

TARBAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 in the Carnegie Hall at 19:30

Present: Martin Dane (Chair), Hamish Mackenzie (Vice Chair), Jackie Thornhill (Secretary), Janet Wilson (Treasurer) Helen Fleming, Jacqui Monro, Cllr Fiona Robertson, Cllr. Derek Loudon, Cllr. A Rhind, Matthew Ravenhill (Police Scotland), Jim Holden (Highland Council)

In Attendance: Jock Munro, Neil Ross, George Terry, Carol Summers, Emma Foster, Maggie Sowerby, Catriona Penman, Margaret Flegg, Reg Flegg, Sheila Sparks, William Patterson

Apologies: No Apologies

1. POLICE REPORT

The police report for May 2018 was sent in by Sergeant Matt. Ravenhill in advance of the meeting and was read through by the police officer in attendance. During the month of May the incidents reported to the police for the TCC beat area remained low.

Beware of Bogus workmen from the Glasgow area posing as Roofing company Premium Coatings services Ltd.

The police emphasised that we must continue to report all instances of anti-social behaviour, regardless of its seriousness, and try to get witnesses wherever possible. Both the housing officer and the police must be informed.

Mr Jim Holden from the Highland Council Area Housing manager attended the meeting to inform the public of the perspective on anti-social behaviour and to hear the concerns from residents of the village. The residents expressed all their concerns and highlighted many different incidents that has taken place over the duration of the last few years. He explained that there is policies and procedure that have to be adhered to when dealing with this type of situation. All incidents of anti-social behaviour need to be reported and logged as you need to have proof of serious allegations as evidence in the event it should be taken to the sheriff's court. The policy on housing is needing to be updated which was brought to the attention of Mr. Holden. He agreed to this and will action. Thanks, was given to Mr Holden for taking his time to attend our meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (held on Wednesday 4th April 2018)

Approval of the previous meetings Minutes was proposed by Hamish Mackenzie and seconded by Jacqui Monro.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Fountain

Hamish Mackenzie has recently spoken to Lachie Stewart about rectification advice re the fountain. Lachie has said that he will do this as soon as his work load allows.

Action Hamish MacKenzie

Access to Tarbat Primary School

A Travel Plan has been developed and submitted. Still no update on this subject as no contact from safer routes as a new officer has been put in place. F. Robertson and D. Loudon to follow up on.

Action Derek Loudon & Fiona Roberston

Stand of Trees behind the Carnegie Hall

John MacKay of the Highland Council has reviewed the situation. Highland council are not allowed to remove the trees. It was agreed that we need to get the name and address of landlord to get consent. A member of public noted that there were plenty of fallen leaves on the road causing a slip hazard when wet. This has now been cleaned up.

Action Derek Loudon to chase the roads department

4. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Fiona Robertson gave the meeting an update on the New Tain Campus Project. The Highland Council has issued a consultative paper regarding the above proposal. The consultation will begin on 5 June 2018 and finish on 4 September 2018. The proposal paper and appendices are available online at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations>

Copies are also available for inspection at Tain Royal Academy; Craighill Primary School; Knockbreck Primary School; St. Duthus School; and the Tain Public Library. You can also request that a copy be posted. If you wish to have a paper copy posted to you, please contact the Care and Learning Service, Highland Council Offices, 84 High Street, Dingwall, IV15 9QN, telephone 01349 868478.

You are invited to discuss the implications of this at a public meeting with Highland Council officials. The time, date and venue for the meeting is noted below.

GAMES HALL, TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY COMMUNITY CAMPUS, MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018 at 6.30PM

A note of the meeting will be taken, and the meeting will be recorded as an aide-memoir for the note taker.

You are also invited to forward any written comments you may wish to make on the consultative paper to Mr Derek Martin, Area Care and Learning Manager, Care & Learning Service, Highland Council Offices, 84 High Street, Dingwall IV15 9QN, or by email to education.consultations@highland.gov.uk Alternatively, you may submit comments via an online form accessible from the website page

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations>

All comments must arrive or be submitted online no later than Tuesday 4 September 2018.

Your comments, along with any others received, will be presented in due course to the Highland Council's Care, Learning and Housing Committee for consideration. Those sending in a response, whether by letter or electronically, should know that their response will be open to public scrutiny and published on the Highland Council's website with signatures, telephone numbers and email addresses removed. If you do not wish your response to be made publicly available, you should clearly write on the document: "I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to Councillors and Council Officers of Highland Council". Otherwise, it will be assumed that the person making the response agrees to it being made publicly available. All written responses must be received by the last day of the consultation period, Tuesday 4 September 2018.

Cllr Louden also expressed concern and sent email to highland council with regards to their lack of response on such issues listed below

Brown bins: Why Portmahomack was the only village not included for this service

Safer routes for school: still awaiting a response.

Public Toilets:

These individual issues although are not big issues but, taken together, they accumulate a much bigger effect and need to be addressed. We are aware of lack of people in some departments and lack of money in other but, points raised about these issues still need to be acknowledged and actioned, where possible, by Highland Council. No funding has yet been allocated for the new campus.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the funds stood at £3,140.94.

6. ANY OTHER COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Land in front of Dolphin View Chalets

The proposed agreement was signed by Mr. William Patterson and the chair Mr Martin Dane. The TCC will provide £100 to the Joyce's with help on road maintenance.

Public Toilets

There is a public meeting to be held on June 13, 2018 to discuss the options on keeping the public toilets open. All members of public are welcome to attend.

Action: Martin Dane and Fiona Robertson

Dog Pooh Competition

The poster competition has now been completed and judged. The winning posters will be made and put up in the very near future.

Action: Jackie Thornhil

Carnegie Hall

The Carnegie hall committee held an emergency meeting to discuss the repairs that need to be done to the conservatory/ café and some others transformations within the facility. They are going to apply to the Beatrice fund from SSE and support from the village. They have requested, if possible, that the TCC and any other group / member of community write a letter stating how much our Carnegie hall serves us all and that we are in support of this funding would be greatly appreciated. Letters may be sent to Chairperson Emma Foster. This needs to be done ASAP as there is a tight deadline on their application of funding.

Knockshortie PlayPark

Mr Hamish Mackenzie has drafted a letter on questions/concerns regarding the removal of the playpark and will send this letter to the Chief Executive of the Highland Council and then will post the original to him and, at Derek's suggestion, a copy to Stewart Fraser, Head of Corporate Governance.

Richard Blosse Memorial

Discussion took place on the matter of where to place this memorial. Barry Grove who sculpted the Pictish Stone at Hilton and has done work for Prince Charles has carved a rather fine memorial to Richard Blosse, which you can see on his website. It would be an ornament to Portmahomack if a suitable place is found. Barry's chosen site is opposite the old ice house and he has agreed this with William Paterson. This needs to be confirmed and cross-checked with Glyn Joyce (Glenmhor).

Caravan / Campers

It was brought to the TCC's attention by a member of the public about the number of caravans/ campers utilising our car parks and using our bins for ditching their rubbish, all for free. It was suggested that maybe we should look at installing an honesty box if achievable, to allow campers to donate if they so wish.

Secretary gave an update on recent postage received for the TCC.

Meeting closed at 10:30pm.

Date of the next TCC Meeting: Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 19:30