



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 1st NOVEMBER 2017
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Sue Erskine, Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary) and a member of the public (Catriona Littlejohn).

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Paul Gibb, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Alec McVean, Emma Murphy and Police Scotland.

1. Planning

This item was taken out of order due to the time commitments of some of the attendees. Ms Littlejohn's concerns about a proposed "garden development" in Tarland prompted an extended discussion. She and other local residents were advised to address material planning matters (e.g. massing or flooding) should they wish to object.

2. Police Report

The combined Police Report for Upper Deeside had not yet been received. Dave Ellis said he would circulate it to members once it was issued.

3. Minutes

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 4th October were discussed:

Christmas Lights: Nigel Healey reported that he was continuing to make progress with having the lighting post installed in Tarland. The local community would be responsible to putting up the Christmas lights and Nigel was in discussion with Gordon Ross concerning this. New lights might cost £150. The goal was to have the tree and lights in place by Sunday 3rd December, the first day of advent.

The Christmas lights in Logie Coldstone had been left up from the previous year. Some broken bulbs needed to be replaced. It was hoped that the Tillypronie Estate might provide a tree.

Logie Coldstone Pathway: The infrastructure budget that included the £15,000 for the pathway had been discussed and agreed at the recent meeting of Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee. The Community Council expressed its thanks to the members of the Committee for their support. It was understood that Aberdeenshire Council's next step would be to send a 'letter of comfort' to the

landowner.

Community Action Plan: The plan for the Cromar Community Action Plan was discussed. A survey would be needed and this might include the 'Place Standard' process. Ideas also included 'Have Your Say' days at Logie Coldstone and Tarland early in the New Year. Local organisations would also be consulted during the process. Joyce Lovie volunteered to assist for Logie Coldstone and Nigel Healey for Tarland.

Tarland Bowling Green & Tree Planting: The redundant sheds and pumps had been offered to local residents, but there had been no interest. The Alford bowling club had asked to have the tank and pumps and this had been agreed by Landscape Services. It was agreed to meet with Bill Higham on site to decide on the positioning of the Tree Charter oak tree.

Links with Stanardsville USA: The Chairman was planning to meet with interested parties (e.g. Cromar History Group, T.D.G., Brownies, Tarland Welfare Trust etc.) to explore options.

2018 Meeting Dates: The timetable of 2018 meeting dates that had been circulated was agreed. **NB:** The planned meeting on the 10th January has been moved to Tuesday 9th January.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Veronica Ross and seconded by Joyce Lovie. These were agreed unanimously.

4. Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils

The Community Council agreed to investigate what changes would be required to its constitution to comply with the new Scheme on its introduction in 2018.

5. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £2707.53. Monies would be needed to match the contribution of the Aberdeenshire Council for the lighting post plus new Christmas lights. It was agreed that the Community Council would make a £100 contribution towards the maintenance of the Tarland Community Website.

6. Tarland Playpark Drainage

The drainage problem on the edge of the Tarland playpark had not yet been addressed. The Chairman agreed to follow-up on this.

7. Logie Coldstone Trust

The indoor bowls session had gone well and it was planned to repeat this up to three times in 2018. A performance as part of the Sound Festival and a Christmas fair were to be held in the Hall in the next few weeks, in addition to the monthly Community Café.

8. Tarland Welfare Trust

The events held in association with North East Arts Touring had been successful. Investigations into improving the projection facilities in the main hall continue.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairman read out a progress report from Joanna Fraser on the plans of the Tarland Community Housing group.

Veronica Ross reported that she had received a letter from BT saying that the telephone box removal project was complex and that they could not give an indication of when the work would be completed at Ordie and Migvie.

Veronica Ross had also discussed the prospective removal of the Ordie post box, which is incorporated into the wall of a private house, and found that there were no strong feelings about this.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday December 6th at Logie Coldstone Primary School at 19.00