

Community Council Meeting

Monday 18th February 2019 7:30pm

Auchengray Church Centre

Approved Minutes

Proposer: Barbara Robertson

Seconded:

Tricia Govan

Present:

Alistair Marshall	Chair	Patricia Tucker	Secretary
Tricia Govan	Treasurer	Margaret Addo	
Stephen Hunter		Barbara Robertson	
John Robertson		Eric Williamson	
Coun. Catherine McClymont		Coun. Richard Lockhart	
Myra Dick	Campbell Fisher.	Linda Fisher	

Apologies received: Coun. Julia Marrs. John Tucker (Assoc Member)

2019 February Item 1) Minutes of meetings held on 18th November 2018

a) Inaugural Meeting

Agreed to be a correct record.

Proposed by: Barbara Robertson Seconded by: John Robertson

b) Monthly Meeting – November 2018

Agreed to be a correct record

Proposed by: Barbara Robertson Seconded by: Eric Williamson

2019 February Item 2) Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Council Constitution, No. 11 (i)

It had been suggested that we agree the enabling of members of the public to speak freely without the invitation of the chair as a general principle at our meetings – the reasoning being that we would not need to repeat it at the beginning of every meeting.

However, after consultation with Gordon Bow of SLC, Gordon feels that we have all signed up to the Constitution as it stands now, and despite the fact we are a very small Community, the Chair must be able to maintain control of the meeting at all times, so the current rule should be maintained as it is. This was accepted.

The Chair therefore announced that for this meeting he would allow members of the public to participate but would reinstate the standing orders at any time during the meeting if he felt it necessary. This was accepted and welcomed.

b) 2018 November/3 Adopt a planter scheme

Have not had time to meet to discuss this for a number of reasons. Also Gardening Club last week (where it was to be discussed) was cancelled at short notice, so it will not be discussed at Gardening Club until March. Everyone present was still of the view that it was a good idea and it was deferred for further action. **Continuing action: AM & P.A.T.**

c) 2018 November/4 Heartstart Training – (which includes use of AED)

For a variety of reasons the original date of February 23rd had not been possible to confirm. It was also noted that a full days First Aid course with Certificate was being held by WAT IF? for Timebank members in March. Discussion followed regarding the need for two courses so close together is such a small community.

Following discussion, a vote was taken and all members agreed to go ahead with the Heartstart Course at Tarbrax Village Hall, on either the 11th May or 18th May depending on Ross's availability. Timed at 10.00am to 12.30pm with a snack lunch provided. The course will be open to all members of the public over the age of sixteen.

Agreed: Proceed with 'Heartstart' Course booking **Action: E.W.**

d) 2018 November/5 Hoolie in the Hall, 24th November

This was generally agreed to have been a great success and was very well attended. Thanks were given to everyone involved in the organisation.

2019 February Item 3) Presentation to Ian Aitchison (2018 November/11 a)

MA has spoken to IA regarding his preferences on a gift. It was agreed that the Chair was in the best position to purchase what had been decided upon and that MA and AM would make the presentation to Ian personally at a time convenient to him.

Agreed: Chair and MA to purchase gift for IA **Action: AM & MA**

2019 February Item 4) 'Democracy Matters' Regional Events

(Presentation of reports from Councillors who attended)

No Councillors were able to attend and it was noted that the events were held at a busy time of year when attendance at such events is very difficult. The amount of advance notice given of the event was also very short (one week & two weeks before our nearest events).

Councillors McClymont and Lockhart had attended and reported back their views. They had not been impressed by either the organisation or the content. Community Councillors questioned the timing of the events which had made it too difficult for more people to attend.

2019 February Item 5) Timebank – Community Councillor's Time

It was suggested that Community Councillors could join the WAT IF? Timebank as a Group, to donate the time they spent volunteering on the TCC to the Timebank community 'pool' for the benefit of residents who may need assistance but are unable (for whatever reason) to bank hours for themselves.

- Community Councillors give at least 90 – 120 minutes of time a month volunteering on the TCC,
- If the TCC were to agree to sign on to the Timebank as a Group, then the TCC could accumulate a significant number of hours which they could donate to the Community 'Pool'.
- This would not impinge on any other time that individual members already contributed to the Timebank.
- If a Community Councillor does not wish to take part, that is absolutely fine, there is no pressure to take part.

