attendees to view the analytics on screen, however the Communications report was provided which outlined the information. Key points of note are:
 - 2.1. Issue 1 of the community council newsletter was issued in December 2022.
 - 2.2. Facebook seems to be the most popular platform and the community seem to like the community engagement posts (such as Christmas tree and thank you's etc) rather than informative posts such as meeting announcements.
3. The February communications report for can be found at **Appendix 2**

Police Scotland Report

1. There were two representatives from Police Scotland in attendance and a report was given. The following is noted:
 - 1.1. There is still a lack of information being made available to the police on drug dealing and drug use.
 - 1.2. A member of the public advised that children in the village are still intimidating the elderly. There was an incident at Margaret Sloan Place two weeks ago and the police were informed.

Update on Tarbolton Library

1. Gerry Bergin, Team Leader for Libraries, South Ayrshire Council attended the meeting. She had been invited in order to provide the community council with an update on the provision of library services, given the ongoing closure of Tarbolton Library. She advised that, in summary:
 - 1.1. A risk assessment is being prepared.
 - 1.2. Interviews are being held next week and an existing Tarbolton Primary School employee has applied for the post.
 - 1.3. Protection and monitoring (ie CCTV or body cam) will have to be considered given the lone working status of the librarian.
2. Gerry will liaise with the Social Media and Publications Officer with a view to keeping the community council updated on developments (action point 2 refers).



Community Engagement issue

1. A member of the public had contacted the Social Media and Publications Officer about the fact that he wasn't aware of the existence of the community council until very recently (via social media), despite having stayed in the village for six years. He felt that new residents of the village should be contacted to introduce them to the community council.
2. This was noted. However the community council now has a very high presence on social media which would enable any new resident to the village to obtain information on the community council when they are researching what's going on in the village, including its organisations and amenities.

Any Other Competent Business

1. **Proposal for tree removal** - A member of the public raised the suggestion that trees be removed from Garden Street to create car parking for local amenities such as the village tea-room. The community council did not consider this a viable idea.
2. **King's Coronation** - The Leader of Tarbolton Rainbow guides raised the issue of the Kings Coronation and how the occasion should be marked in May 2023. Ideas and assistance from various organisation would be welcome. A member of the public showed the community council the memento she received in celebration of the late Queen's coronation. This will be included as an agenda item for March 2023 meeting.
3. **Christmas 2023** - Although it may seem very early, the community council would like to make the Christmas experience in the village better for 2023 and in the years going forward. In order to secure funding and/or sponsorship, planning for this will need commence earlier in the year and members of the community council will get the ball rolling with this. This will be included as an agenda item for the March 2023 meeting.
4. **Community Council elections** – it was noted that there are two vacancies for the Tarbolton Community Council. Deadline for applications is 16th February. Application forms are available on-line from South Ayrshire Council's website or from the Secretary.

Community Council business

1. **Approval of South Ayrshire Council RAG self-assessment return** - The Community Council are currently still developing and enhancing their governance arrangements, and this was apparent from the draft self-assessment completed by the secretary. The South Ayrshire Council Link Officer advised that the draft return is sufficient for now.
2. **Calendar of meetings** - this was discussed for the year ahead and it was agreed that meetings would continue to held on the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of August 2023.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm by Robbie Mann, Chair. The next meeting will be at 7pm on 1st March at the Tarbolton Community Campus

