

Tarbolton Community Council
Minute of Meeting 3 October 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 Thompson	Tarbolton Community Council
Cllr Arthur Spurling	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Cllr Julie Dettbarn	South Ayrshire Council Elected Member
Joe Dalling	Tarbolton Tenants & Residents Committee
PC Nick Callow	Police Scotland

Members of the public: 8

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

No apologies were received.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on September 2018 were not circulated and could not be agreed as a true record.

6 Matters Arising

Minutes of meeting held on September 2018 will be circulated round relevant Community Council members and will be agreed as a true record.

7. Reports

Police Scotland

Constable Callow introduced himself as the new Locality Policing Officer, explaining that Police Scotland have introduced a Locality Policing Model whereby the Locality Policing Team for the area will patrol primarily on foot. Tarbolton is covered by the Ayr North Locality Team which is comprised of Police Sergeant Cowan and Constables Nick Callow and Stevie Gilmour. Ayr North encompasses Tarbolton, Mossblown, Annbank, Failford and Craigie as well as the Whitletts and Dalmilling areas of Ayr.

The year to date figures show no increase in crime in the village and are as follows :- 2 x Assaults ; 3 x Breaches of the Peace ; 0 Drugs Offences ; 0 Vandalisms ; 0 House Breakings ; 0 Disqualified Drivers. These figures refer to detected crimes reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Discussion followed regarding the aims of Locality Teams and the concerns of Community Council.

8. Special Reports

Report on Tarbolton Moss Landfill

The Chairman reported that Jean Freeman MSP has written to Roseanna Cunningham, Environment Secretary requesting a response concerning Tarbolton Moss Landfill and that said a response was due imminently

The Chairman then reported that Jean Freeman MSP has received a letter from SEPA advising her that Ayrshire Waste Management who operate the shed at the landfill have applied to SEPA to modify the operating hours at the site to allow them to open 30minutes earlier than at present and to operate the plant 24hrs. SEPA add that Planning Permission does permit the extended processing hours, and noise reports verify that noise levels outside the processing building were within acceptable levels. SEPA accepted a formal application on 13th September and have provided this to HSE and the Local Authority for consultation with the consultation concluding in mid-October and a determination being made by mid-November. Finally they are actively considering the Operators proposed WL Mel application and plan to liaise with Tarbolton Community Council.

Chairman added that SEPA have not made any attempt to contact Tarbolton Community Council.

A discussion then took place regarding these issues.

9. Ordinary Business

Co-Opted Members of Community Council

The Chairman reported that there are presently three vacancies on Tarbolton Community Council and consequently requests have been made for volunteers to fill these vacancies. Three volunteers have now come forward, namely Josie McMurdo, Nicola Kelso and Mungo Taylor. The required administrative paperwork has been submitted to have all three co-opted onto the Community Council.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Parking outside Bachelors Club, Sandgate Street, Tarbolton

The Chairman advised that an email had been received from Alistair Murdoch, Heritage Outreach Officer, National Trust for Scotland, Bachelors Club, Sandgate Street, Tarbolton, regarding parking outside the property. Mr Murdoch requested that the Community Council make enquiries into the possibility of having bollards sited in front of the Bachelors Club to prevent parking as cars are persistently being parked in front of the property, blocking access to the Bachelors Club. Discussion followed at the end of which it was agreed that Chairman would speak to Mr Murdoch and consult with Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Dog Fouling

Billy McColm raised the issue of dog fouling on the streets of the village. A discussion followed, which also included the issue of littering in general. Arranging a litter picking event was discussed and Cllr Dettbarn advised that should such an event be organised she might be able to enlist the assistance of the Environment Volunteers Ayrshire.

Church Wall

The Chairman reported that South Ayrshire Council have deemed the church wall to be unsafe and recently surveyors had to evacuate a test pit at rear of wall due to the threat of the wall falling into the pit.

The intention is to remove 2 beech trees to allow the placement of a three foot wide platform to support the wall. This may also require the removal of some existing graves. It is also proposed that 2 yew trees sited next to the wall between the two gates be removed as they are starting to push the wall out of alignment. It is recognised that the trees are of extreme age and are healthy, however due to the potential hazard caused by the situation, there is no other option than to remove them.

It is South Ayrshire Council's intention is to hold an information day within Tarbolton Community Campus at the end of October regarding the matter.

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

Date of next meeting: 7th November 2018 at 7pm in Tarbolton Community Campus