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TARBAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held on 5 October 2016
In the Carnegie Hall, Portmahomack at 7.30pm**

Present: Billie Wood (Chair), Hamish Mackenzie (Vice Chair), Helen Fleming, Francis O'Connor Martin Dane (Treasurer) Jackie Thornhill (Secretary), Muriel Vass (Minute Secretary).

In Attendance: Jock Munro, Neil Ross, William Vass, William Patterson, Barbara Johnson.

Apologies: Fiona Robertson.

1. **Police Report:** No Police attendance at this meeting.

2. **Minutes of meeting held on 3 August 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2016 were approved by Hamish Mackenzie and seconded by Francis O'Connor.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Road Repairs: The warning sign for articulated lorries on the road to Rockfield has still not been erected. No update on this issue. **Action: Councillor Rhind**

Fountain: Hamish Mackenzie has since spoken to Mr Stewart and the problem seem to be with the stone work on the steps which will need addressing.

Access to Tarbat Primary School: No reply had been received from the council. Cllr Rhind to chase. No update on this issue. **Action: Cllr Rhind**

Stand of trees behind the Carnegie Hall. No update on this issue. **Action: Cllr Rhind**

4. **Financial Report:**

The Treasurer had submitted a report and the balances are General Account £1532.64

5. **Councillor's Report:**

No Councillors in attendance at this meeting.

6. **AOCB:**

Jock Munro commented that caravans and camper vans were parking overnight and leaving a mess at the Discovery Centre. Hamish thought they were there with the permission of the Discovery Centre. Since last meeting an email has been sent out from the discovery Centre

who have stated they have no issue with caravans parking as this is a private car park, and should anyone have any issues to please directly contact them.

It was noted that the verges had not been cut at Seafield Hill and Bankhead corner affecting sight lines of traffic. This is still an outstanding issue **Action: Cllr Rhind**

Neil reported a problem with the library van turning at Rockfield as the new owner of a property had fenced his land.

Cllr Rhind agreed to look into the state of the cemetery as the paths were slippery and rabbits had returned. This is still an outstanding issue to be addressed. **Action: Cllr Rhind.**

Cllr Rhind stated that there was no point in taking any action with the planting at the war memorial as the result of an application to the War Memorial Trust should be advised on Tuesday 9 August which may provide funding to replace the railings. No update at time of meeting.

It was agreed that TCC would pay £100.80 to Maclean & Sons for repair of the flag pole for the 'clean beach' flag which required a new finial. **This has now been paid.**

Letter came out from Highland council stating that several of the red phone boxes will be removed throughout the highlands. Upon checking the map for the various locations of removal, Portmahomack was not highlighted to have its phone box removed.

Martin Dane attended the latest meeting that was held to discuss the ship-to-ship transfer plans. Cromarty Firth port authority was not in attendance to address any questions or concerns. Oct 14 is deadline date. It was agreed among the councillors that a letter would be drafted for support against the ship-to-ship transfer.

Land in front of Dolphin View chalets. It was reported that Mr and Mrs Joyce are seeking to register title to land extending from the end of the tarred road up to their own garden. Neighbouring property owners reported on challenges recently made to their access rights and fishing related activities. Discussion then took place on the extensive use made of this area by members of the local community and by tourists, who walk and park there for the attractive views and as a starting point for walks along the Braes and on the Core Path to Tarbat Ness. It was noted that part of the area has been a road used by the public since at least the 1870s, and that the other part has always been regarded since its creation from 1964 onwards as dedicated to public use. Fears were expressed about the continuation of the public's rights if the proposed title is granted, and also about the effect on emergency services. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland challenging the validity of the proposed title and requesting that even if the title were to be granted existing public rights should be preserved and not impeded by any fences, walls or gates. **(Hamish Mackenzie).**

Muriel Vass has brought to the TCC attention with regards to lack of support she is receiving from housing about rotten floor boards. She is also having issues with noisy neighbours. She has brought the issue to the attention of both the landlord and police but still haven't had no action taken.

Concerns raised about the Brightness of the harbour lights shining in on residential property.

Concerns raised over no visible signage warning of narrow bridge for traffic heading into Tain at the Arboll bridge.

Concerns raised about large stones near Free Church manse.

Concerns raised about potholes. Any issue with potholes can be addressed online via highland council website.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting, Carnegie Hall, Portmahomack at 7.30pm Wednesday, 7 December 2016