



CROMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING

17th August 2022

Present: Simon Welfare (Chairman) David Ellis (Secretary/Treasurer), Carmela Earle-Wright, Joyce Lovie and Sandra van Heusden

Apologies: Andrew Wilson and Councillors Geva Blackett, Sarah Brown, Anouk Kloppert.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd June were approved. Approval was proposed by Joyce Lovie and seconded by Sandra van Heusden. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held immediately afterwards were approved. Approval was proposed by Carmela Earle-Wright, seconded by Joyce Lovie.

2. Matters arising

The proposed meeting with Sergeant Long at Banchory Police Station was still to be arranged.

3. Police Report

There had been no Police Report since the meeting in June, but the Community Council had received very useful material from the North East Crime Reduction Team. This comprised a booklet covering phone scams, a booklet covering cybercrime, and the North East Crime Alert document for July. The Community Council will try and give these greater local visibility.

4. Councillors' Reports

A written update had been received from Cllr. Brown:

Logie Coldstone Crossing

The Member Promoted Issue had been submitted by Cllr. Blackett, as reported earlier. The agenda for the next Marr Area Committee meeting to be held on 30th August would be issued on the 24th August. The agenda would indicate if the MPI would be discussed at the meeting. The issue of the crossing in Logie Coldstone had widespread local interest and it was expected that a number of residents would want to join the meeting.

Aboyne Hospital & the Strategic Needs Assessment:

This was a separate item on the agenda.

Tarland Bridge

Cllr. Brown outlined the discussions held with the Roads Department concerning the issue with visibility of cars crossing the bridge and entering from Burnside Road. The proposal to add hatched road marking was welcomed, but there were concerns raised that this might not be a complete solution.

An AOB item concerning Coull Bridge was discussed at this point. A resident had raised the issue of cars meeting at the bridge with the potential for a head-on collision. There are signs showing both a humped back bridge and also that the road narrows, but these signs are some distance from the bridge itself.

Members agreed to seek a “walkabout” with the Roads Department to look at the two bridges and discuss options for improving safety.

Out of Date Signs

At the request of the Community Council, the brown sign showing that there was a petrol station in Tarland has been covered. The sign indicating a public telephone box in Tarland Square has also been removed.

5. Aboyne Hospital and Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment

The deadlines for submitting the survey both the individual and group surveys had now passed and the focus groups were being held. It was understood that fewer than one thousand responses had been received compared to a possible total of twenty thousand. The next focus group was due to take place in Tarland on the 25th August, and Members hoped that as many people as possible would attend and provide input.

6. Cromar Report Resilience Planning

The Chairman said that work on the resilience plan had begun. The plan would be reviewed by the resilience working party before being presented to the Community Council.

Roads and Drains

There was nothing to report on roads and drains.

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of HM The Queen

Almost all the costs and the receipts of the Jubilee were now known. The overall cost to the Community Council of all the Jubilee events was just over £9. All those involved with the Jubilee were thanked for the success of the weekend.

Christmas Lights

Dave Ellis said that he would be discussing improvements to the lights for this coming Christmas with Gordon Ross and would report back to the Community Council.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the current balance to hand was £2,392.

8. Logie Coldstone Trust

Joyce Lovie said that the Logie Coldstone Fun Day had been a great success. The fish and chip van had seen lots of custom. It felt almost as if there had been no break due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Logie Coldstone Community Café had restarted and two cafés had taken place. Changes had been made to ensure that the latest Council guidance for home-prepared food was followed. The Hall was being well-used. It had been decided not to hold a Christmas Fair this year.

9. Tarland Welfare Trust

No report was received.

10. Tarland Development Group

The Chairman said that he had been in touch with the Acting Chair of the TDG, offering, on the Community Council's behalf, to help with any proposals to revive the Tarland Show. He had also expressed concern about a proposal to create bike parking in Tarland Square, possibly by extending the pavement out into the road. Members agreed that any move to construct this in Tarland Square at present would be inappropriate and not in the interests of the members of the local community who use the Square on a daily basis. They did not see bike parking as a current problem, but were open to finding solutions to any problems that might arise in the future, providing that they met with the approval of the community

11. Planning Applications

Two planning applications in Cushnie were discussed.

12. Any Other Business

Members heard that there would be rolling road closures on Sunday 4th September to allow the passage of the Tour of Britain cycle race. The route and timings of the race appeared to have been well publicised. It was suggested that additional details be published on the Tarland Noticeboard facebook page.

The impact of the cost of living crisis was discussed. The Chairman was discussing a possible "log bank" with local organisations.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Cromar Community Council will be held online on Wednesday, 21st September 2022 at 18.00.