

## Tarbat Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2014

**1. Present:** Helen Fleming, Hamish Mackenzie, Jock Munro, Neil Ross, Secretary Muriel Vass, Treasurer Janet Wilson, Chair Billie Wood. **In attendance:** Temporary Acting Minute Secretary Steve Carroll, Alastair MacLean, Cllr. Alastair Rhind, George Terry.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Fiona Robertson and the Police

**2. Police Report** There were no Police representatives present, but Steve relayed the information that the Police were called to 6 incidents in the past 2 months but none of these incidents were crimes.

**3. Minutes of last Meeting** The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Hamish Mackenzie, and seconded by Billie Wood.

### **4. Matters Arising from Minutes**

**4.1 Play Park Steps.** We are still awaiting action agreed by the Highland Council.

**4.2 Road Repairs** We are still awaiting action agreed by the Highland Council.

**4.3 Jean Bridgeford Memorial and Well Renovation Project** Alastair MacLean explained that the project was at the stage where application for planning permission was now in the hands of the Highland Council.

### **4.4 Provision of activities for Young People**

- **Possible Skatepark in Portmahomack** We await feedback from Julie Cleghorn of HiLife. Cllr. Rhind agreed to talk to the Julie Cleghorn about this matter. **ACTION Alastair**
- **Portmahomack Youth Club** It was agreed to ask Rob Parkes after the summer if he would attempt to start up a Youth Club again

**4.6 The Fountain** Billie Wood stated that she had been in touch with 2 specialist paint companies in order to establish the original colour of the fountain. A discussion ensued about the original colour of the fountain and many members were in favour of repainting the fountain in green. Billie said she would speak to Eric MacKenzie for advice. **ACTION Billie**

**4.7 Broadband** There was a long discussion about the need to take action to improve broadband provision in our area including a survey of households. Steve agreed to create a letter of explanation about the survey for people who may not be at home when surveyed **ACTION Steve**

**5 Councillor's Report** Cllr. Rhind stated that there was little progress on flood protection at Balnabruach and Rockfield, but Balnabruach would receive priority. Alastair stated that Footpath Officer Phil Waites was looking into the matter of erosion of the coastal Core Footpath at the Braes. Alastair stated that approval of funding for repair of the slipway at Rockfield was imminent. Finally, Alastair expressed the view that grass cutting in the area had been unsatisfactory and he would continue to monitor the situation.

## 6 Treasurer's Report

Janet Wilson had described the current financial position earlier in the evening at the AGM

## 7 Correspondence Steve Carroll reported on a number of items including:

- Highland Council - acknowledgement of receipt of application for discretionary funding w.r.t. Rockfield Slipway
- Cllr. Drew Hendry - a description of the consultation taken by the Highland Council w.r.t. the proposed closure of Service Points
- Planning Department - an invitation to comment on the proposed housing development at New Geanies. It was agreed to reply a Neutral comment with reservations concerning dangers to traffic turning at the New Geanies road junction. **ACTION Steve**

## 8 AOCB The following items were reported by various members of the committee:

- Corroded and dangerous Give Way road sign at Tarbatness Road/Castle Street junction. Holes in the roadway at Main Street near Carn Bhren, Castle Street/Main Street junction. **ACTION Cllr. Rhind**
- Need for signage to the recycling point in Portmahomack for visitors and for signage to Children's Playpark. It was agreed to approach DM Signs of Invergordon. **ACTION Billie**
- Loose paving blocks at Harbour notice board. Speak to Harbourmaster Tony Usher. **ACTION Cllr. Rhind**
- "Woody's memorial bench", moved to safety during Harbour renovations should now be restored to a more suitable location. **ACTION Alastair MacLean**
- A Community Council stall will be included at the Annual Gala. **ACTION Alastair MacLean**
- Jock Munro asked Cllr. Rhind why there were no brown bins in Portmahomack as in Tain and Arabella. We were informed that there were no funds available.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm Next Meeting Wednesday 6th August 2014 at 7.30pm at the Carnegie Hall, Portmahomack.