

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18th June 2014
at Tarland Primary School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Sue Erskine, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey.

APOLOGIES: Anke Addy, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Police Scotland

1. Cromar Report

- 1.1 *Ordie Phone Box:*** Aberdeenshire Council has been asked to carry out a formal safety assessment of the road junction.
- 1.2 *Proposed Tarland Conservation Area:*** Historic Scotland has added comments to the Aberdeenshire Council report, delaying its release.
- 1.3 *Coull Hall:*** No further news.
- 1.4 *Tarland Post Box:*** A meeting with Royal Mail to discuss the positioning of the Tarland post box awaits confirmation of a mutually acceptable date.
- 1.5 *Extension to the Tarland Way:*** The exit from the extended Tarland Way onto the B9119 will be guarded by a gate.
- 1.6 *Exit of Burnside Road onto the B9119:*** The possibility of pedestrian access into/out of Burnside Road will be raised with Aberdeenshire Council.
- 1.7 *Adoption of Roads:*** The adoption of Balmuir Road did not take place at the May 14th meeting.
- 1.8 *Pavilion Vandalisation:*** The football/bowling/tennis pavilion on the Tarland play park has been vandalised to the point where it has become unusable. The fact that the pavilion is controlled from Aboyne may have contributed to a lack of perceived Tarland 'ownership' and lack of concern for its maintenance and security. The possibility of it becoming a community asset was discussed; such a decision would require a robust business plan. The future of the bowling club would also be a determining factor.
- 1.9 *Path from Logie Coldstone School to the Hall.*** Agreement on the path's route awaits confirmation from Aberdeenshire Council that its establishment would not affect any subsequent decisions on development on adjoining land.
- 1.10 *30 MPH Sign at North End of Logie Coldstone:*** There is local feeling that the 30 AMPH sign on the A97 at the north end of the village should be moved further away from the village as a result of recent house building.

1.11 Redundant Road Signs: A sign in Logie Coldstone directs travellers to an antiques business that no longer operates. Apparently, this is one of a number of redundant signs throughout Aberdeenshire and there are plans for them to be removed at some point in the future.

1.12 Douneside House: Douneside is planned to be closed for refurbishment for nine months from October 2014. The facilities will be upgraded with a view to it becoming a year-round conference and training centre whilst maintaining its holiday accommodation for Service families.

1.13 MacRobert Trust Business Units: The MacRobert Trust is planning to build six business units on the estate yard.

2. **Cairngorm National Park Authority:** The Park Authority is encouraging people to enjoy the Park this summer but to do so with great care. The CNPA's 'Tread Lightly' campaign focuses on five key areas of responsible outdoor access covering camping and litter, outdoor cooking, toilets, fires, and dogs but with prolonged dry spells, it's the issue of lighting fires that is of the utmost concern.
3. **Police Report:** Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting, nor was a report provided.
4. **Tarland Development Group:** Work continues on existing projects, the Tarland Way, the Community Garden, the Bee Keeping project etc. whilst work has started on the feasibility of an archaeology trail in Cromar.

5. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

16.05.2014	Longfold, Tarland AB34 4UR	Application for planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house
10.06.2014	Wester Strathweltie AB34 4YS	Application for planning permission for removal of Condition 7 (Occupancy Condition) of S030553PF

Coull

06.05.2014	Coull Steading, Coull AB34 5JU	Application for planning permission for demolition of steading and erection of dwelling house and garage with ancillary accommodation, change of use of land to domestic garden ground
22.05.2014	Land To West Of Kirklands Of Coull, Coull AB34 4TS	Application for planning permission for erection of timber bridge and formation of path.
27.05.2014	Kirkton Of Coull, Coull AB34 4TS	Application for planning permission for conversion of steading to form dwelling including change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden ground

Logie Coldstone

20.05.2014	Blelack Mill, Logie Coldstone AB34 5NH	Building warrant for erection of a double garage
27.05.2014	Schoolhouse, Logie Coldstone, AB34 5PQ	Application for planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house
30.05.2014	Schoolhouse, Logie Coldstone, AB34 5PQ	Application for planning permission for erection of extension to existing dwelling house

The Community Council had no comment to make on these planning applications but wished to make a couple of general points:

There are far too many agricultural buildings being demolished in response to a change in the guidelines, leading to a loss of countryside vernacular architecture.

Affordable housing is not being built and the existing stock is being reduced by the conversion of small houses into larger ones.

Next meeting: September 17th at Logie Coldstone School