



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 6th NOVEMBER 2019
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chair), Evelyn Smith, Cllr. Paul Gibb, Dave Ellis (Secretary / Treasurer) and one member of the public (Donald Gordon)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Emma Murphy, Andrew Wilson, Veronica Ross, Joyce Lovie, Nigel Healey.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd October were discussed. Acceptance of them was proposed by Simon Welfare and seconded by Dave Ellis. Agreement was unanimous.

2. Councillor's Report

Cllr. Gibb updated the meeting on current issues. He said that John Bruce, Roads Policy Officer of Aberdeenshire Council, is to produce a new policy paper about road crossings to be presented to the Marr Area Committee and then the Infrastructure Services Committee. It is hoped that when consideration is being given to the siting and installation of road crossings, greater weighting will be given to those used by children walking to and from school in the morning and afternoon.

The CAR license had been issued by SEPA for the Logie Coldstone School soakaway. It was planned that a meeting be held with the property owner, the school, and the contractor to agree the dates when the work would be carried out.

Cllr. Gibb encouraged participation in Aberdeenshire Council's bus services consultation. This was part of a clean-sheet review of local bus services of all types that are supported by the Council.

3. Police Report

The recent Police Report was considered. This sparked a discussion on the effectiveness of using the 101 number for reporting matters to the police. More drugs paraphernalia had been found in Tarland, this time in The Square.

4. Cromar Report

Roads & Drains: In the days preceding the meeting, there had been heavy rain in Tarland which had resulted in some flooding, with the Tarland Garage and the area surrounding it being especially affected. Some of the water had originated from a burn that runs

underground from the Melgum Road. The Chairman agreed to take up the matter with Lee Watson, the Principal Engineer for Flood Risk & Coast Protection at Aberdeenshire Council.

Logie Coldstone Crossing: This is covered in Cllr. Gibb's report.

Tarland Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights: The planting of the Scots Pine on the Market Stance was planned for 22nd November. Children from Tarland School were coming to assist. The Community Council thanked the MacRobert Trust Estate for kindly agreeing to provide a Christmas tree for Tarland, where the Christmas lights switch-on was planned for Saturday 30th November in the Square.

VE Day Anniversary in 2020: Paul Anderson and Shona Donaldson were confirmed for the concert. The feasibility of having a small Second World War exhibition in the foyer of the Hall was discussed.

Electric Charging Point: Nigel Healey was still awaiting a reply to his request for a site at the Tarland recycling area from Aberdeenshire Council Estates Department. Cllr. Gibb offered to help if this would prove useful.

Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan ADLP: The Community Council was pleased to note that the input that it had provided on the updated Settlement Statements had been largely adopted in the ADLP. The next steps were that the ALDP would be presented to the full County Council. There was still an opportunity for landowners to appeal to the Scottish Government if they had issues with allocations in the Plan. The Community Council agreed that it was happy with the Settlement Statements for both Logie Coldstone and Tarland.

Tarland Community Housing: The Chairman reported that he had been to a meeting where the possibility of setting up a fully-constituted independent organisation to take forward the proposals for new housing at Village Farm was discussed. The group had decided to consult other communities about their own experiences of doing this.

Community Engagement: The Chairman reported that he had discussed the Community Council's proposal to produce a Community Action Plan with Kate Redpath, Chair of the Tarland Development Group. She had recommended discussing this further with the Marr Area Partnership. The Chairman said that before embarking on the CAP, it would be helpful to establish some facts about Cromar and that he would be preparing a proposal for a new 'Statistical Account' of the area.

6. Community Council Accounts

The balance of the account stood at £1701.46 with the arrival of the 2019/2020 Aberdeenshire Council grant. This total included £91.17 that had been collected to improve the Tarland Christmas lights.

7. Logie Coldstone Trust

The annual Christmas Fair was planned for the 17th November. The AGM of the Logie

Coldstone Trust was due to take place at the end of November. The Community Cafe continued to have very good attendance.

8. Tarland Welfare Trust

A puppet show of 'Hansel and Gretel' was planned for the 13th December in the MacRobert Memorial Hall

9. Tarland Development Group

The minutes of the TDG for the 11th September had been circulated previously.

10. Planning

There were currently no planning applications out for comment.

11. Any Other Business

In response to the question raised by Joyce Lovie during AOB the previous month, Cllr. Gibb reported that the expert on developer obligations was Adam Sime, Senior Developer Obligations Officer at Aberdeenshire Council.

12. Date of Next Meeting & Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 4th December at Logie Coldstone Hall at 19.00