



CROMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING

18th May 2022

Present: Simon Welfare (Chairman), David Ellis (Secretary/Treasurer), Joyce Lovie, Andrew Wilson, Councillor Sarah Brown, Councillor Anouk Kloppert

Apologies: Anne Heath

The Chairman informed Members that, for personal reasons, Anne Heath had sadly resigned from the Community Council with immediate effect. Simon had been in touch with Anne and had written to her wishing her well and thanking her for her contribution to the Community Council.

The Chairman warmly welcomed Sarah Brown and Anouk Kloppert to their first meeting of Cromar Community Council as newly elected Councillors for Ward 15 Upper Deeside and Donside.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2022 were approved. Approval was proposed by Joyce Lovie and seconded by Andrew Wilson.

2. Matters arising

The Chairman made the point to the newly elected County Councillors that a Member Promoted Issue had been tabled by Councillor Paul Gibb with regard to much-needed pedestrian crossings in Braemar and Logie Coldstone. He asked that they pursue this matter on behalf of our community when it comes up at the Marr Area Committee.

3. Police Report

The Council values the detailed report by Sergeant Long on local crime, while also benefiting from the North East Crime Summary.

There were no specific crime reports from Sergeant Long for the Cromar area, but the **North East Crime Summary** covered the following issues:

The Launch of a new Anti- Fraud Roadshow

Diesel Theft and Theft of Agricultural machinery

Doorstep Crime/ Cold Calling

Cheque Fraud

Royal Mail fake text scam

Sextortion

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4. Councillors' Reports

The Chairman invited Councillor Brown and Councillor Kloppert to outline the background experience that they bring to their new roles as elected representatives on Aberdeenshire Council.

5. Aboyne Hospital

Most clinics had been resumed and news was awaited on the Minor Injuries Unit. Keep Care in our Communities, a group comprising the Chairs of the Community Councils in Ward 15 and local health experts, had been formed to protect local health services. The Chairman said that a Strategic Needs Assessment for Deeside and Upper Donside was about to be launched and this would provide a rare and not-to-be-missed opportunity for the public to have their say about local health services by responding to a questionnaire. Community Councils had been asked to encourage the response to this in their area. The survey will run until July 8 and will be followed by meetings of focus groups who will discuss the issues raised in the survey. The survey is important because responses will be used to help NHS planners to decide what medical services should be offered from 2023. It was agreed that Cromar Community Council would endeavour to publicise the SNA and the questionnaire as widely as possible.

6. Cromar Report

Resilience Planning

The work on the draft Resilience Plan was ongoing. The Chairman and Secretary were looking at ways in which the successful Cromar Help-Line could be involved in the Plan.

Roads and Drains

There was nothing to report.

The Queen's Jubilee

Following the tree planting of the Platinum Jubilee Wood at Oldtown, Tarland, a time-capsule was being prepared by the children of the primary schools in Tarland and Logie Coldstone. The plan was to bury it over the Jubilee Weekend.

Tickets were on sale for the Jubilee Concert by Paul Anderson, Shona Donaldson, family and friends in the MacRobert Hall on Friday 3rd June. Permission had been sought and granted to close Tarland Square from the Friday evening through Saturday 4th June to allow the Jubilee Street Party and entertainment to take place. The teas were to be free, being provided by the Cromar Seniors Association. A children's disco would follow from 6 pm to 7.30 pm in the MacRobert Hall. The proposed family picnic in the Play Park on Sunday 5th June had been reviewed and the committee had decided not to proceed with it. Tickets for the Jubilee Raffle were

on sale and the draw would be made on July 29th.

The Chairman and Secretary were thanked for their excellent work in preparing for the Jubilee Weekend events.

Christmas Lights

The Secretary and Gordon Ross, electrician, will meet to plan this year's lights after the Jubilee weekend.

Community Council Elections

The Secretary said that nominations must be received by 3rd June and that Andrew Wilson was the only current Community Councillor not needing to stand for re-election. Active recruitment of new Community Councillors was required, especially of younger people and residents of the villages of Tarland and Logie Coldstone

Future Meetings of Cromar Community Council

It was agreed that the AGM and meeting thereafter in June would be face-to-face. The Chairman proposed this meeting be held in Logie Coldstone Primary School at 7pm on the 22nd June 2022. Members thought that the online meetings had been very successful, not least because they enabled people who had home commitments to attend. It was agreed to continue online meetings with a review later in the year.

7. Treasurer's Report

The balance to account to date was £1413.46. It was hoped the Jubilee Raffle would cover the costs of the Jubilee Weekend.

8. Logie Coldstone Trust

Joyce Lovie reported on the forthcoming Morven Walk and the Gin Tasting Evening that would be held to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

9. Tarland Welfare Trust

The new Chairman is Dr Matt Hare.

10. Tarland Development Group

The minutes had been previously circulated.

11. Planning Applications

An application had been submitted for business units in the MacRobert Trust Estate Yard.

Plans had been submitted for the erection of a second house on the site at Coull belonging to Mrs Reid. Previous comments relating to developments on the site had been taken into account by the planning officers.

The site of a proposed development behind the Aberdeen Arms Hotel, which had been approved on appeal, was now for sale on the open market .

12. Any Other Business

David Ellis reported that an existing mobile phone mast near Tillypronie will be

upgraded. Upgrading of the 4G network is part of the Shared Rural Network Scheme. The work is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

The installation of the electric car charging points in Tarland is nearing completion.

He further reported that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race will pass through Tarland on the 4th September 2022.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in person at Logie Coldstone Primary School on Wednesday 22nd June at 19.00. This meeting will begin with the AGM followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council.