



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21st AUGUST 2019
AT TARLAND SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Paul Gibb, Simon Welfare (Chair), Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Emma Murphy, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer).

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

1. Minutes

A clarification of the AGM Minutes with regard to the acceptance of the 2018/2019 accounts had been requested by the Area Office. The acceptance of the amended AGM Minutes was proposed by Veronica Ross and seconded by Emma Murphy. Agreement was unanimous. The Minutes of the meeting of the 26th June were discussed. The section on hanging baskets was amended to recognise the extra assistance provided by the MacRobert Trust in installing them. Acceptance of the amended Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Joyce Lovie. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Councillor's Report

There was no written report for August but Cllr. Gibb provided updates to the individual topics as they were discussed at the meeting.

3. Police Report

Sergeant Greig had agreed to attend the Community Council meeting in either October or November. The timing would be dependent on operational requirements. The written Police Report covering the summer period would be issued at the end of August. The Police were thanked for their work at this year's Tarland Show.

4. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: Despite the recent heavy rain the drains are working well generally and gullies were being cleared in advance of problems. Retreading of a number of roads in the local area was shortly to begin. It was expected that this would be a much better long term solution than the individual patching of potholes that had been carried out before.

Logie Coldstone Crossing: The date for the review of Policy 15, which covers the grounds for establishing a road crossing, is still awaited. Any change in policy would then come before each area committee and finally the Infrastructure Services Committee.

Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights: It was planned that the planting of the Christmas Tree would take place in late October to mid November depending on the weather. The Tarland

Christmas event was planned for Saturday 30th November in The Square. This year The Square would be fully closed for the evening rather than a partial closure was the case in 2018. A planning meeting will be held in mid October.

Hanging Baskets: The hanging baskets in Tarland provided an excellent display throughout the summer. Geordie Rattray and Frank Yule were thanked for their efforts in keeping the baskets well watered.

Tarland Telephone Box: The proposal for the removal of the telephone box in The Square in Tarland was discussed. This was a modern-style BT glass box rather than the iconic red telephone box. There were no objections from the Community Council to the removal of the box provided that the usual public consultation took place.

VE Day in 2020: The 75th anniversary of VE Day in 2020 was discussed. A concert in the MacRobert Hall was proposed. Nigel Healey agreed to book the Hall. Emma Murphy thought that it would be good to involve Logie Coldstone School in any local commemorations.

Tarland Community Housing: An update was provided by the Chair on the Tarland Community Housing project. It was agreed that the Chair should draft a letter supporting any assistance that might be available from the Scottish Land Fund toward the purchase of the land.

Electric Charging Point: Nigel Healey was still awaiting a response to his enquiries about obtaining a charging point for Tarland. It was noted that the TDG may be applying to be part of an electric car scheme that would also require a charger.

Tarland Pavillion: Glynis Buchan of Live Life Aberdeenshire had told the Chairman that she was surveying sporting groups to understand their potential usage of the pavillion and promised to discuss the results of her survey with the Community Council when this had been completed..

Community Engagement: The Chairman was developing a plan to move this forward. This would be discussed at the meeting in October.

5. Cromar Kids' Club

The Tarland Kids' Club has been reopened ready for the new school term. Thanks were given to all those who had assisted in finding a satisfactory solution that allowed the Club to continue. The Club was seen to provide a valuable local service.

6. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1246.93, including £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

7. Logie Coldstone Trust

The Hall now had free broadband internet access as part of a programme to improve access

to Logie Coldstone School. Fundraising activities were planned for both the School and also for the Curling Club.

8. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nigel Healey reported that bookings for the MacRobert Hall were picking up after the summer and that finances were improving.

9. Tarland Development Group

The minutes of the TDG had been circulated.

10. Planning

Four planning applications were discussed. It was agreed that no input from the Community Council was necessary.

11. Any Other Business

The Community Council had been asked to publicise the schedule for the mobile library both in Tarland and Logie Coldstone. The mobile library was seen as a valuable service for those who could not easily visit a library branch.

Tuesday 10th September and then fortnightly thereafter
Logie Coldstone School Car Park 12.55 to 13.25
Tarland Anderson Terrace 13.40 to 14.00
Tarland The Square 14.05 to 14.30
Tarland Cromar Court 14.35 to 14.55
Tarland School Road 15.00 to 15.20

A question was raised about whether the signage on the Aberdeen Arms conformed to the planning permission that had been granted in earlier years. Veronica Ross offered to follow this up.

12. Date of Next Meeting & Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October at Logie Coldstone Hall at 19.00