

**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 8th January, 2014
in Tarland Primary School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Constable Jeff Hall, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Alec McVean, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey

APOLOGIES: Veronica Ross, Sue Erskine

1. **Community Action Plans:** It was suggested by the Coull and Logie Coldstone representatives that the Tarland Community Action Plan be superseded by a Cromar Community Action Plan. The idea will be discussed with Mike Powell.
2. **Mountain Bike Trails:** The Tarland Development Group's favoured option is in Drummy Woods. A questionnaire is being sent to all houses in Tarland. Comments can be sent to tarlandtrails@gmail.com or c/o 9 Duncan Road, Tarland, AB34 4YE.

A start is envisaged in Spring 2015 subject to community support, planning permission and funding.

3. Cromar Report

- 3.1 **Post Office Post Box:** Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed that a pedestal post box will be installed adjacent to the new Post Office in six to eight weeks. Thanks to all who used their influence to bring this about.
- 3.2 **Tarland Conversation Area Proposal:** Cheryl Roberts, who is now responsible for the Tarland conservation area proposal, is due to meet Tarland groups and a community drop-in presentation is proposed.
- 3.3 **Ordie Phone Box:** A proposal has been made for the removal and relocation of the Ordie phone box. The CCC is concerned to ensure that a light remains if the phone box is removed.
- 3.4 **Closure of Police Counters:** Following consultation with the public, Police Scotland has decided to maintain the seven day counter at Banchory.
- 3.5 **Tarland Christmas Tree:** The CCC thanks the MacRobert Trust for providing the tree and Gordon Ross and his team for erecting and lighting it.
- 3.6 **Coull Hall:** The future of the Hall continues to be uncertain. The CCC will contact the remaining trustee with a view to establishing the outlook.
- 3.7 **Poldhu Wells:** Volunteers are being sought from the Logie Coldstone and the wider community to carry out regular inspections and maintenance of the wells at Poldhu.

- 3.8 Logie Coldstone Hall:** The CCC wishes to congratulate the Logie Coldstone Trust on the refurbishment and reopening of Logie Coldstone Hall.
- 3.9 Logie Coldstone Lunch Club:** A proposal for a lunch club at Logie Coldstone, tying in with the Deeside Hopper timetable, is being explored.
- 3.10 Twinning:** After a visit to Cromar, the mayor of Stanardsville, Virginia, USA has expressed an interest in twinning his town with Tarland. This suggestion would require research and consultation with the community before it could be progressed.
- 3.11 Dog mess:** Concern continues to be expressed about the failure of irresponsible dog owners to clean up after their dogs, particularly in the Melgum Road area. The Dog Warden is aware of the problem and the CCC is pressing for persistent offenders to be prosecuted.
- 3.12 Extension of the Tarland Way:** Work has started on the extension to the Tarland Way. Concern was expressed that the exit from the extension was to be at the bridge in Bridge Street and that conflicts between walkers/cyclists and road traffic might ensue.

4. Cairngorm National Park Authority:

- 4.1 Hydro Power:** A community hydro scheme near Braemar has been given the go-ahead by the Cairngorms National Park Authority. This will see the Braemar Community Council sell electricity generated by the hydro scheme to the national grid, resulting in an income stream to fund other community projects in and around the village.
- 4.2 Logie Coldstone School:** The pupils at Logie Coldstone School were recently successful in the Europarc competition launched to highlight various aspects of the Park.

5. 5. Police Report:

- 5.1 Crime Level:** Crime in the Cromar area has remained generally low since the last meeting but....
- On 15 November 2013, late in the evening, the handbag of a patron attending one of the Public Houses in Tarland was stolen whilst left unattended.
 - During the early hours of 1 December 2013, a garden hut in Tarland was broken into and items stolen
 - Between 13 and 27 November a motion-activated digital camera, placed on a tree in the Logie Coldstone area for research purposes, was stolen.

Unfortunately there are no lines of enquiry in relation to any of the above incidents and they remain undetected.

- 5.2 Housebreakings:** Aberdeenshire continues to be affected by domestic housebreakings. These often result in property such as jewelry, cash and easily removable high value electronic items like tablets, laptops, car keys and mobile telephones being stolen from the properties. Car keys are normally stolen in order to steal the occupier's vehicles parked in the driveway or nearby.

Housebreakings are being treated very seriously by the Scottish Police Service and the Aberdeenshire Police Command team and considerable effort is being placed on disrupting and detecting the criminals responsible. Any information concerning serious incidents or any type of crime can be passed to the Police Service Centre on 101, through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by using the Crimestoppers website on www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/

5.5 Security:The public are urged to be conscious of the security of their property and advised to leave a light and/or a radio on when their property is unattended.

5.6 Domestic Abuse:Police Scotland is also running a domestic abuse campaign in an effort to reduce the number of incidents of domestic abuse in Scotland.

The first domestic abuse campaign for Police Scotland launched in December with a strong message to those who commit domestic abuse: **'Police Scotland does not tolerate domestic abuse. If you do it – we'll find you'**.

As part of the crackdown on domestic abuse and the focus on perpetrators of domestic abuse, more than 300 extra officers from throughout Scotland took part in a day of action with a focus on domestic abuse on Friday 20 December.

6. **Tarland Development Group:**

6.1 Community Garden: The recent high winds damaged the polytunnel doors. Repairs are in hand.

6.2 Bee Keeping: The Aberdeen bee keeping group has offered support to the Tarland project.

6.3: Tarland Market: The Hall has been booked for markets on 26th April and 28th September. The September market may include music and greater variety of food.

6.4: Community Composting: Will recommence in April.

7. **Planning Applications and Building Warrants**

Tarland

27.11.13	West Davoch Tarland AB34 4US	Building warrant for alteration and extension
25.12.13	Land to the East of Ailsa Lodge Tarland Green Road Tarland Aboyne	Application for full planning permission for erection of a dwelling house, sub division of feu Including change of use From Class 2 (Financial, Professional and Other Services) to Class 9 (Houses)
15.01.14	Kirklands Of Cromar 9 Bridge Street Tarland AB34 4YN	Application for Listed Building Consent for replacement windows

08.01.14	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and external alterations to windows and door (at Function Hall)
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Logie Coldstone

18.12.13	Coldstone House Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5NP	Application for Listed Building Consent for installation of a roof light, reinstatement of 2 original windows and additional downpipes (Amendment to APP/2012/4178)
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The CCC did not feel it necessary to comment on the applications.

AGM Date: The Cromar Community Council AGM will take place at 7pm at Tarland Primary School, immediately prior to the usual meeting.

The Secretary announced that he would be standing down at the AGM, but would continue as a member if re-elected. He was conscious that there would be a lot of competition for the post and was giving plenty of notice so that candidates would have ample time to refine their election strategies.

Next Meeting: February 19th, 2014, 7pm at Logie Coldstone School.