



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20th FEBRUARY 2019
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Alec McVean (Vice Chair), Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer) Nigel Healey, Emma Murphy, Joyce Lovie, Veronica Ross,.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Paul Gibb, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Evelyn Smith.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 5th January were discussed. There was a minor correction to Cllr. Paul Gibb's report. With this correction, acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Dave Ellis. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Police Report

The Police Report covering Lower and Upper Deeside had been received and circulated to Members and was discussed.

3. Councillor's Report

The septic tank project at Logie Coldstone School was still under consideration and there was no update available. A meeting to discuss road crossings and speeding issues was planned between all Ward 15 Councillors and Martin Hall of Aberdeenshire Council on 19th March.

4. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: There had recently been heavy rain in the village. The Chairman would discuss with Donald Gordon whether there had been any issues with flooding in the Aberdeen Road and the surrounding area.

Christmas Lights: A meeting had been held with interested residents of Tarland to discuss potential improvements to the Christmas lights in 2019. This group would be established as a sub-group of the Community Council. The "switch on" event in December was seen as a success, with significant numbers in attendance, including many children. For reasons of road safety, there was a strong feeling that the whole Square should be closed for the event in future years.

Digital Presence: A number of members had visited the website used by Leith Links Community Council. A simpler version of this was considered to be appropriate for Cromar. The Secretary would circulate to members an example site for their comments.

Community Engagement and Community Action Plan: Given Members' other commitments, it was agreed to delay continuing the work on the Community Action Plan until the late summer/autumn.

Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (ALDP): A meeting with Aberdeenshire Council's Local Plan Team had been arranged for Monday 11th March in the MacRobert Hall. The team would make a presentation about the process of developing the ALDP and then facilitate a discussion on the settlement statements for Tarland and Logie Coldstone. Given the importance of the ALDP, it was agreed that the next scheduled meeting of the Community Council (20/3) should be devoted to a public discussion of the ALDP.

Community Council Legal Standing: The guidance provided by Aberdeenshire Council to Community Councils was discussed. Since there appeared to still be a number of grey areas as to liability, it was agreed to continue to seek further clarification from Aberdeenshire Council. The Secretary was asked to ensure that all current and potential Community Council activities had been notified to the insurance company.

5. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1424.17, including £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

6. Logie Coldstone Trust

The next Community Café was planned for the 1st March. The annual Duck Race was scheduled for the 5th May, and the Morven Walk and Barbeque for the 25th May.

7. Tarland Welfare Trust

Bookings had picked up significantly, with twelve events in a single week recently. A play in the Doric language was planned for June.

8. Tarland Development Group

The minutes of the TDG had been circulated earlier.

9. Planning

Planning applications were discussed, but Members decided to offer no comments.

10. Any Other Business

Nigel Healey reported that the refurbishment of the empty council house in Tarland was scheduled to begin on the 5th March. The proposed refuse collection and recycling scheme was briefly discussed. A number of Tarland residents had visited the Aberdeenshire Council storage facility at Mintlaw and had found that the Old Kirk belcote stones were in better condition than had been reported.. The process for the next Cromar Community Council elections was discussed. It was agreed that these should be held in June 2019 for the whole Community Council.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th March at Tarland School at 19.00