

Tarbat Community Council (TCC)

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 6th August 2025 7.30 pm
In Carnegie Hall**

Present : Gillian Davey (GD) (Chairman and secretary) Eric Nimmons (EN),
Hamish Mackenzie (HM) (vice Chairman), Jim Philp (JP), Jackie
Thornhill (JT) Gordon Jacks(GJ)

Apologies Leah McBain, Cllr Laura Dundas (LD), Cllr Maureen Ross (MR), Reg
Flegg (RF) (Treasurer)

From Community: Jackie Monro (JM) Miles Harrison (MM) Alastair Mclean (AM), John
Munro (JM), David Dow (DD)

Approval of minutes from meeting held on 4th June 2025

**Proposed by EN
Seconded by HM
Approved unanimously**

Financial Report from RF

Current account £ 5,819.68
Development account £ 4,392.67

LB is now a fully signed up with full access to the account and is a signatory for cheques.

Matters arising

825 01 Flag

JP has volunteered to source a flag and design

Action JP

825 02 Fountain steps

RF has written to relevant body in the HC to ask them to advise. MR has also written
about this.

Action RF

825 03 Campus and TRACC

No update

835 04 Bus service for village

Bus service commenced Thursday 24th July, Tuesdays and Thursdays three times a day.
This is a 3 month trial. No formal feedback as to how much it is being used. Letter will be
sent to Transport Scotland complaining of HC's failure to observe to advise a statutory
duty to maintain bus service where there is deemed to be a social need. JM raised
concerns that all members of community may not be aware of this temporary service.

Action HM

825 05 Steps by side of hall

EN has got paint and will get done this week.

Action EN

825 06 Rockfield coastal protection

DL had been to economy and infrastructure committee on page 465 of their papers there is a mention of Rockfield but not the village. DL had sought to make sure it is clear that the village of Rockfield is included. As Derek Loudon has now retired we will ask MR to take this up.

Action MR LD

825 07 Phone box car park notice board and information board

Information board HM informs us work on this is progressing well he is receiving helpful advice on the draft text and layout from Mairi MacPherson of the Discovery Centre, and Miles Harrison is assembling some photos to illustrate the text.

Action HM

825 08 Notice board

New board for back of current board made and now in use.

GD

825 09 Disabled parking spaces to be repainted

Ongoing. DL was waiting for reply to ensure it is on the list. MR and LD will take up from DL

Action MR LD

825 10 White lines from Inver junction to North Tarrel

DL is waiting for reply to check we are on the list. MR and LD will take up from DL

Action MR LD

825 11 Road outside shop.

Still not done. DL has looked at it and it will be added to the list. MR and LD will take over.

Action MR LD

825 12 Enormous pot holes around the village

MR has received photos of pot holes and is pressing the council to take action as soon as possible. Committee encourages all residents to report pot holes. GD has put post on Facebook to this effect.

Action MR

825 14 Toilets

Thank you afternoon at the golf club was greatly enjoyed by all.

825 15 Council houses Some council houses are not being fully utilised. DL informs us that the councillors have been taken out of the loop of allocating houses, but he will look into it and see what he can do. MR and LD will be asked to follow this up.

Action MR LD

825 16 Rockfield

Road has been surveyed and marked. Hopefully will be done soon.

Action MR and GJ

825 17 BT

GJ concerned that that they will be digging up the Rockfield road after it has been resurfaced. LD and GJ will investigate.

Action MR LD and GJ

258 18 Overgrowing foliage on Gaza back street

Half of the road has been cut back, MR is finding out who is responsible for the road and will write to ask owners from other side of the road to cut back foliage.

Update from AM his side has been tidied up, the other side has been addressed.

AM asks how high should the trees be cut up to. GD will ask MR if she knows the answer to this.

Action MR

825 19 Public toilets needs decorating

GD has been in contact with council. TCC paid for paint and labour supplied by council.

Toilets now done. Also they kindly got rid of rusty old sign and the building now has a smart sign on it. GD will collect left over paint just incase we ever need to do some top up painting.

Action GD

825 20

New sign for Portmahomack. Current sign is looking very old and tatty. MR suggested we might get funding to assist in getting a new one and has given contact details for two professionals to enquire about designs and costs. Once designs are available will be opened to public consultation. HM raised concerns that correct permission needs to be sought. GD will ask MR what needs to be done to ensure correct procedure is followed.

Action MR GD

Councillors report:

No councillors present

Police report

No incidents

Correspondence

None

AOCB**0825 21 Broken panels on bus stop by golf club**

MR has arranged for broken panels to be removed, will be replaced at a later date.

Action MR

825 22

Castle road damage to wall

MR is investigating as to who is responsible for the repair of the wall. GD has asked local stonemason to look at it and give advice as to what may need doing and provide rough quote for costs.

Action GD and MR

825 23

Bench by Knockshortie playground. TCC will fund bench but we need to ensure that it is compliant with HC requirements and that they will take responsibility for inspection, maintenance and insurance. HM has drafted a letter for EF to complete and send to clarify what we need and ask HC to supply and fit bench.

Action HM and RF

825 24

AM has suggested a 'no parking sign' in lock block in front of the fountain. Benefit of tidying up from front of steps, it would not go on road. Committee feel that we need to investigate as to who owns the land and who we need to get permission to do this. If we can clarify this AM is happy to do the works necessary.

Action MR and LD

825 25

Community pay back are happy to do tasks around the village, but cannot work at heights or on roads. GJ suggests far car park and path need attention.

Action GD

825 25

Defib pads needed for Rockfield. TCC happy to pay for them. GJ will order them and send receipt to RF and LM

Proposed by GJ

Seconded GD

Unanimously approved

825 26

Communicating with all the village

JM brought up the challenge communicating with all the village.

MH will make up a poster to promote the bus and contact RF to access the printer owned by TCC.

Action MH

825 27

Member of community asked for signs to post lighthouse and Discovery Centre by the car park opposite golf club. GD will ask MR and LD who supplies these signs.

Action GD LD and MR

Meeting closed at 20.44

Next meeting 7:30 on Wednesday 8th October 2025.