



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 29 MAY 2019
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Nigel Healey, Joyce Lovie, Dave Ellis (Secretary), Cllr. Paul Gibb

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross, Emma Murphy, Evelyn Smith

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 24th April were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Simon Welfare. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Police Report

The Police Report covering Lower and Upper Deeside had been received and circulated to Members and was discussed. It was suggested that Sergeant Greig might be invited to attend the meeting in September or October.

3. Councillor's Report

Cllr. Gibb updated the meeting regarding the Logie Coldstone School soakaway. SEPA had approved the specification of an updated design. This will allow for a CAR (Controlled Activities Regulations) license to be applied for. The next step would then be to get a price for the planned works.

Regarding the road crossing near Logie Coldstone Primary School, a "quick look" survey of traffic volumes and speeds had been carried out. The current policy looks at traffic throughout the day and this would place Logie Coldstone down the priority list of sites for a crossing. In Logie Coldstone's case, the key usage times would be when children are going to or returning from School (08.00 to 09.00 & 15.30 to 16.30). Changing the weighting that determines the need for a crossing would require a change in the Council's Policy 15 and Cllr. Gibb said that he hoped this would be considered in the near future.

4. Communication with Council

The Chairman said that he had been in touch with the Marr Area Office as a result of the previous meeting's discussion about communication between Aberdeenshire Council and the Community Council. He was glad to report that the Area Manager had taken up the points he had raised with the departments and organisations concerned, and that she had asked all services to ensure that Ward Councillors, Community Councils and the Marr Area Office were informed of anything that they were involved in any particular area.

5. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: There had been another water main burst on the Aberdeen Road. There had been recent heavy rain recently and the drains appeared to be coping well.

Christmas Tree: An on-site meeting at the Market Stance had been held with Bill Higham of Aberdeen Council's Landscape Services. It was proposed that the tree would be planned in late June. Bill Higham planned to check that the ground was suitable for the tree before the planting. It was proposed that children from the school and the local community would be invited to the planting.

6. Closure of Cromar Kids' Club

Discussions of the arrangements for the Cromar Kids' Club were still ongoing and no permanent solution was yet in place. The timetable and actions that had earlier been agreed with parents were running late. The Community Council agreed to continue to monitor the proposals, since the Kids' Club was a greatly valued facility in the area.

7. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1,380.67, including £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

8. Logie Coldstone Trust

The Community Café was scheduled for the first Friday of each month. The annual Fun Games was planned for Saturday 29th June.

9. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nigel Healey reported that there had been a recent circus show in the Hall that was designed for children 18 months or less. This had been very successful with 80% of the tickets sold online via NEAT. He added that a play in the Doric dialect would soon be performed in the Hall..

10. Tarland Development Group

The minutes of the TDG had been circulated.

11. Planning

There were no outstanding planning applications.

12. Any Other Business

Nigel Healey described how a visitor to the MacRobert Memorial Hall had asked about the charging of electric vehicles in Tarland. Currently the nearest facilities are in Aboyne. The need for charging facilities had also been mentioned in the minutes of the TDG. Cllr. Gibb reported that there was support for increasing the charging capacity in Aboyne. Nigel offered to follow up to see how a charger might be installed in the recycling car park.

The planned 2020 celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day was discussed. Every Community Council in Scotland had been asked to provide a piper to perform at 3pm on the 8th May. It was thought that the weekend of national celebrations would be a good

opportunity for organising a concert and, possibly, a World War II exhibition similar to the one mounted to mark the anniversary of the beginning of the Great War in 2014.

13. Date of Next Meeting & Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 26th June at Logie Coldstone Hall at 19.00