

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY  
at TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey plus two members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Sergeant Stuart Clark, Hugh Kelly

**1. Tarland Report**

- 1.1 **Traffic Calming:** Awaiting the Tarland Traffic Management review due in March 2010 and a change in the weather
- 1.2 **Damage to Bridge Wall:** Ownership of the land abutting the wall has been denied by the adjacent property owner. Councillor Argyle will pursue the matter with the Roads department.
- 1.3 **Recycling Car Park:** Concerns have been raised that the storage of road salt in the recycling area might lead to the death of adjacent trees due to leaching of salts into the ground.
- 1.4 **Waste Bin:** The pole mounted litter bin to be erected near Tarland Church will be for both dog waste and other litter. The Council is awaiting delivery of the bins.
- 1.5 **Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park:** Being progressed.
- 1.6 **Tomnaverie:** The fallen sign has not yet been re-erected.
- 1.7 **Notice Board:** Notice boards for the MacRobert Hall have been chosen. Funding awaits the start of the new financial year.
- 1.8 **Dog Fouling:** There has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling of footpaths and verges of late. Those irresponsible dog owners who don't clear up after their dogs should be aware that spot fines of £40 can be imposed, rising to £500 if the offence is taken to court. The 'Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003' applies to 'any place which is open to the open air and to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission' and to 'any common passage, close, court, stair, back green, garden, yard or other similar common area'. The lack of a convenient dog waste bin does not exempt dog exercisers from the provisions of the act. Suitable dog waste bags are available from pet shops and the Aberdeenshire Council offices in Aboyne.

The problem is particularly marked in Alastrean Woods and on the paths up to Tomnaverie and is not the fault of the dogs.

- 1.9 **Tarland Square Lamp Posts:** The lamp posts in Tarland Square will be repainted in the summer.

## 2. **Logie Coldstone Report:**

- 2.1 Fence Deterioration:** This work has not been carried out, but is allegedly on Aberdeenshire Council's 'To Do' list. Completion was originally promised during the 2008 financial year.
- 2.2 Christmas Lights:** The CCC has received a letter of thanks from the Logie Coldstone Trust.
- 2.3 Notice Board:** The site for the board has been determined. Examples of available designs will be supplied to the Logie Coldstone Trust but purchase must await the start of Aberdeenshire Council's financial year.
- 2.4 Drains/Traffic Speed:** The Council are to review the performance of the drains and associated standing water on the road and will also monitor traffic speed in the vicinity of the school.
- 2.5 Litter Picking:** The CCC agreed to meet the cost of plastic bags and gloves for a litter picking campaign around Logie Coldstone. Councillor Argyle will contact Ranger Services to request the loan of litter picking tongs.

## 3. **Coull Report:**

Nothing new to report

## 4. **Ordie Report:**

Nothing new to report

## 5. **Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall**

The first meetings of the new Trust committee have taken place and one of their first jobs will be to prioritise the various Hall refurbishment tasks. It is likely that insulation will given a high priority in order to provide a more comfortable environment for hall users and to reduce heating costs.

A renovation fund raising disco will be held in the Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Estimates have been obtained and agreed for reconditioning the Hall clock and automating its winding. Grants of £1000 each have been offered by the Douneside Shooting Syndicate and the Marr Area Partnership towards the cost. Consideration is being given to restoring the chimes between 8am and 10pm.

## 6. **Tarland Development Group:**

- 6.1 Community Composting Project:** A grant of £1000 has been offered by the Marr Area Partnership to finance the start up and first year costs of the project.

Houses in Tarland will be leafleted to encourage membership and volunteers and there will be a launch event in March..

## 7. **Cairngorm National Park Authority**

The Reporter has reported on the Park's local plan and the recommendations are to be considered by the Board.

## 8. Police Report

Grampian Police were unable to provide a representative to attend the meeting for operational reasons. However, the CCC very much appreciated the new-style police report, in which Grampian Police priorities are aligned with the Marr Community Plan Community Wellbeing initiatives.

In addition, a police vehicle was stationed in Tarland Square on February 11<sup>th</sup> as a base for a police community surgery.

## 9. AOB

**9.1 Community Event:** The planned community event has been delayed by the recent bad weather. It is still intended to have an event to launch the Local Action Plan, and it is likely that this will be combined with a 'Have Your Say II' event to gauge opinion on the provision of local employment opportunities

**9.2 Digital Switchover:** digitaluk are holding a Drop In Clinic at the Aboyne Community Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> February, between 10am and 12 midday, to deal with concerns about the TV and Radio digital switch over.

## 10. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

### Tarland

14.12.09	Cuttieshillock Tarland, Aboyne	Building warrant for erection of new house and garage
21.12.09	23 Morven View Tarland Aboyne AB34 4UH	Building warrant for erection of heated conservatory
21.12.09	Barehillock Steading Tarland Aboyne AB34 4XB	Planning application for erection of a field centre
06.01.10	Croft House Drummy Tarland	Planning application for reinstatement of croft house with additions & new garage
07.01.10	Site at 'Rowanlea' Burnside Road Tarland AB34 4ZQ	Erection of additional electricity pole
25.01.10	Longfold Steading Tarland Aboyne AB34 4UR	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2006/1794 - Garage and external retaining walls - stove and flue added - change in floor level removed, steading walls partially re-built to allow for exposed granite.

## **Logie Coldstone**

17.11.09	1 Ferneyhowe Cottage Dinnet Aboyne AB34 5LX	Planning application for alterations and conservatory extension to rear of dwelling house
14.12.09	Loanhead Cottage Pitellachie Road Logie Coldstone AB34 5NP	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house
18.12.09	Land adjacent to Firbank Logie Coldstone, Aboyne	Planning application for change of use of land and erection of 4 self-catering chalets
25.01.10	3 Sunnybrae Cottages Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5PQ	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of detached garage

## **Coull**

16.11.09	Coull Mill & Steading Coull Aboyne	Planning application for conversion of steading and mill to form two dwelling houses and associated garages and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden ground
24.12.09	Land to north west of Greenhill Coull Aboyne	Planning application for erection of replacement poles and additional double pole

The committee was dismayed to hear that Aberdeenshire Council had granted planning permission for 2 additional houses at the Pinewood site at Aberdeen Road, Tarland. The decision was taken despite strong opposition from the community and local County Councillors.

The committee also questioned why the application had been considered at a meeting at which one local County Councillor had been unable to attend.

The Community Council agreed to ask the Chairman of the Marr Area Committee for an explanation.

**Next Meeting: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7pm at Logie Coldstone School**