

Community Council Meeting

Monday 21st May 2018
8:00 pm
Auchengray Church Centre

Approved Minutes

Present:

Alistair Marshall (Chair)	Patricia Tucker (Secretary)	Barbara Robertson (Treasurer)
Margaret Addo	Stephen Midgley	Eric Williamson (Assoc. Member)
John Tucker (TVHA Rep)	Cllr Julia Marrs	Stephen Hunter
John Robertson	Myra Dick	Campbell Fisher

Apologies received: Ian Aitchison, Catherine McClymont

18 May Item 1) Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2021

Agreed to be a correct record
Proposed by Barbara Robertson, seconded by Margaret Addo.

18 May Item 2) Matters arising from the Minutes

18/Feb/10 Tarbrax Christmas Lights – Update

Both suppliers provided by Councillor McClymont had been contacted and brochures received. Following discussion it became clear that the costs involved in either hiring or buying refurbished lights, and the annual recurring costs of installing and taking down the lights together with the costs of electricity outweighed the benefits of having the lights.

It was agreed: to abandon the matter and perhaps revisit the idea when maybe the refurbished lights then available would be LEDs and/or more affordable.

18 May Item 3) Secretary's Report

- a) Report on actions from last meeting
 - Pothole reports have been submitted regarding: The stretch of road near Kilnpot Hall. The multiple strips across the C203 between Viewfield Farm and Woolfords Railway bridge. The Calla Rd near King's Inn (Agenda Item 7: Road repairs, closures and Potholes was taken together with this item). The road closure at the Auchengray level crossing and the three week closure of the Newbiggin Rd was also brought to everyone's attention.
 - The grant application to the WAT Group had been made and a grant of £1000 gratefully received towards the cost of the Great Get Together Fun Day.
 - Edinburgh Bus service being withdrawn– Unable to find information. Seems that best information is from Biggar FB page. Aileen Campbell was seeking more information.
 - Scottish Farmers – 'Take a Lead Campaign' into Newsletter. This was not put into the Newsletter as there had been no room for it. However Scottish Farmers had been contacted who kindly sent out several posters which the Chairman put up in appropriate places.
- b) Correspondence
 - Forestry Ranger has been contacted regarding access to Falla Woodland – where a new fence has been put up blocking access. Alan Bannister is following up..
- c) Email communications
 - A summary of email communications since the last meeting was given.
- d) Documents received for circulation
 - A summary of documents received for circulation /circulated was given.
- e) TCC website
 - The website has been updated regarding dates and GGT activity

Activity report: Visits to the website have increased significantly, mostly to view the Great Get Together information

Privacy: – a page is to be added regarding GDPR. It was suggested that Gordon Bow be approached for advice on this. **Action: P.A.T.**

f) Working with WAT IF?

A summary of work being done in collaboration with WAT IF? was given:

- The secretary is on the WAT IF? Pathways Group as a private individual and updated the TCC on the Terms of Reference of that group – for information.
- The suggested 'Roads' Steering Group was described. This is to be a small stand-alone group initially comprising the Secretary and Jemma from WAT IF?. It is intended to invite Carnwath CC and managers from the roads departments in SLC and West Lothian at a later date. The purpose is to improve communications and cooperation during periods of stress on the roads system during adverse weather and during road repairs/diversions. The group will convene during the summer.
- Great Get Together fun Day – Separate Agenda Item

18 May Item 4) Treasurers Report

- Balance £1417.63
- Grant of £1000.00. received from WAT Group towards cost of Great Get Together Fun Day.
- £2000.00 grant from WAT IF? used to pay marquee and inflatable hire directly, confirmation letter from WAT IF? to follow. (done like this because TCC don't have debit card facility or internet banking facility)
- Change of signatory forms: Another visit to RBS: Need a different form as well which requires signing by both previous signatories and then presentation with validated identification to an RBS branch (Carnwath branch now closed)

18 May Item 5) Tarbrax Village Hall

Feedback from TCC representative to TVHA

- SCIO Status: The application has been submitted to and its receipt been acknowledged by OSCR.
- AGM held on 15th May attended by TVHA members, TVH trustees and 4 members of the public - 11 people in total. It was a satisfactory and positive meeting with a number of suggestions for income generation. There was also a suggestion to have an ATM installed in the Village Hall - which needs further consideration and study. The Quiz night was well attended by groups who attend the event on a regular basis, however the Race night was not. The family group and those connected to the Hall who did attend the Race night had a very enjoyable evening.

