



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 26th JUNE 2019
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Paul Gibb, Simon Welfare (Chair), Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Emma Murphy, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer) and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, and Alec McVean

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 29th May were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Joyce Lovie and seconded by Simon Welfare. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Councillor's Report

Cllr. Gibb updated the meeting regarding the Logie Coldstone School soakaway. SEPA had been sent a CAR (Controlled Activities Regulations) license request. The Marr Area Committee had agreed to proceed with the procurement at a meeting held on the 18th June. There was no timetable yet determined for the work.

The Tarland After School Club is covered as a separate agenda item.

Cllr. Gibb shared the high level results of the recent traffic survey in Logie Coldstone. There was discussion at the meeting regarding the common sense thought that traffic speeds were more important when children were walking to school, returning from school or walking to the Hall for activities. Currently there is no weighting given to different times of day. Cllr. Gibb expected that Policy 15 and the possibility of having different weightings would be discussed by the Marr Area Committee and then the Infrastructure Services Committee.

3. Police Report

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

4. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: There had been recent heavy rain and water had been seen coming from the drains in the Aberdeen Road. The Council appeared to be responsive to reports from locals that the drains should be cleared in advance of bad weather. To date the weather had not been as extreme as in earlier years and therefore had not tested the capacity of the drains to the same degree. In Logie Coldstone some large pot holes had been reported but

these had not yet been repaired. In 2018 there had been an onsite meeting with Angela Funk of Roads where it was confirmed that the Tarland to Coull road would be addressed in 2019. Clarification of the timetable for this would be sought.

Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights: A recent meeting had been held with Criag Morrison of Landscape Services. Craig advised that the best time for the newly donated tree to be planted was from late October to mid November. Simon Welfare would discuss with the MacRobert Trust if they could continue to look after the tree until it is planned.

The options for improving the Tarland lights were still being investigated. Nigel Healey would again look at the feasibility of floodlighting the Old Kirk. Logie Coldstone were happy with their lights and no new ones were needed.

Hanging Baskets: Aberdeenshire Council had provided an excellent array of bedding plants to Logie Coldstone and Tarland. Wilbur Stewart had worked with pupils of Tarland School to plant up the baskets for the village. Similarly Evelyn Smith had planted out all the bedding plants for Logie Coldstone. The MacRobert Estate had assisted by moving the plants to the Tarland School using their transport & trailer and for hanging the baskets in the village. All were thanked warmly for their community spirit in improving the appearance of Tarland and Logie Coldstone.

6. Closure of Cromar Kids' Club

Cllr. Gibb had spoken with Julia Matthew, (Quality Improvement Manager Early Years), and had been reassured that the closure was purely down to staffing issues and not constrained funding. Local advertising continues to identify someone with the right qualifications ready for the next term. Julia Matthew was looking to improve the timely communication with parents who are using or might use the Club.

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 annual Fun Games was planned for Saturday 29th June with many activities planned for the day. After the Games Saturday the organisers would review the arrangements for the alcohol license and may seek the assistance from the Community Council in advance of the 2020 event.

9. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nigel Healey reported that the Hall was entering a quiet period of the year for bookings. There would shortly be a play performed in the Doric dialect. A regular "cooking club" would shortly be starting at the Hall using produce from the Community Garden. There had recently been a water leak in the roof and discussions regarding the claim had been ongoing with the insurance company.

10. Tarland Development Group

The minutes of the TDG had been circulated.

11. Planning

The developments on the Tillypronie Estate were briefly discussed. It was agreed that no input from the Community Council was necessary.

12. Any Other Business

Nigel Healey reported that an application for an electric charging point had been made to the Scottish Government and a response was awaited.

The celebration of VE Day in 2020 was discussed. Veronica Ross agreed to join a sub-committee to plan possible events. It was thought that an evening concert might be appropriate. It was agreed that the Chair would book the halls in Tarland and Logie Coldstone and would obtain the services of a piper. Further options would be discussed at the meeting in August.

Comments had been sought by Aberdeenshire Council regarding the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. It was agreed that we wish to make no additional comments at this time.

The proposed meeting dates to June 2020 were circulated. It was agreed that these were acceptable and the Secretary should make the bookings for the two schools. It was hoped that caretaker arrangements could be made to allow the meetings to revert to Logie Coldstone School.

13. Date of Next Meeting & Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21st August at Tarland Primary School at 19.00