

## Business Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8:00 pm in Auchengray Church Centre

### Minutes

As approved on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- 1 Present:** Stephen Midgley, Margaret Addo, Barbara Robertson, Patricia Tucker; Eric Williamson, John Tucker (both Village Hall Association); Mr. Gary Keenan
- 2 Apologies:** Ian Aitchison, Alistair Marshall. In their absence, Stephen took the chair
- 3 Adoption of Minutes:** The minute of the business meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 was agreed. Proposed by: Margaret Addo                          Seconded by: Patricia Tucker.
- 4 Matters arising:** None
- 5 Secretary's report:** **As agreed at the last business meeting, a letter to Councillor McClymont** was drafted, approved by TCC members and sent on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- As an exceptional step, a meeting of TCC members was held** on 1<sup>st</sup> June to discuss and finalise the draft minutes of the previous meeting, as adopted above. At this point, some members of the public raised various issues concerning TCC minutes and communication with residents. It was stated that information, such as dates of meetings and minutes, had not been made adequately available. TCC members replied that they had been making great efforts in recent months to resolve all such issues; that dates had been announced for all meetings for the rest of this year, and that minutes were being posted promptly in four locations - namely the halls at Tarbrax, Woolfords and Auchengray, and the outdoor notice-board in front of Tarbrax Village Hall - as well as being sent to all the usual recipients.
- It was accepted that all these things were now being done, with just one problem:** that the minutes posted inside Tarbrax Village Hall were still disappearing from the board. This has been happening frequently over the last year or so, often within a very short time after their being posted. Discussion ensued over whether this was the result of malicious intent by persons unknown, or simply someone borrowing them so as to read them at leisure and then forgetting to put them back up. Various solutions were discussed, including the fact that the minutes will soon be available for all to see on the TCC website (see below).
- TCC's observance of its constitution was also raised.** The secretary stated that TCC were checking regularly with SLC's Acting Liaison Officer Gordon Bow over any issues that arise, and that Gordon recently confirmed that he was satisfied TCC are complying with SLC's Scheme rules and guidelines.
- Returning to the secretary's report, TCC have written** to remind SLC of the need to replace the C37's road surface from the bend at Easterhouse to the Auchengray-Woolfords junction. Cllr McClymont passed on confirmation to us that these repairs will be done in the present financial year, and the Roads department have now confirmed this to us directly.
- Information has also been received** about South Lanarkshire's participation in the National Access Forum, to provide greater facilities for walking, cycling and enjoyment of the countryside.
- 6 Treasurer's report:** Annual accounts have been submitted to South Lanarkshire Council. Payments have been made to Auchengray Church Centre and TWA Newsletter. The Secretary is now a signatory for TCC accounts, in addition to Chair and Treasurer. Current balance is £253.89. There are no outstanding debts.
- 7 Updates:** Further to TCC's requests to hold discussions with WAT IF?, no reply has yet been received to TCC's last message of 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## 8 Agenda Items:

### Recent developments in our area:

**(1) Mr. Gary Keenan**, owner of the small bing and its surrounding land, had kindly agreed to come along and explain the changes he has made and his plans for the future. A large amount of work has been done to landscape the area, plant grass, trees and over 20,000 bulbs - all with the aim of making it more attractive and more useable by the public. There are now greatly improved facilities for walking, cycling, horse-riding, games and water activities. At the same time he has left untouched the remaining features of interest for industrial archeology. Further improvements are planned, but the pace of these will depend on demand for the shale which needs to be transported some distance because of the remote location of the site. Mr. Keenan was thanked for his work, for explaining his project and for answering questions from the public.

**(2) Tarbrax Common** – this has been an outstanding development, now looking very nice indeed and offering excellent, practical leisure space and facilities for young people. Margaret explained that Phase 3 is still to be completed, and Tarbrax Common Association was congratulated on the success of the project.

**(3) The week-long Heritage Festival**, organised by WAT IF?, has been a success. Special mentions were made of the excellent Heritage Exhibition in Tarbrax Village Hall and the well-attended Fun Day. Congratulations were expressed to WAT IF?

**Proposed 20 mph speed restriction through Auchengray.** This was discussed briefly, to general approval. It was also stated that most residents would be against speed humps, but the addition of electronic speed indicator signs would be welcomed.

**Tarbrax Village Hall Association's new constitution.** TVHA's representatives explained aspects of their new constitution, with the possibility of making some further changes to it including the clauses about membership and clarification of who or what qualifies as a user group. It was agreed that TCC and TVHA representatives would meet in due course to discuss aspects which might affect the agreements made at the Big Lottery meeting last December. Both groups said that they are happy with the improved relationship between TVHA and TCC.

## 9 A.O.C.B.

Patricia gave a short report on the recent **South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership seminar on Building and Celebrating Communities**, attended recently on different days by both herself and Stephen. She distributed an information sheet to those present. Among relevant items mentioned were (1) availability of an Active Age Card for over-60s, costing £54.80 from SLC and allowing unlimited access to leisure activities including swimming and supervised fitness; and (2) the possibility of outdoor gym equipment for adult exercise. Margaret Addo was asked about possible provision on Tarbrax Common, and said that this had been under consideration. Use of such equipment can be severely limited by safety regulations. A couple of members of the public wanted to use the opportunity to interrogate Margaret about the working methods of the Common Association, but the Chair ruled out further discussion on the matter and moved on to the next item.

Patricia announced that **Tarbrax Community Council's website** is now on line. It is strictly an information-only site, not a social media space, and it will be regularly updated with information about meeting dates, minutes, members, contact details, photos of the area etc. It is open to all users and the web address is: <https://www.tarbraxcommunitycouncil.co.uk/>

## 10 Next meetings:

Mondays 18<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 8 pm, Auchengray Church Centre

## 11 Items for Newsletter:

Contact details of new SLC councillors Julia Marrs and Richard Elliott-Lockhart  
Next TCC meeting dates as above  
Information and address of new TCC website as above

## 12 Close of meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.