

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013  
in the MacRobert Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Geva Blackett, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Archie Leith, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Grampian Police plus 14 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Sue Erskine.

**1. Cromar Report**

**1.1 Traffic Calming etc:**

- 1.1.1** Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: Work on the path was delayed by the recent bad weather but it has now been completed.
- 1.1.2** Ordie phone box – the continuing saga: Although the majority of local residents supported the removal of the phone box there was support from the floor of the meeting for its retention and claims that it was still used. BT usage figures will be requested. It was also agreed to seek the Roads Engineer's opinion on sight lines for vehicles emerging from the adjacent side road.
- 1.1.3** In addition to the existing list of items being compiled for the Aberdeenshire Roads department, the following items were reported for:
- Duncan Road: No painted warning marks on sleeping policemen.
  - Duncan Road: A barrier is required at the pavement end of the alley running off Duncan Road to prevent children running, scootering or riding into the road.
  - Duncan Road: Potholes (common throughout the Cromar area)
  - Road adjacent to Aberdeen Arms: The double yellow line should be extended to prevent car parking where the road narrows at the exit from the Square.

**1.2 Post Office Reopening:**

- 1.2.1** The Post Office is expected to reopen on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a Tuesday to Saturday service.
- 1.2.2** No progress is evident in moving the existing post box into a more convenient position in the Square.

**1.3 Logie Coldstone Hall:** Work is in progress.

**1.4 Drummy Wood:** The weather continues to inhibit footpath repairs.

- 1.5 Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund:** No evidence of the original trust document has been found in the General Registry Office in Edinburgh or at the British Legion. It was proposed that the Logie Coldstone Trust should take over the administration of the fund.
- 1.6 Coull Right of Way:** The MacRobert Trust is to examine the issues. The Chairman agreed to contact the Trust for a progress report.
- 1.7 Facebook:** The Cromar Community Council Facebook page has been published and is building an awareness.
- 1.8 Aberdeen Arms:** In answer to questions from the floor, the CCC clarified that it had no objections to the establishment of a Chinese restaurant within the Aberdeen Arms. It was in favour of any initiative that brought new facilities and employment to the Cromar area. The objections were based solely on the inappropriate external modifications to a listed building and it had already commented that the revised planning application was much more sympathetic.
- 1.9 Logie Coldstone Dog Fouling:** A dog waste bin is needed in Logie Coldstone to encourage dog owners to pick up after their pets.
- 2 Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall:** Mike Powell has stepped down from the position of Chair of the Tarland Welfare Trust whilst retaining his links with the Hall as a member of its development group. The CCC thanks him for all of his efforts in connection with the restoration of the Hall and, more recently, as Chair.
- 3 Tarland Development Group:**
- 3.1 Community Garden:** Work on the ground has started and around half of the raised beds have already been allocated.
- 3.2 Local Market:** A Tarland Local Market is planned for 27th April.
- 3.3 Tarland Way:** In addition to the existing Tarland Way guide, the TDG is about to publish a younger person's guide, funded by the National Lottery Awards for All.
- 3.4 Tarland Way:** The possibility of extending the off-road part of the Tarland Way at its Tarland end is being investigated.
- 4 Cairngorm National Park Authority:**
- 4.1 Local Development Plan:** The Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan will be considered by the Planning Committee on 1st March with a view to publication and consultation on 15 April 2013 to 5 July 2013. The Local Development Plan will eventually replace the Cairngorms National Park Local Plan 2010.
- 4.2 Celebrating Cairngorms Nature:** A day of activities for all the family at the Macdonald Aviemore Resort on Saturday 18th May. Festivities start from 10am with laser deer shooting, workshops on wildlife friendly dog walking, pond dipping, wildlife watching, playing nature games and the chance to find out more about the Park's outstanding wildlife.

## 5 Police:

**5.1 Cromar Crime Levels:** Crime levels in the Cromar area remain low, but there is evidence to suggest that criminals are being attracted to the area by a perception of relaxed rural security levels. Residents are encouraged to lock their cars, houses and outbuildings to discourage crime and are reminded that insurance claims subsequent to a break in may be compromised if they are not locked.

**5.2 Non-Emergency Police Contact Number:** A new **101** Scottish non-emergency telephone number has been launched to replace the existing range of local non-emergency numbers. The key reasons for its introduction are to:

- Help keep people safe by giving them an easy to remember number for contacting the police wherever they are in Scotland.
- Make the police more accessible whilst reducing pressure on the 999 system.
- Help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information.

The **999** number should always be used in an emergency.

**5.3 South Marr Safety Initiative:** The aim of this initiative is concentrate on the safety of all road users through the use of speed surveys and the collection of local intelligence. Concerns about :

- Speeding through villages
- Drink/drug driving
- Failure to wear seatbelts
- Driving whilst using mobile phones
- Anti-social use of vehicles
- Parking

Can be reported using the new **101** telephone number or by email to <mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk>

**5.4 Unified Police Authority:** It is likely that there will be a reduction of local resources for community initiatives under the new authority but it is hoped that schools' programmes will be maintained.

## 6 Planning Applications and Building Warrants

### Tarland

14.03.13	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Advertisement consent for erection of signage including spot lighting
21.03.13	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Listed building consent for installation of extractor flue, signage and spot lighting
21.03.13	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Full planning permission for part change of use from Class 3 (Food & Drink) to Sui Generis (Hot Food Take-Away) and installation of flue

25.04.13	Marview Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TJ	Full Planning Permission for Removal of Condition 2 (Occupancy Condition) of Planning Application 01/92/0358
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### **Lumphanan**

28.03.13	Corse Hall Lumphanan AB31 4RY	Planning permission in principle for conversion of Hall to dwelling house
28.03.13	Derelict Cottage at Tillyorn Lumphanan AB31 4SD	Planning permission in principle for demolition of existing derelict cottage, erection of replacement dwelling house and alterations to existing farm access track

### **Logie Coldstone**

21.03.13	Kirkstyle Logie Coldstone AB34 5PQ	Full planning permission for erection of a garage
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### **Coull**

15.03.13	Loch Coull House Coull Aboyne AB34 4TR	Amendment to Building Warrant Ref. No. BW/2010/2746 - Ground floor toilet altered to form shower
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The Community Council commented on the Aberdeen Arms signage application and was subsequently advised of a change which nullified the comment. The only outstanding comment relates to the proposal to spot light the signs.

## **7. AOB**

**7.1 *Tarland Square Hanging Baskets:*** There are currently no volunteers willing to take responsibility for the provision and care of the Tarland Square hanging baskets. An appeal for volunteers has been launched in the local press, notice boards and on facebook, but unless volunteers come forward by the end of April, the CCC will reluctantly have to cancel the plant order for 2013.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 8th, 2013 , 7pm in Logie Coldstone School**