

## Tarbat Community Council

### Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2017

**Present:** Billie Wood (Chair), Hamish Mackenzie (Vice Chair), Jackie Thornhill (Secretary), Martin Dane (Treasurer) Helen Fleming, Cllr Fiona Robertson, Cllr. Derek Louden.

**In Attendance:** Steve Carroll, Jock Munro, Neil Ross, George Terry, and Jacqui Monro

**Apologies:** Francis O'Connor, Police Scotland

Billie Wood the chairman, extended a warm welcome to all present.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting:** The Minutes of the last AGN held on 8 June 2016 were proposed for acceptance by Hamish Mackenzie and seconded by Jackie Thornhill.

#### **2. Chairman's Report for AGM June 7, 2017**

During the past year TCC we have liaised with Highland Council over the perennial issues of roads, rubbish bins, verges, road signage, the cemetery and war memorial. Some of these items have been resolved but most are recurring and need continued vigilance. The Council has also made representation to the licensing board with regard to local premises and on the planning application for the new school in Tain.

Hamish has done sterling work on establishing ownership of the land beyond the harbour and we are still awaiting a definitive answer. Martin has done his best to help the rest of the council understand the implications and procedures of the proposed ship to ship transfers in the Cromarty and Moray Firth and liaised on Community Resilience.

A competition at the Primary School has been sponsored for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for posters encouraging people to tidy up after their dogs has been held and the posters put up around the village.

Over the year donations have been made to the Erskin Hospital, in lieu of a wreath for the war memorial, a contribution to the refurbishment of the flag pole and prizes for the poster competition.

We have again held a day time meeting to see if more people could be encouraged to attend as we desperately need to attract more people become involved and certainly different people have attended.

Now to the difficult part, Francis has decided that she wishes to resign from the council as soon as elections can be arranged and Jackie who has done a wonderful job as secretary over the last year, while happy to stay on the council can no longer carry out the secretarial role due to family commitments. If the Community Council is to survive we all need to encourage others to become involved and stand for election when they are arranged. Elections will be arranged with Highland Council later this summer, they have been somewhat overwhelmed by elections recently.

I would like to that all members of the Community Council for their commitment and hard work, our Highland Councillors for their regular attendance and the Police for their regular representation at meetings and keeping us up to date with events.

Discussion took place with regards to when the highland Council interim election date would be set. There is no date confirmed yet but likely to be called for nominations in August. There will be one of our current elected council members retiring before the next election therefore we need other public members to come forward for nomination. With the new constitution imposed on us 4/5 years, Tarbat CC are allowed 7 members and 4 elected needed for a quorum. At last CC election only 4 members elected so we are on a tightrope and if any of 4 the shall leave then Tarbat CC will be dissolved. So Please any public member who would like to part of the TCC please get involved with upcoming nominations as we need you.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer produced a balance sheet showing a balance of £2348.37. It shall be noted that £100 was paid for Minute secretary fees during the 2015 year.

### 4. Election of Office Bearers

**Chairman:** Billie Wood, proposed by Hamish Mackenzie seconded by Helen Fleming.

**Vice Chairman:** Hamish Mackenzie, proposed by Billie Wood, seconded by Martin Dane

**Treasurer:** Martin Dane, proposed by Billie Wood, seconded by Hamish Mackenzie

**Secretary:** Jackie has resigned of duties but will continue as a council member, therefore this position will be available after the Election.

Jacqui Monro is also willing to stand at the next elections.

### 5. AOCB

Billie Wood thanked Tarbat Community Council for their work

The AGM closed at 7.55pm