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Minutes of Meeting for 5 March 2025

A meeting of Tarbolton Community Council was held at the Tarbolton Community Campus at 7pm on 5 March 2025

Persons Present

Robbie Mann	Chairman	Tarbolton Community Council
Billy McColm	Planning & Licencing	Tarbolton Community Council
Matthew McColm	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Josie McMurdo	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Janet Thornton	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Mary Haughey	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Pauline Sykes	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Caroline Borland	Member	Tarbolton Community Council
Jill Tomlinson	Link Officer	South Ayrshire Council
Councillor Duncan Townson	Elected Member	South Ayrshire Council
Councillor Stephen Ferry	Elected Member	South Ayrshire Council
Craig Iles	Planning Dept	South Ayrshire Council
Drew Hamilton		Resident
PC Hunter		Police Scotland
Sergeant Slaven		Police Scotland
Lindsay Gilbertson		Resident
Anne McLauchlan		Resident
Lindsay McLachlan		Resident
Jenny Millar		Resident
Cathy Thompson		Resident
John Alexander		Resident
Stuart Craig		Resident
Kirsty Craig		Resident
Lorraine McGill		Resident
Finn Hiddleston		Resident
Vicky Dalrymple		Resident
Robin Dalrymple		Resident
Liz Galbraith		Resident
Helen Ross	Headteacher	Tarbolton Primary School
Shaun Garrett		Resident
Irene Porte		Resident
William Mitchell		Resident
Laura McCarrell		Resident/Librarian



Apologies

Jean McColm

Treasurer

Tarbolton Community Council

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting from 5 February 2025 were approved by Billy McColm and seconded by Janet Thornton.

Treasurers Report

Communication has been sent out requested support from local businesses for donations for the Gala Day. A number of local businesses have made donations and details will be shared on Social Media thanking them for their contribution. We are hopeful that the Purchase Order for the Container will be issued very soon to enable this to be received.

Police Scotland Report

Sergeant Stewart Slaven introduced himself and asked for any issues to be raised with him as they are aware that they haven't been visible recently. Robbie Mann raised the issue of anti-social behaviour from youths in the community, kicking doors, causing the residents fear and alarm. Sgt Slaven highlighted that calling 101 or 999 can be difficult to speak to the police. He highlighted that any issues can be reported online or via Crimestoppers. They are looking to improve their coverage in the villages.

Resident Cathy Thompson raised the issue of speeding requesting more police presence to reduce the speed of vehicles. Robbie Mann advised he has spoken to Ayrshire Roads Alliance who are planning to introduce a 20 mph speed limit. Police advised we should continue to engage with Ayrshire Roads Alliance about this. Provided the police with the main locations of the speeding – Croft Street, Westport, Montgomerie Street.

Janet Thorburn asked whether CCTV could be installed as a preventative measure. These are held by South Ayrshire Council and can be moved around. There is a demand for these throughout the authority but if we feel there are areas that require it we should raise this.

The Ban on parking on footways starts on 31st March. In the first month drivers will receive a purple notice on their vehicle if they are parked on the footpath as a warning. Enforcement campaign will come into place beginning of April 2025 and from then drivers will receive a fixed penalty. Police will be consulting with South Ayrshire Council to ascertain the extent of measures to be introduced.

Report received for the period 1st to 28th February. See details below

There were 18 crimes with 10 detected

Crimes of Violence (assaults and stalking)

3

Crimes of dishonesty – (Fraud and theft and attempts)

0

Damage and Reckless Behaviour (Vandalism and Culpable and Reckless Conduct

2



Crimes against society (Breach of Bail, Drugs, Offensive Weapons	1
Anti-Social Offences (Threatening or abusive behaviour)	1
Miscellaneous Crimes (Dangerous Dogs,, communication offences)	2
Road Traffic Offences (Careless driving, speeding, fail to stop, MOT, Insurance	6

Road Traffic Matters again remain a focus with good work carried out by both Road Policing and Locality Policing to identify a number of offenders.

Due to Scottish Crime Reporting Standards the above numbers relate to individual crimes report and not the number of criminal incidents attended. (ie Multiple crimes can be recorded from 1 incident.

Communications Report

New Head of ARA will be visiting our next meeting to introduce herself.

