



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 7th DECEMBER 2016  
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chairman), Alec McVean (Vice Chairman), Dave Ellis (Secretary), Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Evelyn Smith Nigel Healey and 3 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Sue Erskine and Police Scotland

**1. Police Report**

The police report covered a report of vandalism in Tarland and the theft of keys. There was discussion about two thefts of bicycles and a car theft in the area that appeared not been covered on the Police Report. It was agreed to use the Community Council Facebook page to gather feedback regarding the accuracy of the Police Report. In addition the Chairman agreed to write to Police Scotland regarding improving communication while possibly saving police time.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting from the 28th September 2016 were discussed and approved. Where appropriate the discussion points are covered in section 4.

**3. Cromar Community Council Constitution**

It was agreed to postpone the detailed discussion of the Constitution to a future meeting.

**4. Cromar Report**

**4.1. Tarland Drains**

Work had continued on the repairs of the drains around Aberdeen Road and the Market Stance and local residents had reported that the drains seemed to be working. The Chairman said that he had learned that a new drain would be constructed at the edge of the Play Park near the Recycling Area.

**4.2. Market Stance, Tarland**

Feedback had been received from the Surgery that they believed they had adequate parking within their own grounds. It was agreed that the Chairman would follow up with the Council regarding removing the tarmac and

reseeding the area on the Market Stance.

4.3. *Christmas Lights in Tarland*

A tree was expected to be provided shortly from the MacRobert Estate. Nigel Healey reported that he was investigating getting permanent lights installed for Christmas 2017/18.

The Community Council wish to congratulate all those involved in decorating both the interior and exterior of the MacRobert Hall. An excellent Christmas display had been achieved.

4.4. *Pavilion and Bowling Green*

There had recently been a meeting between parties interested in the pavilion and the Council. The Council had concluded that the pavilion was unsuitable to be using in the winter due to the lack of insulation that had resulted in a recent pipe burst. The planned meeting to discuss options for the bowling green had been postponed until the New Year.

There was concern that the Council may be planning to transfer various leisure services into a Charitable Trust and this may well impact the possible uses of the pavilion and bowling green. It was agreed that the Chairman would seek clarification from the Council regarding this.

4.5. *Public Telephone Box Consultation*

The consultations had now ended and there was no news. It was believed that BT would offer the telephone boxes to the Community Council before offering them to anyone else.

4.6. *Tarland Bellcote*

The Council had arranged for the Bellcote to be inspected by an expert. The conclusion was that it could not be restored and put back. The Community Council felt that the Bellcote should not be disposed of and that there might be an opportunity for it to be displayed at ground level. It was suggest that options be discussed with Peter Craig and Veronica Ross.

4.7. *Logie Coldstone Trust*

A number of events were planned for the Hall: these included an Hogmanay Ceilidh, a Burns Supper and a return visit by Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham due in May.

**5. Tarland Welfare Trust**

Nigel Healey reported that the new heating system had now been working for two weeks. There were many positive comments from those who had used the hall since.

Future plans might include improvements in the kitchen and a better projection

system.

**6. Tarland Development Group**

Nothing to report.

**7. Cairngorms National Park**

Nothing to report. The Community Council had provided input to the recent CNP consultation.

**8. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

**9. Any Other Business**

There was concern about the implications of a forthcoming discussion by the Marr Area Committee about school roll forecasts. It was agreed that the Chairman would make inquiries, specifically with regard to Logie Coldstone School.

Following the earlier brief discussion of the Constitution it was agreed that the number of members needed for the meeting to be quorate should be clarified. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the number should be three members.

**10. Date of the Next Meeting**

Wednesday 11th January 2017 19.00 at Logie Coldstone School