



**DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 5th DECEMBER 2018  
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chair), Alec McVean (Vice Chair), Nigel Healey, Joyce Lovie, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer), Cllr. Paul Gibb.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Emma Murphy, Evelyn Smith

**1. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 7th November were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Alec McVean and seconded by Joyce Lovie. Agreement was unanimous.

**2. Councillor's Report**

In relation to the request for a crossing in Logie Coldstone, Cllr. Paul Gibb updated the meeting on the process, which includes a speed survey. Other surveys conducted in the area had shown that there was a particular issue on the west side of Aboyne on the A93 and to a lesser extent on the Tarland Road in Aboyne. The timing for carrying out a survey in Logie Coldstone was still awaited and Cllr. Gibb undertook to continue to press for this.

Cllr. Gibb said that the solar-powered speed sign in Logie Coldstone had been repaired and it was anticipated that the timings would be reset.

**3. Police Report**

Cllr. Gibb provided an update following his meeting with Police Sergeant Keith Greig on the 28th November. Routine patrols had been stepped up on the Tarland to Coull road but nothing suspicious had been identified.

It was hoped that Police Sergeant Greig, who is responsible for the Cromar area, would be able to attend the January Community Council meeting. Further discussion concerning the Police Report was deferred until Sergeant Greig could be present.

**4. Cromar Report**

*Logie Coldstone Soakaway:* There was no update available.

*Roads & Drains:* During recent heavy rain then the drains in Tarland, particularly those in the Aberdeen Road, had coped well. It was suggested that the issue of water running across the road in Logie Coldstone should be reported to Aberdeenshire Council using the online

system. The Chairman planned to discuss with Donald Gordon his report of potholes in the Tarland to Aboyne road.

*Christmas Lights:* In Logie Coldstone a Christmas tree had been kindly supplied by the Tillypronie Estate and this had been lit in time for the Christmas Fair in November.

In Tarland a tree from the MacRobert Estate had been chosen and then felled by the Estate. Gordon Ross and his team were arranging lights for the tree and also for additional lights for the trees by the Old Kirk. Warm thanks were given to the MacRobert Trust Estate, Gordon Ross and all those who had helped with the setup of the tree and lights. A formal “switch on” was planned for the Tarland Village Christmas Evening on December 7th.

*Notice Board and Digital Presence:* The new notice board for Community Council information at the MacRobert Hall entrance has been attached to the wall and is now in use. It was planned to add signage to make this more visible.

The option of a Community Council website deferred from the last meeting was discussed. The twelve month hosting cost of £43 for was considered good value and it was decided to proceed with a dedicated website on a trial basis. The Community Council would continue to use the facilities provided by the tarland.org.uk community site.

*Community Engagement and Community Action Plan:* Nothing further had been heard from the representative of the Scottish Land Commission who had been working with the MacRobert Estate. It was proposed that a meeting be held in February with local groups to encourage community engagement and further the development of a CAP.

*Bowling Green and Pavilion:* It was agreed to recommend that a rowan tree be planted at the centre of the redeveloped bowling green. Over time, this would be a more appropriate size than an oak tree. A discussion about how to increase usage of the Tarland Playpark pavilion revealed that the problem of lack of information about how to hire pavilions owned by Aberdeenshire Council appeared to be one that is county-wide. Typing the word “pavilion” into the Council search engine produced zero results. The Chairman agreed to contact the person responsible within the Council to discuss this.

## **5. Community Council Accounts**

The projected balance of the account stood at £1467.78. This total included the £100 contribution towards the upcoming Cromar children’s party.

## **6. Local Development Plan 2021 - 2016**

Aberdeenshire Council had recently published information concerning the 2021-2026 Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (ALDP). A Draft Proposed ALDP would be published in January. The “settlement statements” were of particular interest as these will guide developments over the plan period. It was anticipated that there would be more discussion of the ALDP at Community Council meetings in early 2019.

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

The Christmas Fair had been very successful and the last 2018 Community Cafe would shortly take place. A Hogmanay ceilidh was planned together with a Quiz Night on the 5th January.

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

Currently there were over twelve bookings a week which made this the busiest time of the year for the Hall. Tickets for the Hogmanay event were selling well.

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

Nothing to report.

### **10. Planning**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

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

The letter from Andrew Bowie MP to Stagecoach concerning the local bus services was discussed.

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

Tuesday 8th January at Tarland Primary School at 19.00