

TARBAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 1st June 2012 (not yet approved)

1 Those present and Apologies for Absence

1.1 Present: Steve Carroll, Hamish MacKenzie, Jock Munro, Neil Ross, Janet Wilson, Billie Wood.

1.2 In Attendance: Kenny Aitken, Janet Ross

1.3 Apologies for Absence: Denise Carroll, Helen Fleming, Cllr. Fiona Robertson, Cllr. Jamie Stone.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2012

The Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as correct. Proposed Neil Ross seconded Hamish Mackenzie

3 Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Fencing of Childrens' Playpark.

Steve Carroll reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of the Highland Council, enquiring why we were not notified of the removal of furniture in the Children's Playpark in March. A reply had been received stating that the letter had been forwarded to the Director of ECS for action. Unfortunately, no explanation has been received to date. It was decided to write again to the Chief Executive and to the Director of ECS. **ACTION Steve**

3.2 Gorse Removal at Tarbat Ness.

Steve Carroll reported that he had contacted Martin Hind, Highland Council Countryside Ranger. A reply had been received in which Martin explained that the funding for gorse removal had run out. Martin was willing to meet with the Council and was seeking to create a volunteers group to work on the gorse. It was agreed to ask Martin to suggest possible dates for a site meeting at Tarbat Ness at which members of the Council can attend. **ACTION Steve**

3.3 Portmahomack Village Officer

Further to the possibility of employing a local person to do village maintenance, Janet Wilson agreed to pursue the possibility of funding. **ACTION Janet**

3.4 Portmahomack Fountain Steps

It was agreed to ask George Terry to undertake remedial work at the Fountain **ACTION Jock**

3.5 Guest Speaker at AGM Steve Carroll reported that John Thurso MP has not yet confirmed acceptance of our invitation to speak at the AGM. Steve to contact John Thurso. **ACTION Steve**

3.6 New bench for car park.

Hamish Mackenzie to pursue **ACTION Hamish**

3.7 Removal of derelict boat from harbour.

It was reported that Janet Wilson had asked the Ward Manager for assistance to remove the boat. Janet agreed to pursue the matter. **ACTION Janet**

4 Councillors Report (none)

5 Correspondence

5.1 The Ward Manager has written, stating that the three Highland Councillors have been assigned to attend specific Community Council Meetings. Cllr. Alastair Rhind is assigned to Tarbat CC. In view of the fact that Cllr. Rhind has been unable to attend Tarbat CC meetings in the past year or more due to conflicting appointments, it was agreed to reply to the Ward Manager asking that for confirmation that a Highland Councillor will attend our meetings. **ACTION Steve**
It was also agreed to write to former Cllr. Richard Durham, thanking him for his contributions to previous meetings. **ACTION Steve**

5.2 Notice has been received regarding the next Ward Forum at Milton on Wednesday 20th June 2012

6 AOCB

6.1 A response is required concerning the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan by Thursday 28th June. There will be a Public exhibition at Carnegie Hall 2-6.30pm on Thursday 21st June. It was agreed that the area designated for possible housing development at Portmahomack was compromised by poor road infrastructure. It was agreed that Steve will draft a response reflecting our views **ACTION Steve**

6.2 It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 22nd and subsequent bi-monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

Meeting Closed at 10.40 pm

Dates of Next Meetings Wednesday 22nd August 2012 at 7.30 pm in Carnegie Hall, 3rd October 2012, 5th December 2012, 6th February 2013, 3rd April 2013. AGM June 2013 (exact date to be decided)