

Tarbat Community Council (TCC)
Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 5th August 2026 7.30 pm
In Carnegie Hall

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

Associate member Reg Flegg (RF)

Apologies: Leah McBain (LM), Cllr Maureen Ross (MR). Cllr Laura Dundas (LD),

In attendance: Cllr Connie Ramsay (CR)

From Community: Number present 4

Approval of minutes from meeting held on 25th March 2026

Proposed JT
Seconded GJ
Unanimously approved

Approval of minutes from meeting held on 3rd June 2026

Proposed JT
Seconded EN
Unanimously approved

Financial Report from LM

Current account £ 2595.41

Development account £ 4417.74

Payments made :

Goal nets for football pitch £170.41

Visitors information board £709.92

Final Fountain steps materials £59.32

Tarbat discovery centre photo album £118.51

Donation to Portmahomack coastal rowing club £200

Donation to Tarbat old primary school for playground £300

Portmahomack.org £277.24

Discovery centre donation for sand pit £100

Printer Ink £350.20

Hall hire £80

Matters arising

825 01 Flag by carpark with recycling bins

In progress

Action JP

825 04 Bus service for village

GD in conversation with community transport. Minutes of this meeting have been posted on village Facebook and notice board. Possibility of community car for dialysis patients that can be used outside of this requirement. Waiting to hear from dialysis transport lead. When more is known a public meeting will be held.

Action GD

825 06 Rockfield coastal protection and Portmahomack beach gabions

GJ says Rockfield had a visit from coastal protection (council representative) who felt there was no need for action now. Rockfield residents feel it would be better to be proactive. Wires from gabions in Portmahomack are still being pursued by GH

Action GJ

825 11 Road outside shop.

CR tells us Gary Urquart (GU) says it will be seen to.

Action GU and CR

1025 03

Blocked drains

The one at the bottom of Castle hill still overflowing. One by memorial done.

Action CR

226 02

Clean up of Shore between Rockfield and Wilkhaven

GJ had a walk down and felt that there was very little that needed removing and did not require a bit clean up.

1225 03

Drainage at Seafield

No update

Action EN GU

0326 01 Road to Back street concerns as it looks like it might have sunk a bit.

CR says Gary Urquart came to look at it and has no concerns. Public not happy with this. CR will arrange GU to meet with herself, GD and Alistair Mclean.

Action CR

0626 01 Abandoned caravans and cars by football field

Notices have been posted on the caravans which starts the process forward of getting them removed.

Action CR

Councillors report:
CR they have been in recess so no update.
Local Place Plan - ongoing

082601 Use of donations to Community Council

GD Donation to golf club for help with heating. Proposing £500

Proposed GD
Seconded JP
Unanimously approved

GD Donation to Discovery Centre proposing £500

Proposed GD
Seconded JP
Unanimously approved

GJ Donation to community gardens.

Timber structure needs to be removed GJ has contacted community payback to get the labour done in removing the timber. GJ has contacted forestry trust and woodland trust for help and support. EN concerned that drainage from community gardens affecting houses. GD requesting bench seating for the gardens. GD suggests contacting community payback as they can supply them. GD will get costs and come back to us with requested donation.

JT pointed out benches by harbour in a bad state.

Action GD

JT has had a requested TCC pay for paint to paint up area by harbour as children and parents want to do it. Approx cost £150

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Seconded GD
Unanimously approved

Water tap outside public toilets, JT says this has been denied in the past, council worried about tap being left on. But there is a possibility of a tap with a timer, needs good drainage.

Action GD CR

082602 Chemical waste disposal, does Portmahomack need one?

GD has looked at the one at Balintore. There does not seem to be suitable location here, this has been researched in the past. There is chemical waste available locally at Balintore and near the Nigg roundabout. GD has suggested Discovery Centre may be an option. RF says he has spoken to van people they do not see it as a problem. GD will contact Discovery Centre to see if they are interested in installing one.

Action GD

Police report

No incidents

Correspondence

Nil

AOCP

082603 Fountain needs remedial work and repainting

Action CR

082604 Graveyard - is there plans for another one as this one is getting full.

LD is looking into it and will get back to us with more details of where a new graveyard has been planned to be located.

Action LD

082605

Alastair McLean - Bins for public use were overflowing.

Discussion followed that previously TCC have asked for bigger bins and it has been denied. CR will ask for bigger bins or more frequent emptying, even if it is just for the peak summer season.

Action CR

082606 Potholes

JT Big pot holes by Ben View Court. Chapel Place into Chapel hill, towards lighthouse, New Geanie's.

Action CR

Meeting closed at 20:50

Next meeting 7:30 on Wednesday 7th October 2026