



Approved Minutes

Community Council Meeting

Monday 16th April 2018
8:00 pm
Auchengray Church Centre

Present:

Alistair Marshall (Chair) Patricia Tucker (Secretary) Barbara Robertson (Treasurer)
Margaret Addo Eric Williamson (Associate Member) John Tucker (TVHA)
Councillor Julia Marrs

Members of the public:

Mandy Meickle (for WAT IF?) Campbell Fisher (ACCT), Linda Fisher, (ACCT),
John Robertson. Stephen Hunter

Apologies received:

Ian Aitcheson Stephen Midgley Pat Mavor

- 18 Apr Item 1) Minutes of meeting held on 19th March 2018**
Agreed to be a correct record
Proposed by Alistair Marshall, Seconded by Margaret Addo
- 18 Apr Item 2) Matters arising from the Minutes**
18/Feb/10 Tarbrax Christmas Lights – Update was provided in form of Email from Councillor McClymont who had obtained information from SLC regarding their most recent suppliers. Nothing further had been done on this item.
18/Mar/9 WAT IF? request for TCC support for grant application
A copy of the letter of support which was agreed at the last meeting and had been sent to WAT IF? was provided for members information and perusal.
- 18 Apr Item 3) Secretary's Report**
a) Report on actions from last meeting
*Letter to WAT IF? re support for funding for Bowling Club Refurbishment was dealt with in 'Matters arising' above.
*Tarbrax Lights – also dealt with in 'Matters arising' above.
*Training for Community Councillors: SLC have indicated there will be no training until after the Community Council elections, so possibly November or early in 2019. Then it will be for Office Bearers. Following that it will be up to local areas to organise local meetings but without SLC Officers involvement.
Councillor McClymont had also enquired about training specifically on Planning Matters for the Planning Sub-Group: The Training is usually provided for Office Bearers only, however if TCC feel (after the scheduled training for Office Bearers) that we would like further specific training, it may be possible for Planning Sub Group Members to attend such training.

b) Correspondence

Correspondence received from:

* George Hannah for Claudia Beamish, WAT IF?, all regarding the Great Get Together Fun Day.

* Catherine McClymont (Tarbrax Lights, CC Training,)

c) Documents received for circulation

Clyde & Avon Valley Partnership Newsletter

Committee Papers on line

d) TCC website

The secretary gave facts and provided emails and an explanation about her actions regarding the Fauch Hill appeal. This was to set the record straight following a derogatory email which had been circulated about her actions.

e) Report from Open Access Forum

PT attended the Open Access Forum on the 29th March. If anyone wants copies of the minutes please let her know. Questions she raised at the forum were regarding:

- ownership of the woodlands around Falla and Ampherlaw because access is difficult when paths become overgrown in summer.
- The pathways between Carnwath, Auchengray, Woolfords & Tarbrax mentioned at the Carnwath CC meeting
- Please let P.A.T. know of any footpaths where access is blocked or difficult so it can be taken to the forum.

18 Apr Item 4)

Treasurers Report

The Balance is £417.63

We owe Woolfords Village Hall £10.00 for the meeting of the 28th March.

We have paid Auchengray for all meetings up until June.

We are still waiting on RBS to complete on the change of signatories and expect to visit the Branch on Friday..

18 Apr Item 5)

Tarbrax Village Hall

Feedback from TCC representative to TVHA:

'There was a well publicised General Meeting of the TVHA on the 3rd April at which sixteen people were present including TVH Trustees, TVHA and seven members of the Public. Reasons for pursuing SCIO Status were formally explained and Stuart Riley from VASLAN gave further explanations. There were opportunities for everyone to ask questions following which the resolution was put to the vote which was carried unanimously. The meeting closed with the information the TVHA AGM would be held on Tuesday 15th May.

There is a Quiz Night on Saturday 28th April at 8pm and a Race Night on May 19th - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.'

18 Apr Item 6)

Meeting with WAT IF? - Report

The meeting between representatives of WAT IF? and Representatives from TCC took place on the 28th March at Woolfords Village Hall.

It was a very friendly, informative and productive meeting enjoyed by all participants.

The following 'Next Steps' were agreed at the meeting:

a Representation at each other's meetings. Alistair will attend for the TCC, Pat Mavor attends TCC for WAT IF? when she can.

b Continuing meetings on a quarterly basis, with working groups meeting as the need arose. (Next meeting Tuesday 19th June)

c We looked forward to working together for the benefit of the Community.

It was clear that this process of cooperation was already underway.

Notes of the meeting were provided and Mandy also provided a DVD recording of the meeting for those who had been unable to attend.

