



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24 April 2019  
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chairman), Alec McVean (Vice Chair), Nigel Healey, Emma Murphy, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Paul Gibb, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Dave Ellis, Joyce Lovie.

**1. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 20th February were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Alec McVean and seconded by Veronica Ross. Agreement was unanimous.

**2. Police Report**

The Police Report covering Lower and Upper Deeside had been received and circulated to Members and was discussed.

**3. Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Gibb, who sent in his report, said that all the Ward 15 Councillors had been to a meeting with Martin Hall of Aberdeenshire Council's road safety team on 19th March to discuss road crossings and speeding issues. Mr Hall had told them that the prospective site for a crossing at Logie Coldstone had not met the required criteria. However, Cllr. Gibb added that the Roads Dept would be conducting a speed survey in the village. Aberdeenshire Council was also due to review its Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Policy in the summer and he hoped that this would provide an opportunity to add to or enhance criteria in the policy to account for schools, like Logie Coldstone's, whose pupils need access to facilities on both sides of a main road. He regretted that, whatever resulted from these two initiatives, the situation in Logie Coldstone could not be reviewed for another year. Community Council members expressed their disappointment at this news. Members also questioned why data from the speed survey would be passed to the police and to the Road Safety team but not to the Community Council, and decided to ask for this information to be released. Members also considered a letter sent to Aberdeenshire Council by a local resident on road safety issues at Logie Coldstone, and Emma Murphy agreed to discuss these points further with him in the hope that these issues can be resolved.

**4. Cromar Report**

*Roads & Drains:* Members discussed the recent work on the Tarland to Aboyne Road in the light of concerns expressed to them that the road had had to be closed on two separate occasions for the work to be completed, causing inconvenience. The drains in Aberdeen Road, Tarland, seemed to be working well.

*Off-Street Parking Order:* The recent consultation on the Aberdeenshire Council (Off-Street Parking) Order 2019 was discussed. The Chairman reported that he had contacted Lorna Hogg, the Council's Parking officer, to ask why Tarland Square had been newly included in the Order; what powers, such as marking out parking spaces or imposing parking charges, its inclusion would give the Council; and whether, if the Order was agreed, the Council would seek to impose parking charges. Ms Hogg had replied saying that Tarland Square had been listed as an off-street car-park in the past but had accidentally been left off the last Order in 2014. She said there were no plans to impose charges and that it was 'highly unlikely' that the Council would ever want to do so. If the Council were to want to introduce them, statutory and public consultations would have to be undertaken. After a discussion, the Chairman agreed to ask for further clarification of the implications of the Order.

*Christmas Lights:* Members discussed where the Christmas tree that had recently been presented to the village should be planted. It was thought likely that the usual site on the terrace at the end of the Square would be unsuitable for a living tree and the Chairman agreed to consult Bill Higham of Aberdeen Council's Landscape Services about where it should be planted.

*Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (ALDP):* Members agreed that the Special Meeting devoted to a public discussion of the ALDP in March had gone well and had been well attended. The Chairman said that, after consulting with Members, the Logie Coldstone Trust, and a representative of the Tarland Development Group, he had submitted the Community Council's views on the Plan to Aberdeenshire Council.

#### **5. Closure of Cromar Kids' Club**

Alec McVean explained that this after-school club had performed 'an invaluable service' to parents, since there was a lack of childminding services in the area. The announcement by Aberdeenshire Council, which runs it, that it was closing 'with immediate effect' had been an unwelcome bolt from the blue. The Council had given parents no notice of its decision and many had not been informed until they returned from the holidays. The parents had met with Council officials and the club was being kept open, thanks to volunteers. Members expressed concern about the decision and the way that parents had been informed. In the light of this and other recent issues, a discussion about the quality and effectiveness of communications between the County Council and the Community Council followed, and the Chairman agreed to write to the County Council to seek improvements.

#### **6. Community Council Accounts**

The balance of the account stood at £1,424.17, including £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

#### **7. Logie Coldstone Trust**

The next Community Café was scheduled for 4 May, the annual Duck Race for 5 May, and the Morven Walk and Barbeque for 25 May.

#### **8. Tarland Welfare Trust**

Nigel Healey reported that business in the MacRobert Memorial Hall had increased by 15-20% in the past year. Water had leaked into the top of the building but steps had already been taken to put this right.

#### **9. Tarland Development Group**

The minutes of the TDG had been circulated earlier.

#### **10. Planning**

There were no outstanding planning applications.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

The Secretary had arranged the following timetable for the 2019 Community Council Elections:

9 May - Notice of Elections published and nomination forms available.

5 June - Nominations close at 16.00.

14 June - Election at the MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland, if nominations exceed available seats.

25 June - Declaration of results at AGM.

#### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 29th May at Tarland School at 19.00