



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 23rd MAY 2018  
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chair), Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary), Cllr. Paul Gibb

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Emma Murphy

**1. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 25th April were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Evelyn Smith and seconded by Nigel Healey. Agreement was unanimous.

**2. Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Paul Gibb reported that the landowner had now signed the documents agreeing to the Logie Coldstone pathway. The project was now being run by Ralph Newlands of Roads and a meeting was planned with the landowner to agree the detailed works.

Cllr. Gibb mentioned that a forum was being setup to discuss the longer terms plans for the Gairnshiel Bridge. The Community Council supported this development.

**3. Cromar Report**

*Logie Coldstone Pathway:* This topic was covered in the Councillor's Report section.

*Drains and Roads:* It was expected that the planned meeting with Angela Funk of Aberdeenshire Council and walkabout in Tarland would take place before the next Community Council meeting.

Some work had been undertaken to clear drains in Aberdeen Road, Tarland, following the recent rain storms.

*Tarland Community Housing:* The Chairman reported that he understood that a part time job had been created for a community support worker to help move forward the proposals and that a feasibility study had been commissioned.

*Woodland at Migvie:* The proposal for the planting of new woodland at Migvie was discussed. In total 195 hectares might be planned with new trees. It was agreed that the Community Council should ask Bidwells to extend the consultation to a later date in June:

this would give more time for local people to feed back their views. The final decision on the proposal would rest with the Forestry Commission Scotland.

*Tarland Bowling Green:* Bill Higham (Technical Officer for Landscape Services) presented proposals for the old Bowling Green. In the earlier consultation, 62% of respondents had preferred the option with wild flowers and picnic benches. New wide paths would be created leading from the recycling area car park across the grass surrounding the bowling green. In addition a new path would join to the pavilion entrance. Already local residents are using the path around the bowling green for walking children and babies in pushchairs.

It was hoped that a start would be made on making the pathways and planting the trees and shrubs this year and that the wildflower planting would follow in the Spring of 2019.

The old pumps and other equipment from Tarland had found good homes in Alford and Kincardine O'Neil and this meant that other communities had been able to avoid spending a significant sum on new equipment.

Members of the Community Council expressed their support for the proposals and their thanks to Mr Higham.

The matter of the caravans being parked close to the Market Stance was raised. Mr Higham offered to check on the ownership of this ground (whether it belonged to Aberdeenshire Council or possibly the MacRobert Estate).

*Police Report:* The Police Report dated 7th April was discussed. Concern was expressed at the finding of more drugs paraphernalia near the bird hide and plantation on the Coull road from Tarland. It was agreed to discuss with the MacRobert Trust's Estate Manager if access to the plantation could be prevented and whether it might be a good idea if closed circuit TV might be sited at the bird hide. The Secretary was asked to discuss other options with the police.

## **5. Community Council Elections**

Cllr. Paul Gibb confirmed that he would attend the forthcoming AGM in place of the Returning Officer (many election meetings were being held across Aberdeenshire at the same time). Cllr. Gibb would chair the meeting until the election of new officers.

## **6. Tarland & Logie Coldstone Have Your Say**

The Logie Coldstone Have Your Say meeting was planned for the 1st June to take place on the same morning as the Community Cafe. It was planned to also have a separate survey for the children at Tarland and Logie Coldstone schools.

## **7. Community Council Accounts**

The balance of the account stood at £1325.54 following the arrival of the lighting post grant from Aberdeenshire Council.

**8. Logie Coldstone Trust**

The Morven Walk and barbeque would be held at the last Bank Holiday weekend in May.

**9. Tarland Welfare Trust**

Nigel Healey reported that the Hall had had a very busy weekend with many events booked.

**10. Tarland Development Group**

The minutes from the TDG's recent meeting were awaited.

**11. Planning**

There was one application only. The 'holiday hyttes' at Allalogie that had been discussed at an earlier meeting now appeared to be in the area of Ballater & Crathie Community Council.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 27th June at Logie Coldstone Primary School at 19.00