



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 2nd OCTOBER 2019  
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chair), Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Nigel Healey, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer) and three members of the public.

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

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 21st August were discussed. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Nigel Healey and seconded by Veronica Ross. Agreement was unanimous.

**2. Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Gibb was attending the AGM of Braemar Care and therefore was unable to attend the Community Council. Cllr. Gibb provided a written update on the Logie Coldstone crossing. This is covered in the Cromar Report section.

**3. Police Report**

The written Police Report covering the period from June to August had arrived and had been circulated. There was a brief discussion of a report in the Press and Journal (3rd September) concerning a road accident thought to have taken place on the A97.

**4. Cromar Report**

*Roads & Drains:* The drains in Tarland continue to perform satisfactorily despite the occasional heavy rain. There had been much positive feedback concerning the resurfacing that had taken place in the local area. This was considered a much better solution than repeated patching on sections of road with multiple potholes. It was noted that the road markings by the surgery near the Market Stance needed to be reinstated.

*Logie Coldstone Crossing:* Cllr Gibb reported that the Infrastructure Services Committee was due to have an update on the roads policy review on the 3rd October. This was seen as the most likely route to a change in policy that might support a crossing in Logie Coldstone.

*Tarland Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights:* The planting of the Scots Fir was planned for late October / mid November, depending on the weather. The Tarland Christmas lights switch-on was planned for Saturday 30th November in The Square. It was noted that there was a Christmas shopping night planned for the MacRobert Memorial Hall on the 28th

November.

*VE Day Anniversary in 2020:* The Chairman was pleased to confirm that Paul Anderson and Shona Donaldson had very kindly agreed to organise a concert for the evening of 8th May 2020 in the MacRobert Hall. A booking had been made for the Hall on behalf of the Community Council. There was a discussion as to who might be asked to play the pipes and play the bugle at both the Tarland and Logie Coldstone afternoon events.

*Electric Charging Point:* Nigel Healey confirmed that no planning permission was needed for installing an electric car charger. The next step was to gain the agreement of Aberdeenshire Council Estates who have responsibility for the recycling area.

*Tarland Pavilion:* The Chairman would continue discussions with Glynis Buchan of Live Life Aberdeenshire concerning the results of the survey into the use of the pavilion by interested groups. It was noted that the pavilion had been used for some events over the Food and Music Weekend.

*Community Engagement:* The Chairman would circulate a paper before the November meeting. Input gathering could be both online and via paper forms. Nigel Healey confirmed that the Marr Area Partnership might meet any printing costs for a Community Action Plan. It was agreed to reform the sub-group that began the work on the CAP in 2018.

## **5. Tarland Wetland Study**

Kathy Dale made a presentation on the work that had been undertaken on the Tarland Wetland Study on behalf of the TDG. The final report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Some 330 pieces of previous work had been collated as part of the study. Historically there had been consultation with land managers and farmers but little had been done about getting input from the wider community. At this time there were no definite plans for either small or large projects. The goal was to raise awareness generally and this was planned to begin in January. The meeting was very supportive of the approach being taken and looked forward to the project moving forward.

## **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 Community Cafe was scheduled for the 4th October and also the 1st November. A Christmas Fair was planned for the 17th November. A newsletter and calendar were in preparation.

## **8. Tarland Welfare Trust**

Nigel Healey reported that the repairs to the roof of the MacRobert Memorial Hall were now complete. A performance of 'Hansel and Gretel' was planned for the 13th December and planning for Hogmanay was underway.

### **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**

There was a discussion on the policy for “developer contributions” as part of the planning process and the system of allocation. It was agreed to discuss this with Cllr. Gibb.

### **12. Date of Next Meeting & Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 6th November at Tarland Primary School at 19.00