

Tarbolton Community Council
Minute of Meeting 31 January 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
Cathy Thomson	Tarbolton Community Council
Cllr Julie Dettbarn	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Cllr Arthur Spurling	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Linda Warwick	South Ayrshire Council
Karen Forey	Ayr Action for Mental Health

Members of the public: 1

1. Welcome

Chair Robbie Mann welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Sederunt completed to record all present.

3 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest by any person present at the meeting

4. Apologies

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Janine Summers and Samantha Brown.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017 were agreed as a true record.

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

7. Reports

Treasurer

There had been some technical issues which had delayed the setting up of the bank account. Treasurer reported that these have been resolved and the bank account should be fully operational shortly.

Secretary

An email has been received from Maureen Smyth, Galloway National Park Association offering an open meeting with the Community Council or a joint meeting with other neighbouring Community Councils to hear a presentation regarding the proposed adoption of the Galloway Forest as a National Park.

An email has been received from Dawn McGeachie, South Ayrshire Council Sports Development Officer asking for details of any events, festivals, galas etc being organised within the village during 2018.

Email received from JACS (UK) Ltd regarding the supply of village gateways which are designed to make the entrance to a village more attractive and to act as a road safety measure by reducing car speeds into a village. It was recognised that the work already undertaken by the Tenants and Residents Association had already been of great benefit with regard to this.

The community Council By-Elections are due to take place. Details of the requirements and timescales were discussed, and the need for current co-optees to stand for election or stand down was highlighted.

Police Scotland

Police Scotland were unable to attend.

Link Officer

Linda advised that South Ayrshire Council are carrying out a consultation on their budget proposals. Comments can be submitted online or at consultation sessions which will be held within the Tarbolton Community Hub on 2 February 2018 between 12 noon and 2 pm and 3 – 6.30 pm.

There was a general discussion around the issues faced by residents with regard to isolation and economic factors. Karen also advised the meeting that there is a new stress management course for the over 50's beginning in Prestwick which is free and will be based in the Wandering Star Restaurant.

8. Special Reports

Karen Forey, Ayr Action for Mental Health advised the meeting that an outreach has been set up within the village and will be based within the community campus each Tuesday between 1- 3 pm. The main programme is based with Strathyre House in Ayr. The aim is to build a peer support group for people within the village who are suffering from anxiety and low mood and

to run self-help groups and one-off workshops. There was a general discussion around the issues faced by residents about isolation and economic factors. Karen also advised the meeting that there is a new stress management course for the over 50's beginning in Prestwick which is free and will be based in the Wandering Star Restaurant.

9. Ordinary Business

a. Incinerator

The Chair advised that there are unconfirmed reports that Larkfield have pulled back on the scale of the project and the environmental impact assessment has been cancelled. Other design proposals are apparently being considered and further details should be made available in 2018. A meeting between Larkfield and Craigie Community Council has been cancelled. A general discussion took place about issues around the siting of incinerators, plastic waste and the cutting back on landfill sites.

b. Road Repairs

There was a discussion around the issue of road repairs within the village and the response of Ayrshire Roads Alliance to complaints about potholes and the lack of gritting on footpaths. There was particular concern expressed over the state of Gallowhill which was affected by the building of the Community Campus. Assurances were made at the time that any damage would be repaired however this has not been done. Elected members present were asked to take this forward.

c. Community Campus

A discussion took place around issues related to the area of the campus. There are concerns over flooding and the lack of lighting in the area. Cllr Spurling advised that measures have been agreed with the main contractor to address the drainage issues. Concern was also expressed about the two metal boxes sited on the football pitch and the risk of injury posed by them. Freedom of Information requests have revealed that costs for portacabin temporary changing rooms have been posted against the campus, but these are actually located in Minishant. Cllr Spurling advised that this issue was being addressed with the council.

d. Connecting People and Places

The chair advised the meeting that there is a new initiative aimed mainly at the youth of Annbank, Mossblown and Tarbolton. It has a current budget of £115,570 to be split between the 3 villages and amongst the new initiatives is a bike share scheme. Mark O'Hara-Thomas and Janine Summers will make contact with John Bell regarding the initiative.

10. Any Other Competent Business

No other competent business.

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

Date of next meeting: 28 February 2018 at 7pm in Tarbolton Community Campus.