18 May Item 6) Community Council Elections 2021

- a) Timeline – The form showing the timeline for the process was presented and discussed.
- b) Process – Nomination forms will be provided at the June TCC Meeting. Details are on the website as are the Scheme Guidelines. SLC will provide publicity and run the election – if an election is necessary.
- It may be necessary for the TCC to convene a meeting in August / early September to discuss arrangements such as publicity, leaflet drops, organisation required for CC election in October.

It was agreed: The August meeting of the TCC would take place as a full meeting to discuss the Community Council Elections and any organisation, publicity etc that we wished to do. (There is not usually a TCC meeting in August)

18 May Item 7) Roads – Taken with Item 3

- a) Road repairs and closure notices
 - 9 TTRO's - Listed
- b) Potholes
 - Viewfield Farm to Woolfords windfarm strips.
 - Kilnpot Hall Road
 - Calla Rd near turn off to King's Inn

**18 May Item 8) Planning
(Councillor Marrs left the room for this Item)**

a) Planning Sub-Group:

This has not been formally convened but members have studied the two local Planning applications received.

b) Planning Applications Received

P/21/0034 Lawhead Lodge 3 May / end April

P/21/0466 Auchengray Primary MUGA pitch Lighting 17th May

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

- informed 10th May of site visit.

d) TCC Policy on planning applications for windfarms

- as discussed at last meeting we need to revisit and clarify the TCC policy. It is four years since the poll of residents resulted in a decision to oppose all windfarms. It was felt that a new survey is now needed to determine the current view of the residents as much may have changed. It was acknowledged that such applications are usually timed to coincide with public holidays when it was difficult to obtain residents opinions quickly by means of a public meeting.

After discussion it was agreed:

1) A further survey be carried out to obtain an up to date view of residents concerning windfarm development.

2) In the meantime, any applications for windfarm development would be addressed on a case by case basis with a public meeting being held if at all possible.

3) The survey be carried out after the new Community Council was in place.

18 May Item 9)

Great Get Together June 16th

a) Update & Programme

- An update was provided on arrangements for the Great Get Together Fun Day and the Programme provided.

b) Claudia Beamish – arrangements

- Friday evening: scarecrows will be judged outside people's houses

- Saturday: presentation of prizes.

c) Scarecrow Workshop

- Karen Nichol from Forth will assist with this.

- Louise Neilands has materials in hand

- Straw is being delivered on Saturday morning

- A soup & cake lunch is being provided

d) Fun Dog Show

- 3 classes: Waggiest tail, Best Trick, Most appealing eyes

- Judges are members of WAT Group & TCC Chair.

e) Snail race

- Cancelled

18 May Item 10)

Litter Pick

- WAT IF? feel this is something TCC should take the lead on but which they are happy to work together on.

- Woolfords have bought equipment (& done a litter pick) with a grant from the WAT group and they are happy to loan it out to other local groups. SLC will also provide equipment and uplift rubbish if they are informed when litter picks are taking place.

- The Chair & his family do Polkelly and around that area.

- There is a feeling that for the time being perhaps we should do our own areas or 'adopt' areas to do until something bigger can be organised for Tarbrax and other areas in conjunction with WAT IF? Perhaps after the Fun Day.

Agreed: SM & MA would organise local litter picks around Tarbrax area in the meantime.

Action: S.J.M. & M.A.

MA commented that dog fouling on the Common was becoming a major problem although it was clear that someone is cleaning it up.

The small roadside bin at the play Park in Auchengray is becoming a problem. The quantity of litter at the Small Bing was also commented upon.

18 May Item 11)

Items for Newsletter

Status of items submitted to Newsletter by the TCC.

The difficulty of items being submitted to the Newsletter and not being put in was brought up. It was explained that sometimes there is just too much material to fit in the Newsletter. Additionally the close off date for material being accepted is being brought forward from the 20th of the month to the 16th of the month as the 20th is no longer workable.

MA asked if material could please be emailed to TWAnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk to ensure it reached her. This was noted.

18 May Item 12)

Any Other Competent Business

- a) The Chairman gave feedback from the WAT IF? AGM which he had attended on behalf of the TCC: He circulated the new Community Action Plan and Summary produced by WAT IF? The WAT IF? Office Bearers for the coming year are: Chair: Pat Mavor, Secretary: Mandy Meickle, Treasurer: Andrew Fry. This is the first time the TCC have had a named representative at the WAT IF? meetings. The next Trustees meeting is May 31st.
- b) A query was raised by a resident regarding the possibility of a Community Policeman attending the TCC meeting. This was regarded a good idea and will be looked into. **Action: P.A.T.**

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th June
Close of Meeting