CROMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3rd OCTOBER 2018
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Alec McVean (Vice Chair), Joyce Lovie, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer), plus two guests, Jean Henretty and Guy Haslam

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Paul Gibb, Emma Murphy and Nigel Healey

1. Minutes
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 22nd August, the SGM on 11th September, and the AGM on 27th June were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Alec McVean and seconded by Joyce Lovie. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Councillor's Report
Cllr. Paul Gibb had sent apologies. There was nothing further to report this month.

3. Community Learning & Development
The meeting welcomed Jean Henretty who presented information about the services offered by Aberdeenshire Council's Community Learning and Development team. The work of the team in helping children who are disengaged from school and in improving literacy via adult and family learning was considered to be very worthwhile.

4. Smallburn Car Park Presentation
Guy Haslam, Community Development Officer working for the Tarland Development Group, presented information on a number of TDG initiatives. These included preparations for fundraising for TT2, a grant application for a proposed car park at Smallburn, suggested improvements to the car park at Drummie Wood, the relocation of the community apiary and the community housing project.

In a discussion following Mr Haslam's presentation, Members asked for an assurance that the parking at Drummy Wood would continue to be free for people not using the bike trails to enable dog walkers and walkers generally to enjoy the wood as they do now. Concerns were raised about access arrangements between the proposed car park at Smallburn and the centre of Tarland and Mr Haslam was asked to clarify that the TDG planned to take responsibility for the long-term upkeep of the car park if construction went ahead.

5. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains
A program of pothole repairs and resurfacing in Tarland Square has recently taken place. This has greatly improved the situation and Members expressed their thanks to the team at Aberdeenshire Council's Roads Department for their efforts. The Community Council noted that the resurfacing of the road alongside the Market Stance had also been completed to a high standard.

Market Stance and Bowling Green, Tarland
New paths have been constructed across the old bowling green and preparations have begun for creating the planned flower beds. Members agreed that this has the makings of an excellent new facility when work on the garden is completed in 2019. Discussions continue with Aberdeenshire Council about its policy on parking in the Market Stance area.

Tarland Bowling Green Pavilion
The Chairman and Secretary had met with Steve Russell from Aberdeenshire Council's Community Leisure Office in Aboyne at the pavilion. Mr Russell confirmed that the pavilion was safe to use and that routine maintenance was being undertaken by FES. Booking of the pavilion was via a paper form that needed to be returned to the reception at Aboyne Community Centre. In line with the process followed at other outdoor leisure facilities, the water would be isolated and drained down this winter before cold weather set in.

Community Engagement & Community Action Plan
The Chairman provided an update about his recent conversations with the MacRobert Trust and with Helen Barton, Community Engagement Advisor of the Scottish Land Commission. Following a discussion, the Chairman agreed to write to the Tarland Development Group and other organisations in Cromar to arrange a meeting of representatives from these groups to exchange information and views about current and proposed projects, to discuss ways in which community engagement can be improved and to ensure that the widest possible consultation would be carried out in the preparation of a Cromar Community Action Plan.

5. Community Council Accounts
The Treasurer reported that the 2018/19 Aberdeenshire Council grant had arrived. The balance of the account was now £1587.78.

6. Logie Coldstone Trust
Joyce Lovie reported that Logie Coldstone Hall would shortly be closing to allow the floor to be resurfaced. A Christmas Fair was planned for Sunday, 18th November and preparations were also underway for Hogmanay celebrations and a Burns Supper.

7. Planning
The current planning applications were reviewed and no comments were offered.

9 . Any Other Business

A request from Aberdeenshire Council to publish contact details for Community Council office bearers was discussed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman wanted to review the GDPR policy provided by the Council before deciding their response to this request. It was agreed that the options for hosting a Community Council website using the cromarcc.org.uk domain would be considered at the next meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th November at Tarland Primary School at 19.00