



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 8th JANUARY 2019
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Nigel Healey, Joyce Lovie, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer), Cllr. Paul Gibb, Serg. Keith Greig and one member of the public (Donald Gordon)

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

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 5th December were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Dave Ellis. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Police Report

The meeting welcomed Sergeant Keith Greig who is the officer responsible for the Cromar area. The written Police Report was discussed. Serg. Greig stated that the most significant problems in Deeside were traffic issues and accidents involving young drivers. The “Stay Alive” campaign was still running and this was considered a good thing. Out of hours patrols had continued in the Tarland area in response to reports of the discovery of paraphernalia relating to drug usage, but nothing of note had been detected. In total there had been twenty two incidents in the previous two months and the bulk of these had been in the Banchory area. The attendance at the meeting by Serg. Greig was considered very helpful and he was invited to attend from time to time as his duties allowed.

3. Councillor’s Report

The septic tank project at Logie Coldstone School was still in progress and new plan was being prepared. An update was expected from the planners. Cllr. Gibb said that a new speed monitoring protocol (consistent across all Aberdeenshire) is to be introduced which will discretely monitor driver behaviour, then where there is a an issue use a visible monitoring device (smiley face) then once again will discretely monitor driver behaviour to see if a change has occurred (following the removal of the smiley face). Where behaviour has not changed options for enforcement can be considered. This is likely to be used to assess the speed of traffic in Logie Coldstone. The Live Life Aberdeenshire initiative would begin in January and this would take over responsibility for sporting facilities, libraries, museums and arts facilities formerly in the care of Aberdeenshire Council. The Live Life Aberdeenshire initiative is a twelve month pilot.

4. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: There had been few problems reported so far this winter and there had been proactive cleaning of the drains before recent heavy rain. There were reports of bad potholes in the Tomnaverie Stone Circle car park. The Chairman agreed to investigate and follow-up with Historic Environment Scotland as necessary. All residents are encouraged to report potholes and road problems to Aberdeenshire Council using its online system.

Christmas Lights: A meeting was planned in Logie Coldstone to see if any changes were wanted for 2019. The Tarland “switch on” event was seen as an excellent initiative with significant numbers attending. Given the numbers of people (especially children) in the Square, a closure of the whole Square was recommended for any repeat event. The Secretary agreed to convene a meeting for those interested to plan the 2019 event.

Digital Presence: The Secretary had contacted Community Councils Scotland because it had published templates for Community Council websites. The site used by Leith Links Community Council (<http://www.leithlinksc.org.uk>) was seen as a good example of what others are doing, but is a much larger scale than would be appropriate for Cromar.

Community Engagement and Community Action Plan: The Chairman said he would try to agree a date for a meeting of community groups to discuss future projects and the forthcoming Community Action Plan.

Bowling Green and Pavilion: Landscape Services were thanked for making the new, child-friendly, paths around the old bowling green.

Tilhill Forestry: A letter had been received by the Chairman from Tilhill Forestry with a forest plan for Pittenderich. The concept map of the area concerned would be circulated to Members to see whether they had any comments to make.

Community Council Legal Standing: The recent press reports of a legal case involving Connel Community Council were discussed. The Community Council agreed to seek further guidance on its implications for Members.

5. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1467.78 plus £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

6. Local Development Plan 2021 - 2016

Aberdeenshire Council had recently published information concerning the 2021-2026 Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (ALDP). A Main Issues Report (MIR) would be published for consultation in January. The “settlement statements” for Logie Coldstone and Tarland were of particular interest as these will guide developments in Cromar over the plan period. It was anticipated that there would be more discussion of the ALDP at Community Council meetings before the end of the consultation on April 8. The Community Council would like as many people as possible in the area to consider the Main Issues Report and

Settlement Statements and submit their thoughts to Aberdeenshire Council via <http://bit.ly/MIR202>.

7. Logie Coldstone Trust

The Hogmanay ceilidh had gone very well and a total of £1200 had been raised between the ceilidh and the Quiz Night.

8. Tarland Development Group

Nothing to report.

9. Planning

Recent planning applications were discussed, but Members decided not to offer any comments.

10 . Any Other Business

There were no AOB items.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th February at Logie Coldstone Hall at 19.00