



MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 10 December 2014
at Logie Coldstone School.

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Sue Erskine (Treasurer), Anke Addy, Veronica Ross, and 2 members of the public (Nigel Healey & Donald Gordon).

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Evelyn Smith.

1. Police Report

Constable Morag Campbell of Police Scotland said that reported incidents had been very low since the end of October: the door of a shed had been forced open but nothing was stolen. She again urged householders to take simple preventative measures to protect their property on dark evenings, ensuring that doors are secure and considering the use of simple preventative measures such as using timer switches for lights and radios. The annual drink/drive campaign for the festive season was underway and motorists are strongly advised not to drink any alcohol if driving.

2. Cromar Report

2.1 Recycling Scheme

The Community Council was pleased to note that Aberdeenshire Council's new recycling scheme has been working well since its introduction in Cromar in November. Cllr. Farquhar said that groups of houses outside settlements could apply to have shared bins for glass recycling sited near their properties.

2.2. Roads

The Council commended the Tarland street sweeper for his work in keeping the village tidy and the Roads Department of Aberdeenshire Council was thanked for its speed in providing barriers to keep cars from parking beside the War Memorial in Tarland before the Remembrance Sunday service. However, there had been no progress

towards Aberdeenshire Council agreeing to adopt the roads in front of Tarland Church and at Balmuir Wood.

2.3 Street Lighting

A suggestion that street lighting in Tarland should be turned off late at night was discussed, but Cllr. Farquhar said that many lights are light-activated and switch on and off automatically. Aberdeenshire Council's Sustainability Group is analysing the results of 4 pilot projects and still hopes to take this idea forward.

2.4 Fast Broadband

The Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Project is installing equipment in the area. The plan is for all systems to be 'go' in March.

2.5 Tarland Playpark Plaque

Nigel Healey agreed to advise Aberdeenshire Council on the re-siting of the plaque commemorating The Queen's Silver Jubilee.

2.6 Public Access Defibrillators

The Community Council and the Tarland and Mid Deeside Community First Responders are discussing the installation of Public Access Defibrillators in Cromar and would welcome the views of the public about this.

2.7 Medical Services

The Council was pleased to note that the new arrangements for GP services were working well.

3. Tarland Welfare Trust

Nigel Healey, Chairman of the Tarland Welfare Trust, said that the MacRobert Hall was very busy, that a new heating system was being investigated and that tickets for the Hogmanay Ceilidh were selling well.

4. AOB

Aberdeenshire Council has signed up to the Green Dog Walking Scheme. The Community Council is seeking volunteers to put it into action in Cromar.

Christmas trees were generously provided and installed in Logie Coldstone and Tarland. The Community Council is grateful to those who made this possible. The Community Council will discuss

proposals to increase the number of lights and decorations in Cromar at its next meeting.

Next meeting: at Tarland Primary School 14 January 2015 at 7 p.m.