



CROMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING 23rd June 2021

Present: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Dave Ellis (Secretary/Treasurer), Councillor Paul Gibb, Nigel Healey, Anne Heath, Joyce Lovie and Emma Murphy

Apologies: Andrew Wilson, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2021 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Police Report

The Police Report had been previously circulated. Recent vandalism at the Tarland tennis court was discussed and this had been reported to the police. The content of the recent Police Reports was considered to be more informative than previously. Cllr. Gibb said he would mention this in an upcoming meeting that was planned with Sgt Greig of Police Scotland. The Secretary was asked to write to Sgt Greig with thanks and to invite him to a future meeting, either online or in person.

The Community Council wished to encourage the local community to report incidents such as the vandalism to the Tarland tennis court to the police.

4. Councillor's Report

Councillor Paul Gibb reported that discussions about Aberdeenshire Council's budget were ongoing. A Covid mobile testing unit had been sited temporarily in Aboyne. In response to a question about the wish of the Logie Coldstone community to install a pedestrian crossing across the road near the village hall, he said that there were plans to measure traffic volumes in the places being considered for crossings once the daily traffic pattern was more normal post-pandemic. Four fifteen-minute slots would be monitored rather than one hour slots, as this would better represent the number of road crossings taking place.

5. Cromar Report

a. Covid 19

The impact of Covid 19 on the work of the Community Council was discussed. It was thought that it was easier for members of the public to raise matters during “in person” meetings. However during the winter, online meetings might be revived in the event of poor weather conditions.

b. Roads and Drains

There was nothing significant to discuss. Members agreed to encourage members of the community to report potholes directly to the Council's Roads Department via the Aberdeenshire Council website.

c. Hanging Baskets and Bedding Plants

The Chairman planned to discuss future arrangements with interested gardeners and members of the Community Garden. Councillor Gibb said that a decision as to what Aberdeenshire Council would supply in the way of bedding plants in 2022 would be taken later in the year.

The hanging baskets in Tarland and the planting in Logie Coldstone were looking very good.

d. The Queen's Jubilee

Discussions had taken place about joining The Queen's Green Canopy initiative in 2022. The Woodland Trust would be asked to supply the same number of saplings (115 in total) as school children in Tarland and Logie Coldstone schools for a proposed Jubilee Wood to be planted with the generous help and cooperation of the MacRobert Trust.

The possibility of a street party in Tarland Square in 2022, similar to that held to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, was still being considered.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance stood at a total of £2,555.86: this included some remaining Covid funds and monies collected for improving the Christmas lights.

Work continued on obtaining online banking access to a NatWest account.

7. Logie Coldstone and Ordie

Joyce Lovie reported that the Hall was now being used for badminton.

8. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nigel Healey reported that there were an average of six bookings per week. This was unlikely to change until the relaxation of Covid regulations.

9. Tarland Development Group

The Minutes of the Tarland Development Group had been previously circulated. The Chairman had discussed with Lizzy Shepherd of the Tarland Development Group the possibility that a grant might be obtained for a community worker who could be engaged to work on a Community Action Plan. Nigel Healey said that Aberdeenshire

Council was no longer providing funding for Community Action Plans to the Marr Area Partnership.

10. Planning Applications

Three planning applications were discussed but Members decided to offer no comments on them.

11. Any Other Business

The Community Council warmly congratulated Paul Anderson of Tarland on being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to the Scottish fiddle tradition and to charity.

Dave Ellis reported that Aberdeenshire Council had informed him that the electric charging point for Tarland would be proceeding, but that the timing for the works to begin was currently unknown.

Dave Ellis reported that some information regarding the R100 broadband project had been released online. A number of local properties were to be included in the R100 rollout, but the installation would not happen during 2021. These properties would be eligible for the Scottish Government "interim voucher scheme".

Emma Murphy and Nigel Healey, who were attending their last meeting before retiring from the Community Council, were again warmly thanked for all they have done in their years as Members.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Cromar Community Council will be held online on Wednesday, 25th August at 18.00.