



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9th JANUARY 2018
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Cllr. Geva Blackett, Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary),

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Paul Gibb, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Emma Murphy, Alec McVean

1. Police Report

The Community Council had been invited to take part in an Aberdeenshire wide consultation on the format and content of the Police Report. The deadline for input to this was the 5th February. It was agreed that Dave Ellis said he would circulate the comments that the Community Council had given in early 2017 to the similar South Aberdeenshire consultation. Councillors should feed back any additional comments or suggested changes.

2. Minutes

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 5th December were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Joyce Lovie. These were agreed unanimously.

3. Cromar Report

Logie Coldstone Pathway: A comprehensive letter had been sent by Derek Murray (Roads Manager, Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council) which he hoped would address any potential concerns that the landowner might have. Written confirmation from the landowner was still awaited.

Christmas Lights: Nigel Healey reported that he had not received an invoice from the Council for the Tarland lighting post. There was a discussion as to the number of signs at the road junction between the Coull road and the entrance to the Square. It was agreed that the Simon Welfare would write to the Roads Department of Aberdeenshire Council to see if a better arrangement for the signage was possible.

Drains and Roads: A drainage channel had been created in December to deal with the running water at Blelack. Cllr. Geva Blackett said she would provide the contact details of the owner of the property adjacent to the Logie Coldstone School soakaway and sewage treatment plant.

Work had begun on improving the drainage by Tarland Market Stance. It was hoped that the grass triangle at the corner of the Stance would be restored as part of these works. Given the recent poor weather there was a discussion on gritting and whether the existing bins were in the correct location. At Cllr. Blackett's suggestion, Community Councillors agreed to investigate the possibility of recruiting snow wardens.

Community Action Plan: There was an existing booking in the MacRobert Hall for the 24th February. It was suggested therefore to move the "Have Your Say" event to the 24th March. A meeting to draw up the questionnaire will be held during February.

Public Telephone Boxes: The transfer of ownership of the Migvie kiosk from BT to the Community Council was imminent. There was no word on timing of the removal of the Ordie telephone kiosk.

4. Community Council Accounts

The projected cleared balance (taking account the contribution towards Christmas lights lighting post etc.) stood at £1348.93.

5. Logie Coldstone Trust

Various successful events had been held in December and the New Year. The Community Cafe would reopen in February.

6. Tarland Welfare Trust

The Hogmanay event had been very successful with 160 people attending. Plans were being made for the refurbishment of the flat above the MacRobert Hall. New pads were being obtained for the defibrillator unit sited outside the Hall.

7. Cairngorm National Park

Consultation on the Main Issues Report for the next Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan (2020) is underway and the Community Council plans to contribute. It was thought useful if Councillors knew more about the Park's Local Development Plan. Cllr. Blackett offered to facilitate some training on this.

8. Planning

There was a planning application for the Tarland Cemetery Extension. Councillors were asked to check the details on the Planning Department website. It was proposed that the Community Council be supportive of the plans.

9. Any Other Business

Given the overall shortage of affordable housing, Nigel Healey expressed surprise that no 8 Cromar Cottages, owned by Aberdeenshire Council, had apparently remained empty since 2016. Cllr. Blackett agreed to follow up on the reasons for the delay.

The notice board arrangements for displaying Community Council agendas and minutes were discussed. The Tarland Welfare Trust plans to make another noticeboard available at the MacRobert Hall for use by the Community Council.

The Community Council agreed to review its the constitution during February to comply with the forthcoming changes to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

The Chairman had received a request to provide a bus shelter in Tarland. It was agreed that the feasibility of providing one would be investigated and that Cllr. Blackett would make contact with the relevant department of Aberdeenshire Council.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday February 13th at Logie Coldstone School at 19.00