Elected Members Report

Councillor Ferry advised that he has raised the issue of the damaged kerbs in the village with ARA and he is awaiting a response. He will also be raising the Bridge at Failford with ARA

Councillor Townson is investigating the issues in the community with Japanese Knotweed. He has spoken to the Bowling Green who have advised this is not as much as an issue as it was. Person who was treating this is no longer in business. Councillor Townson has asked that they advise him when the situation deteriorates.

Councillor Ferry has asked for suggestions as to what we would like to spend the Ward Funding on and advised we should get in touch with him. Irene Port raised how the community can be involved in deciding what the money is spent on. Councillor Townson advised that residents should contact the three Elected Members in Kyle Ward with suggestions and they will consider these.

John Alexander raised the issue of the poor condition of the Town House. There is an issue with ownership of the building and in the past improving this was circa in the region of millions of pounds. Craig Iles, Head of Planning & Building Control will arrange for building to be inspected in terms of the Dangerous Buildings Scotland Act.

Light Up Tarbolton 2024

Mary Haughey suggested that we plant a real tree rather than purchasing a tree every year. Robbie Mann advised there are pros and cons with this especially in terms of maintaining this in future years.

Place Planning

Draft Place Plan has been prepared. One of the items is the introduction of zebra crossings. We are hopeful that our finalised Place Plan will be published in June.



We have available £150,000 for the village to implement improvements.

Jenny Miller raised the issue of whether new residents will be able to have their say in the place plan. Councillors can be consulted to add to the place plan.

The CC will be looking at potential parking sites as part of the place plan.

Josie McMurdo raised the issue of overgrown areas on the route to Willie's Mill.

Planning and Licencing Report- Development in Springfield Road/Red Rose Way.

Ref 08/01057/FUL for planning application. The site plans are on the Council website for anyone to view using this reference. This contains all the maps and information about the planning permission.

Planning permission was granted in 2009 for housing. Due to financial issues building ceased and the land has now been sold to Campbell Homes. Craig Iles advised there is no legislative requirement to prevent builders from commencing building work years after planning permission has been granted and that developers can commence building using the outstanding planning permission whenever it suits them.

A new Building Warrant will require to be applied for and the developer is currently working with Building Control to prepare this. Campbell Homes will require to apply for a roads permit to ARA.

Any households that are affected by issues with drainage need to work together to liaise with the developer. Residents are disappointed that the developer didn't liaise with them prior to work commencing. The area where the developer is working is completely unsafe with public able to access this as the site is not secured when work is not taking place.

Craig Iles advised there is legislation in terms of noise that he will raise with Environmental Health. In terms of site safety it is the responsibility of the developer. He will arrange for discussion to take place with the developer about the complaints the residents have raised about lack of site safety.

Residents asked if Bard Drive has been adopted. Craig Iles isn't sure but will take this up with colleagues in ARA.

He is going to raise the issue regarding damage to the road network and road cleanliness with the developer to ensure they following guidelines.

Japanese Knotweed was on the site and this has been removed. The residents have concerns about this being done as there is the potential for this to grow in another direction. Cathy Thompson raised the fact that prior to the site being cleared the area was full of wildlife and this has been destroyed by the developer.

Lindsey McLachlan asked what can the Council do about this developer as residents are concerned about the developer. Council have no powers to intervene due to the character of an individual. However, If the developer isn't building according to Building Standards



then the Council can intervene. If there is damage to a property then this is a private legal matter which residents require to raise with the developer.

Many residents raised that the village infrastructure is lacking and asked what the Council are going to do about this. Councillor Townson agreed that he understands our frustration and that it is their responsibility to improve the facilities.

Residents raised concerns about the capacity within the Primary School due to all the new housing. Helen Ross, Headteacher from Tarbolton advised they are not at full capacity. Craig Iles advised school capacity is 292 pupils and currently the school is running 69% capacity.

Hallrigg Heights

Major issues with flooding in this area. Is there a permanent solution to this problem? South Ayrshire Council will liaise with developer once the development has been completed to ensure there are no long term issues with flooding and that appropriate draining is in place.

Jenny Miller asked about reducing the height of lampposts in the village with a view to improving the night sky environment. This can be discussed with the Head of ARA at our next meeting.

Adjournment

Robbie adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd April in the Community Campus at 7pm.

