



CROMAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING at Tarland Primary School 19th June 2024

Present: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Dave Ellis, Sandra van Heusden, John Rogie, Janet Urquhart, Stewart Urquhart, Linda Moffat, Councillor Sarah Brown, and one member of the public (Nigel Healey).

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Andrew Wilson, Joyce Lovie, Councillor Geva Blackett and Councillor Anouk Kloppert.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd May, were approved. Acceptance was proposed by Sandra van Heusden and seconded by Janet Urquhart.

2. Police Report

There had been no report since the last meeting.

3. Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Sarah Brown offered to ask Aberdeenshire Council officers if a date had been set for the installation of the bike racks in Tarland Square.

She reported that there have been small changes to the local bus timetables that are designed to improve the overall connection of services. There are no planned changes to the 212 service that links with the 201 bus serving Aberdeen. There were comments that the online timetables were often difficult to access when possibly many users were connecting at the same time. The poor mobile phone coverage in many areas means it is sometimes impossible to connect to the timetable while waiting for a bus.

4. Cromar Report

Bridges, Roads and Flooding

The planned work to repair the road adjacent to the Tarland Burn in Burnside Road was welcomed. This was due to begin on 24th June and would last for two weeks.

Tarland Bridge and the surrounding trees were discussed. The Chairman said that he would consult the owners of the land about them. Cllr. Brown offered to see if there was a date set for the inspection due to take place in 2024.

There had been no new developments concerning the community flood action scheme (supported by the MacRobert Trust estate) that had been discussed in February.

It was pleasing to see that various patching of potholes had taken place locally. These were not permanent repairs but had improved the situation. Chuckies had been used to repair the path leading from the pedestrian bridge over the Tarland Burn to Tarland Square, but it was unclear who had done this.

Social Media

Sandra Van Heusden said that there had been a lot of activity on the facebook pages in the run up to the Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) consultation. It was encouraging that the dialogue had been civil, since this had not always been the case on other forums.

It was agreed that the Community Council should try out the publishing of agendas and minutes of its meetings on facebook. This would be in addition to the archive on the Tarland (tarland.org.uk) website. Sandra suggested that an example of this trial could be reviewed at the July meeting. Names of individuals would not be tagged.

Hanging Baskets

The Secretary said that the hanging baskets had been put in place and flowers for the borders had been delivered to Logie Coldstone. A new battery for the watering system had been purchased. A warm thankyou was offered to the team that had been involved: Aileen Longino, Willem van Heusden, Dave Ellis and those who were watering the flowers, Sarah Tamm, Wendy Irvine and Gillian Masson.

Market Stance Flower Bed

The Chairman reported that there had been complaints about the flower bed at the end of the Market Stance that surrounds the tree that had been gifted by The King. This was largely overgrown with weeds. The Chairman and Sandra van Heusden agreed to follow up on this and would also check the area surrounding the bowling green.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer said that there had only been one transaction since the last meeting: £30 had been spent on compost for the hanging baskets. The account balance stands at £758.95.

6. Logie Coldstone Trust

Sandra van Heusden said that the Logie Coldstone Fun Day was planned for 24th June. Work had continued on supporting the Primary School from the threat of 'mothballing'. A meeting between school parents and local MP Andrew Bowie was planned and MSP Alexander Burnett had also taken up the case and raised the matter in the Scottish Parliament. It was suggested that a parent might come to the next Community Council meeting that was due to be held in Logie Coldstone school.

7. Tarland Development Group

The response to the TT2 consultation was discussed. The public meeting had been attended by 84 residents and many written responses had been received. The whole process was seen to be very worthwhile with residents feeling that they had had a 'voice'. Work on summarising and analysing the meeting and comments was underway. The feedback from

the consultation and meeting would be presented to the MacRobert Trust estate, which had asked the Community Council to facilitate the process. A meeting with the TDG Trustees had been arranged for 26th June at the MacRobert Memorial Hall which the Chairman would attend. The Chairman would provide feedback from this meeting at the Community Council meeting in July.

The planning application for a composting toilet and parking meter at TT1 in Drummy Wood was going through the normal planning process. The Community Council had submitted a comment.

8. Planning Applications

An additional planning application had been submitted for improvements to Kirklands of Cromar, plus an application for Braehead of Slack. The Community Council planned to make no comment on these applications.

9. Forthcoming Community Council Election

The Secretary said that to allow for the change in the single election date for all Aberdeenshire Community Councils, modification would be needed to the Community Council's Constitution. Sample paragraphs had been supplied by the Area Office. A revised constitution would be drafted by early July and agreed with the Area Manager so that a special meeting might be held immediately before the next Community Council meeting.

The date for the closure for applications to join the Community Council was 8th September. Members agreed that this should be publicised in the hope of encouraging more residents to stand for election during July and August.

10. Any Other Business

There were no AOB items

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at Logie Coldstone School on Wednesday 24th July. The special meeting to consider the constitution will take place at 19.00 and the ordinary meeting will begin at 19.15.