There was much detailed discussion around this subject and all Community Councillors voted unanimously that it was a good idea and that they wished to take part and sign on to the Timebank.

Agreed to proceed with a group application to the Timebank **Action: P.A.T.**

2019 February Item 6) Litter on Calla Road

The children on the school bus to Auchengray had (on one occasion) counted 140 pieces of litter between Falla and the Primary School. The problem has been brought to us. Views were expressed that litter along the local roads is an increasing problem. Some residents regularly do litter-picks in the area. However, this particular stretch of road has several unsighted bends with fast travelling traffic and is a hazard for litter pickers. Council McClymont agreed to speak to the appropriate person at SLC about this.

2019 February Item 7 Tarbrax Village Hall Feedback

The two Hall charities have now been changed into one new charity: Tarbrax Common & Village Hall Trust. It is a SCIO (charity no:48522) and is now fully operational. An explanatory article will be in the March Newsletter. It has been a long process involving many hours work for the committees of both the previous charities. Contact details for the Hall and bookings are unchanged.

2019 February Item 8) Secretary's Report

a. Actions

* Adopt a planter scheme – not progressed, hope to have something further for March meeting
Continuing action: P.A.T.

* Contact details and mini 'bios' of councillors to go on website – still need explicit written agreement from TCC members. Secretary will send emails to community councillors requesting permissions.
Continuing Action: All

* Heartstart course: Already discussed (on agenda)

b. Correspondence

A printed sheet of correspondence was provided for information. This was mostly routine correspondence regarding TTRO's, road conditions and the water leakage/outflow near Benthead which has been causing problems for over two years now.

There was also correspondence regarding dog fouling on Tarbrax Village Green. A resident had suggested that SLC might consider providing disposable 'poo' bags and dispensers plus some extra bins to help reduce the problem. SLC's response was that they could send a Dog Warden to apprehend and prosecute offending owners. This was not what residents wanted.

It was noted that local school children were now planning to provide home made 'poo' bag dispensers as featured on national TV. This was considered to be an excellent initiative by the children.

c. Documents received for Circulation

Included on above list. These are circulated to all TCC members as they are received.

d. Roads

We are continuing to liaise with WAT IF? on TTRO's, notices are then posted on the WAT IF? Facebook page. Information regarding major potholes and water leaks also shared on social media. Problem of water outflow at Benthead continues. Both Scottish Water and SLC Roads Dept are involved. Coun. McClymont continues to follow up.

e. Website

Updated with link to latest Planning application P/19/0096

Had trouble with PC so the site wasn't updated for several weeks. Have now updated it and added direct links for planning applications and reporting road faults. The site is getting steady visits but no great increase in numbers

2019 February Item 9) Treasurer's Report

The balance is currently at £1049.21

We received the remaining £336.51 of the annual SLC grant on the 11th December 2018. This payment had been delayed due to the late submission of our accounts – (which were late for a number of reasons including ill health).

2018 November Item 10) Planning

P/19/0033 Plot 1, Auchengray Rd – copy of site plan provided. Application discussed.

No objections had been received regarding this application and nobody present could see any reason for objection at this stage.

P/19/0096 Ampherlaw Farm – copy of site plan provided. Application discussed. This application only came through today. Nobody present could see any reason for objection at this stage.

The chair presented information regarding an application for a solar farm and data collection unit at Coalburn for Community Councillor's information and interest. Noted.

2019 February Item 11) Items for Newsletter

Nothing other than date of next TCC meeting.

2019 February Item 12) Any Other Competent Business

a. Information was provided regarding a group called 'Just Bee' who give talks to schools on bee keeping and assist new bee keepers and schools with setting up hives. After discussion it was agreed to get more information and pass it on to the Parent Council in case they might be interested.

b. The WAT IF? / TCC meeting is on Thursday 28th February at 6.00pm at Woolfords Village Hall. It was agreed that the original sub-group members would be taking part in this meeting. It was however reiterated that, as a TCC sub group meeting, it was open to members of the public and other members of the TCC to attend if they so wished, as all TCC meetings were required to be held in public.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 18th March 7:30pm at Auchengray Church Centre

Close of Meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked Auchengray Church centre Trust for their hospitality.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm