

**Community Council Meeting**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 8.00 pm in Auchengray Church Centre

**Approved Minutes**

**Present:**

Alistair Marshall (Chair), Patricia Tucker (Secretary), Barbara Robertson (Treasurer),  
Margaret Addo, Stephen Midgley, Eric Williamson (Associate Member),  
SLC Councillor Catherine McClymont, John Tucker (TVHA representative)  
Ten members of the public were in attendance.

**Apologies:** Ian Aitcheson, SLC Councillor Julia Marrs

**17 Nov 1) Adoption of Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

With three minor corrections and an addendum to item 4 b), the minutes were approved. Proposed by: Patricia Tucker Seconded by Alistair Marshall

**17 Nov 2) Matters arising:**

Stephen repeated the clarification of the procedure for amendments to minutes as detailed in the minutes of the October 2017 meeting of the TCC.

**17 Nov 3) Secretary's report**

- a) Stephen reported that he had met with the SLC Liaison Officer and had gained much useful information
- b) Information was provided on the road repairs to the C37 at Easterhouse Farm. It is clear that the road width at that point is inadequate for that location.  
**Decision:** *To be followed up with Highways department.* **Action:** *Patricia*
- c) Information was provided from the Clyde and Avon Valley Partnership

**17 Nov 4) Updates**

- a) Correspondence on the simultaneous closures by West Lothian Council of the C24 (Dogs Trust Road) until 20<sup>th</sup> December and the A70 between Tarbrax junction & Harburn junction, 20<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December, was discussed and the problems experienced by users of the Baads Mill road in wintry weather also highlighted. Several people were involved in these communications with West Lothian Council, resulting in WLC making a commitment to grit the Baads

Mill route when low temperatures were expected, but only during the period of the C24 road closure.

- b) Advance notice of further road closures has been requested.
- c) Some residents had attended specifically for information about these closures due to the disruption they are causing.
- d) Ring binder folders containing past minutes have been placed in three locations for ease of access for the public:
  - Tarbrax Village Hall – just inside the main door
  - Woolfords Village Hall – on the kitchen hatch
  - Auchengray Church Centre – on table with other information
- e) Feedback from TVHA meetings: The TVHA are looking at improvements to the Village Hall and also at the possibility of the Hall Charities becoming a SCIO
- f) The TCC website has been updated with sections added on local information and links to the South Lanarkshire Council, West Lothian Council, Police and local NHS Doctor's Surgery's websites.
- g) Members of TCC were reminded that only two mini 'bios' had been received – please could other members complete theirs.
- h) Confirmation of permission was sought from TCC members for contact details to be put on the TCC website, this was granted as follows:
  - Chair: Mobile; Secretary: dedicated mobile and email; Treasurer: landline;*
  - M.A.: Landline (please leave message); S.M. email & mobile; E.W. mobile.*
  - I.A. to be confirmed.*

## 17 Nov 5) Agenda Items

### a) Agenda for Meeting with WAT IF?

- i.) There are two items on the agenda put forward to WAT IF? by the TCC that are not acceptable to WAT IF? These items state 'Issues'. Some discussion ensued. The Chair intervened and said we must move forward. The public and representatives of other groups want to move on. One individual argued these issues must be addressed before any progress can be made and that an assurance be given that no bullying is going to happen. There was much discussion on these matters with no clear agreement; nevertheless, assurances were given both by senior members of WAT IF? who were present and by the TCC.
- ii) 'Issues to be addressed' was removed from the Agenda.
- iii) On this basis, Councillor McClymont stated she was happy to attend the proposed meeting between the TCC and WAT IF?.

**Decision:** *The agenda for the meeting between TCC & WAT IF? was agreed, the main items being:*  
*Purposes and functions of each group and any overlaps,*  
*Future relations and cooperation*  
*Meeting to be arranged for New Year*

*Action: Patricia*

### b) Suggestion for Traffic Safety Measures in Auchengray

There was discussion regarding speeding traffic through Auchengray and the safety of children crossing to the school:

- i) The speed survey carried out earlier in the year concluded there was insufficient evidence to require any action.

- ii) Useful information regarding the cost of speed calming signs was provided.
- iii) Councillor McClymont explained the 20mph speed limit outside the school was now mandatory and the appropriate signage was awaited.
- iv) Permission is required to erect street 'furniture' on council owned land such as verges
- v) Speed cameras are only provided after there has been a major incident.
- vi) Possibility of WAT IF? funding speed calming signs
- vii) Various ideas that had been effective in other areas were also put forward:  
Emotive signs 'home made' by children, Inflatable policeman.

***It was decided to***

- a) *investigate the possibility of speed calming signage*
- b) *contact WAT IF? Regarding funding of signage*
- c) *follow up 'home made' signs by children*
- d) *to report at February meeting*

*Action Patricia*

**17 Nov 6 A.O.C.B.**

- a. A resident asked if events such as Firework displays could be put in the Newsletter. She relied on the Newsletter as her sole source of information on Village events and had been unaware of the Firework Display this year. She had therefore not been able to medicate her pet dog before the fireworks started, resulting in distress for the pet which had lasting effects. The Newsletter is a publication independent of the TCC. However, the Chair of the Newsletter Committee who was present apologised for the omission of the item from the Newsletter on this occasion and gave an assurance that it would be prominently advertised in the coming years.
- b. Christmas Lights: SLC will no longer supply Christmas Lights. If a Group can provide lights, Lightways *may* do an installation free of charge but this could well incur an annual maintenance charge. Too late to organize for this year, worth exploring for next year. *Action: Patricia to follow up.*
- c. Information was given that WAT IF? are just completing their 2013-2018 action plan and will be starting a new Community Consultation in January
- d. The first WAT IF? sponsored 'Pop Up Community Café' will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm at Tarbrax Village Hall. It is intended to be held once a month.
- e. New Gardening Club and Sew'n'Chat Club had started up at Auchengray Church Centre in November
- f. A question was raised by a resident regarding activity in fields the other side of the A70 close to the Tarbrax turn off: 'Did the TCC or anyone present have any information to share about this activity?' There was some discussion but no information was available either from the TCC or any other residents present.
- g. A question was asked of the TCC regarding the Tarbrax Common Association: 'As the Common Association was initially a sub-group of the TCC, could there be a report from the Common Association at the next meeting of the TCC?' This request was objected to by some members of the TCC and described as inappropriate to be asked at the TCC. Many others present felt it was a reasonable request and although it had been asked many times, a satisfactory answer had yet to be received.

Much discussion, heated at times, then ensued with conflicting views expressed.

No agreement could be reached and the Chair brought the subject to a close without any satisfactory conclusion or agreement being reached.

Two members of the public left the meeting just before this point.

#### **17 Nov 7 Items for Newsletter**

The only item for the Newsletter was the dates and times for TCC meetings

#### **17 Nov 8 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the TCC is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.00pm in the Auchengray Church Centre**

**Footnote:** You will have noticed a different system of numbering items in the minutes. 18 refers to the year (2017), followed by an abbreviation of the month the meeting was held (November), followed by the item being minuted, with sub items being contained within that item. This has been done for ease of future back reference to items in minutes.