18 Apr Item 7)

Roads

a) Road repairs and closure notices

2 TTROs outside our area

b) Potholes

No reports had been received following the extensive repair programme last month. However, those present reported three problem areas together with some areas outside the TCC area. Cllr Marrs said she would take these forward and everyone was reminded that anyone can report road problems directly to SLC and that the more reports received by the SLC the sooner repairs will be carried out.!

Action: Cllr Marrs & P.A.T.

18 Apr Item 8)

Planning

a) Planning Sub-Group:

This sub-group should probably have dealt with the Fauch Hill Appeal. However, two of the Sub-Group Members were away on holiday and business.

We are not Statutory Consultees and as we had already objected to the earlier application, we consulted with TCC members by email and the matter was dealt with without convening the sub-group.

It has highlighted that a process for triggering the convening of the subgroup needs to be decided. This will be considered at a later meeting.

b) Planning Applications Received

P/18/0092 20/03/2018 : Internal alterations to Auchengray Church Centre. This was the only application received of relevance to us. It is a 'delegated decision' but we will write a letter of support if everyone wishes to do so. (The Planning Sub-Group have already intimated their support)

This was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

Action P.A.T.

c) Fauch Hill Windfarm Appeal PPA-400-2084 / LIVE/0235/FUL/17

TCC are not a Statutory Consultee on this development. However, Stephen received information as TCC submitted a response last May after Mrs Kew made a representation to the April meeting of the TCC.

The developers have put in a revised application (23 turbines down to 12 or even 10) which West Lothian refused and the application was appealed over the Easter break, with an initial closing date of 10th April. Later extended to the 12th.

Following email communications around the TCC members, It was decided to submit a further objection to the appeal. A copy of the submission has been circulated to all TCC members.

(To date there have been 91 submissions listed on the DPEA website, mostly objections).

18 Apr Item 9)

Great Get Together Fun Day June 16th

a) Update

Louise Neilands has agreed to be the lead on the Scarecrow competition and workshop with support from PT as needed. Louise has chosen three themes from which one was to be chosen. The choices were:

Disney Characters / Famous People / What you want to be when you grow up - My Dream Job (for the grown ups!)

Following discussion everyone present agreed unanimously to choose Disney Characters as the theme for the Scarecrows.

Catherine McClymont has written to Claudia Beamish inviting her to attend and judge entries for the GGT. Claudia has said she will be delighted to help.

b) Scarecrow Workshop Saturday 19th May 11am – 1pm

A lady from Forth has said she will help us if we need her. She teaches the schoolchildren in Forth how to make their Scarecrows for their Gala Day.

c) Fun Dog Show

It was agreed that the TCC Chair, and members from the WAT Group would judge this event.

d) Grant Applications

An application for a Community Grant has been made to WAT IF? and another application is being made to the WAT Group. A total of £3500.00 has to be raised from grant applications to cover the cost of the GGT Fun Day.
Action: P.A.T.

18 Apr Item 10) Email Communications and Responses

There is quite a lot going on in planning the Fun Day, planning applications/appeals. In trying to maintain a democratic decision making process and involve Community Council Members in discussions and minor decisions that can't always wait until the next meeting, The secretary is sending out emails but rarely get a response. All members of the Committee were asked to please acknowledge emails – even if it is to say they have no opinion one way or another. This was accepted.

18 Apr Item 11) Any Other Competent Business

a) The Biggar to Edinburgh bus service is having its funding withdrawn. Some people in the area travel to Biggar to use the bus for transport to Edinburgh and would feel its loss. Many others are unaware this last bus service from the area to Edinburgh is having its funding withdrawn. Following discussion, it was agreed to place an item in the Newsletter highlighting the issue so people could voice their concerns if they so wished.
Action: P.A.T.

b) Attention was brought to the Scottish Farmers Campaign to 'Take a Lead' to keep dogs under close control in fields where there are livestock. It was decided to place an item in the Newsletter to advertise this campaign. Also to print signs for distribution and display if possible.
Action: P.A.T.

c) The problem of gates being left open on Farmland where walkers are using windfarm tracks was raised. The possibility of using 'Kissing gates' was raised and noted.

d) The policy on planning applications for windfarms was raised.

After some discussion, it was agreed that there was a need to revisit and update the current approach.

e) The meeting was reminded of a past competition: 'The Best Garden in the Whole Area' with a suggestion that this might be revived by the TCC with the Gardening Club. It will be looked into.
Action: P.A.T.

18 Apr Item 12) Items for Newsletter

- Details on Scarecrow workshop on May 19th
- Details on Great Get Together Fun Day on June 16th
- Biggar Bus Service funding being withdrawn
- 'Take a Lead poster'

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st May (All 2018 meetings are on 3rd Monday of the month)

The meeting closed at 9:40pm