



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Alec McVean (Vice Chair), Emma Murphy, Joyce Lovie, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer), Cllr. Paul Gibb and two members of the public, Sarah Smith and Donald Gordon.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 3rd October were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Alec McVean and seconded by Joyce Lovie. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Councillor's Report

Cllr. Paul Gibb updated the meeting on the steps needed to make the case for a crossing between the new path in Logie Coldstone and the school. Police are looking at traffic volumes and traffic speeds as a first step.

Emma Murphy reported that the solar-powered speed sign in Logie Coldstone was not working. Cllr. Gibb said that, due to ongoing maintenance issues, it had been decided that solar powered signs would no longer be repaired if there was a fault.

The earlier plans to replace the septic tank at Logie Coldstone had run into problems due to tree roots. The design work would need to be repeated in order to find a satisfactory solution. This may well take some time to complete.

3. Police Report

The Secretary updated the meeting with communications with Police Sergeant Keith Greig who is responsible for the Cromar area. Police patrols on the Tarland to Coull road had been increased, but nothing suspicious had been identified. Sergeant Greig was trying to make contact with those residents who had been reporting problems with discarded drugs paraphernalia on the road.

There was no information as to when the next Police Report would be issued. There was concern expressed at the meeting as to the number of recent local incidents known to the community.

The Secretary was asked to re-issue the invitation for Sergeant Greig to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

4. Cromar Report

Logie Coldstone Soakaway: This is covered in the Councillor's Report.

Roads & Drains: It appears that recent work may have improved the drainage in Tarland, as no recent flooding was reported during recent periods of heavy rain. It was thought desirable to clear the gullies before possible flooding took place. Donald Gordon offered to continue to monitor the situation and call in issues into Aberdeenshire Council as necessary.

Market Stance, Tarland: The Chairman had continued the dialogue with the Landscape Services concerning the ownership of the Market Stance and the Council policy towards parking there.

Bowling Green and Pavilion

The Secretary was asked to write to Steve Russell at the Aboyne Leisure Centre to discuss the lack of visibility of the booking process for the Bowling Green Pavilion. Doing this over the winter would allow members of the community to book the Pavilion more easily once it reopens in the Spring.

Christmas Lights: It seemed unlikely that the permanent tree that was planned for Tarland Square would be in place in time for the 2018 Christmas season. The Chairman agreed to ask the MacRobert Trust Estate if they could help in providing a tree.

Logie Coldstone was due to receive a tree from the Tillypronie Estate and it was planned that this would be in place for the planned Christmas Fair on Sunday, 18 November.

Tarland Community Housing: The Chairman reported on a meeting that with Joanna Fraser of Tarland Community Housing. The feasibility study had identified various options and he understood that these would shortly be presented to the steering group and the trustees of the Tarland Development Group.

5. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1567.78, including the cheque for the rental of the Logie Coldstone Hall for a recent meeting

6. Tarland Village Christmas Evening & Childrens Party

Sarah Smith explained the plans that were being developed for a Christmas Evening in Tarland Square on Friday 7th December. The plan was for the shops to stay open later in the evening, with a Santa competition, two vintage tractors and possible participation from the Guides, local bell ringers and carol singers.

The Community Council wished to offer its support for this initiative and agreed that it would do everything possible to ensure that the tree and lights were in place in advance of the event. The Community Council offered to help with permissions from Aberdeenshire Council

if it was desired to close part, or all, of The Square. Given the experience at the Food and Music weekend, Sarah thought that this was unlikely to be needed.

Sarah Smith went on to describe plans for a Children's Christmas Party for the children of Cromar to be held on the 16th December. Donations were being sought to cover part of the cost of the event, expected to be in the region of £800. The Community Council agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the funds needed.

7. Community Council Matters

The Chairman said he had consulted members of Mid-Deeside Community Council on the subject of attracting Junior Members. It was suggested that following up with the Aboyne Youth Forum might be helpful. Overall it appeared that other Community Councils were in a similar position to Cromar in having difficulty in finding Junior Members.

There was a discussion on the current digital presence of the Community Council and whether this should be improved. It was agreed to point the domain name used for the Community Council emails to the Community Council page of the Tarland website. The requirements - e.g. what information was wanted, who would update it etc. - were carried forward to the next meeting.

The draft of the 2019 meeting dates had been circulated. It was agreed to go forward with the dates proposed.

8. Logie Coldstone Trust

There were a number of events planned, including the Christmas Fair on the 18th November, the AGM on the 26th November, Hogmanay Celebrations and a Quiz Night on the 5th January.

9. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nothing to report.

8. Tarland Development Group

The Chairman had received an email from the TDG confirming some of the discussion points from the last meeting. The Drummy Wood car park would remain free to use by walkers and dog walkers and the siting of a planned ticket machine would encourage payment from those using the bike trails.

The TDG had confirmed that they would take ongoing responsibility for the proposed car park at Smallburn if this were to be constructed, whether or not the Tarland Trails #2 project went ahead.

The TDG had given a positive response to the Community Council's proposal to involve local groups in an exchange of ideas and the development of the Community Action Plan in early 2019.

9. Planning

Recent planning applications were discussed. No comments from the Community Council were considered necessary.

10 . Any Other Business

There was no other business..

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th December at Logie Coldstone Primary School at 19.00