



MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 1 April 2015
at Tarland Primary School.

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, Constable Morag Campbell (Police Scotland) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Sue Erskine, Joyce Lovie.

1. Police Report

Constable Campbell reported that crime in the Cromar area had been relatively low, although one theft had been reported between 18th and 30 of March. Officers had also responded to routine calls and dealt with road traffic offences. Now that evenings are lighter and road conditions are improving, Police Scotland is reminding the public to drive safely and courteously: its officers are patrolling the area, educating and dealing with motorists as appropriate. Police Scotland is also supporting and tackling the priorities set by the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit at a local level.

2. Cromar Report

2.1. Tarland Bowling Green

A meeting convened by the Community Council and chaired by Cllr. Farquhar to discuss the future of the Bowling Green and the Pavilion at the Playpark was well attended. The Chairman agreed to discuss the suggestions put forward with the Playpark's owner, Aberdeenshire Council, and with Tarland Primary School and he will report back to the next meeting of the Community Council.

2.2. Road Adoptions

Discussions about the possibility of Aberdeenshire Council adopting the road at Balmuir Wood and the stretch of Alastrean Drive by the Church were continuing, but remained unresolved.

2.3. Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Farquhar said the programme of rolling out superfast broadband in Cromar was underway and that it would soon be up and running for those who wanted to subscribe to it. Aberdeenshire Council is formulating a plan to ensure that households in outlying places will also be able to gain access the service.

2.4. Tarland Christmas Lights

Nigel Healey is discussing his proposals for a more spectacular display of Christmas lights in the village with Aberdeenshire Council and plans to report back soon.

2.5 Public Access Defibrillators

David Souter of the Tarland & Mid Deeside Community First Responders said that PADs were now available for installation in Tarland and Logie Coldstone. The Community Council thanked him for this initiative and he promised to return with a firm proposal for the siting of the PADs in the hope that the Community Council would support and help sponsor any planning applications that might be required. He hoped, too, that volunteers from Cromar would sign up to training courses, which are already available. A ceilidh to raise funds for PADs is planned for 19 June.

2.6. Tarland Website

A working group convened by Janet Healey is exploring ways in which the Tarland Community website can be updated. A new look is expected soon.

3. Cairngorm National Park Authority

The Community Council congratulated Councillor Farquhar on her re-election to the CNPA Board. She said that a new Corporate Plan for the National Park was underway.

4. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

Erection of Dwellinghouse Land At Ardmohr 30 Bridge Street Tarland
Aberdeenshire AB34 4YN □Ref. No: APP/2015/0880

Erection of Dwellinghouse and Detached Garage Land To The North West Of
Hillhead Corse Lumphanan Aberdeenshire □Ref. No: APP/2015/0797

Alterations to Existing Agricultural Building Craskins Farm Tarland
Aberdeenshire AB34 4TJ □Ref. No: APP/2015/0802

Erection of Agricultural Building Craskins Farm Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34
4TJ Ref. No: APP/2015/0801

Formation of Window (Arch Window), Enlargement of Existing Window,
Removal of Rooflights and Replace with Slate to Match Existing, Erection of
Generator Enclosure Douneside House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL □Ref. No:
APP/2015/0697

Replacement of Roofing Materials on Pine Cottage (Serviced Holiday
Cottage) Douneside House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL Ref. No: APP/2015/

Internal Alterations, Formation of Window (Arch Window), Enlargement of
Existing Window, Removal of Rooflights and Replace with Slate to Match Existing
Douneside House Tarland Aboyne Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL □Ref. No:
APP/2015/0689

Alterations and Extension to Existing Leisure Facility and Works to Roof on
Existing Storage Building Douneside House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL □Ref.
No: APP/2015/0623

Erection of 2 Dwellinghouses Site To The North Of Aberdeen Arms Hotel Aberdeen
Road Tarland □Ref. No: APP/2015/0042

Erection of Detached Garage Roselyn Cottage Logie Coldstone Tarland
Aberdeenshire AB34 5PQ Ref. No: APP/2015/0543

The Community Council agreed to write to Aberdeenshire Council to
support the applications by the MacRobert Trust.

5. A.O.B.

The Community Council discussed, but declined, an invitation from BT
to adopt public telephone kiosks in its area.

The Chairman said he would contact the Head Teacher of Tarland
Primary School to inquire whether there would be any interest in the
twinning arrangement suggested by the Town Council of Stanardsville,
Virginia, U.S.A.

The Community Council welcomed the plans for the Etape Royale
cycling event that is due to pass through Cromar on 27 September and
noted the road closures proposed for early that morning.

Next meeting: at Logie Coldstone School on 6 May 2015 at 7 p.m.