

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 2nd April, 2014
in Tarland Primary School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Sue Erskine, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross, Nigel Healey plus eleven members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Anke Addy, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Evelyn Smith, Police Scotland,

1. **Community Action Plans:** Logie Coldstone is not yet ready to get involved in a Community Action Plan and it was recommended that the process be delayed until later in the year.

2. **Cromar Report**

2.1 **Tarland Conversation Area Proposal.** There was a wide-ranging discussion on the conservation area proposal. Amongst the points made were:

- The residents of Tarland are already proud of and take care of their homes and the area.
- Compliance with conservation requirements would impose additional financial burdens on homeowners within the conservation area.
- Conservation areas may attract funding.
- The establishment of a conservation area imposes an additional layer of bureaucracy, which might prove to be over-restrictive.
- Older residents might not understand the implications of living within a conservation area.

Attendees at the meeting were urged to make their views known to Aberdeenshire Council and it was confirmed that the Community Council would be making a contribution to the consultation which would reflect the view of the community.

2.2 **Ordie Phone Box:** The resident who lives adjacent to the Ordie phone box does not want it to be removed but it is regarded as a traffic hazard by the residents of the road that exits onto the A97. Aberdeenshire Council will be asked to carry out a formal safety assessment of the road junction.

2.3 **Coull Hall:** The CCC has been in contact with the Coull Hall trustee.

2.4 **Dog mess:** Although the majority of dog owners take their responsibilities seriously, a minority continue flout the regulations that require them to clean up after their dogs. The Dog Warden is aware of the problem and the CCC is pressing for persistent offenders to be prosecuted.

2.5 **Unsightly trimming of road-side vegetation:** Aberdeenshire Council has apologised for the actions of its contractor.

2.6 **Logie Coldstone Hall:** The Logie Coldstone Trust is setting up a community cafe in the Logie Coldstone Hall.

- 2.7 Logie Coldstone path:** Concerns about the route of the proposed path from the School to the Hall are being addressed.
- 2.8 Extension to the Tarland Way:** COAT is aware of concerns about the exit from the Tarland Way extension into Bridge Road.
- 2.9 Glass Recycling:** Glass will no longer be collected from households when the revised recycling procedures are implemented. It was confirmed that the glass capacity of recycling centres will be increased to take account of the change.

3. Cairngorm National Park Authority:

- 3.1 Cairngorm Nature Festival:** The Cairngorms Nature Festival is taking place on 17th and 18th May 2014, with events happening across the Park. Partners, businesses, artists, tourist and activity providers, communities, charities and others are supporting the Festival through activities such as wildlife tours; outdoor activities; conservation tasks; skill sessions and other exciting activities for the family. There will be two Festival hubs at Glenmore hayfield and Muir of Dinnet, and these will be information and meeting points, as well as hosting activities.

The full programme can be viewed at <http://cairngorms.co.uk/look-after/cairngorms-nature/festival> , and if you have any questions please contact sarahvanstone@cairngorms.co.uk for further details.

4. Police Report:

- 4.1 Motor Vehicle Thefts:** There have been three incidents of thefts from motor vehicles. Two of these incidents involved insecure vehicles. In each case items were stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing regarding these incidents.
- 4.2 Break In:** During March the bowling pavilion, Aberdeen Road, Tarland was entered with damage caused to fixtures within. Enquiry is continuing regarding this incident.
- 4.3 Thefts:** There are a significant amount of thefts occurring in the Aberdeenshire and Moray areas and residents are encouraged to ensure that their properties and vehicles are secured when unattended. Any suspicious incidents or concerns can be reported to police using 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

5. Tarland Development Group:

- 5.1 Community Garden:** Windbreak netting is now complete, and the fruit tree delivery is due. There has been good attendance at work parties. A willow weaving workshop is planned for 5th May.
- 5.2: Bee Keeping Project:** There is a suitable site for beehives between Small Burn and Tarland Lodge.
- 5.3: Tarland Tapestry:** Inspired by the Great Tapestry of Scotland, plans to produce a Tapestry of Tarland are being progressed.

6. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

26.02.14	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Planning application for installation of windows.
23.01.14	Barehillock Tarland AB34 4XB	Building Warrant for alterations to form a new doorway
27.01.14	27 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2012/0212 - As built amendments
27.02.14	Firsdale Aberdeen Road Tarland AB34 4UA	Application for Full Planning Permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house
23.02.14	Upper Broadford Croft Tarland AB34 4YB	Application for Full Planning Permission for erection of a detached garage
07.02.14	Aberdeen Arms Hotel The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Amendment to Building Warrant BW/2010/1258 - Installation of wc's and alterations to form same

Logie Coldstone

19.02.14	Blelack Mill Logie Coldstone AB34 5NH	Application for Full Planning Permission for erection of a detached garage
12.03.14	Coldstone House Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5NP	Application for Full Planning Permission for installation of two cast iron downpipes and conservation rooflight and reinstatement of two original windows

The Community Council did not comment on any of the applications.

Next Meeting: May 14th, 7pm at Logie Coldstone School