

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 4th June, 2009
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (chairman), Councillor Rosemary Bruce, PC Gordon Brown, Dawn Tyson, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey plus 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Peter Argyle, Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Morag Wilson, Hugh Kelly

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present, and the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. Tarland Report

- 1.1 *Local Development Plan:*** The Local Development Plan Main Issues Report was published on May 18th. Unfortunately, Aberdeenshire Council has omitted to include any of the Tarland community opinion gathered at the January 24th 'Have Your Say' event. The CCC has been assured that this is an oversight and not as a result of any conspiracy.

Nevertheless, the Tarland community is being encouraged to respond to the Main Issues Report by July 6th and the CCC will be holding a meeting towards the end of June to allow the local landowners to present their proposals and to review and reiterate the community preferences that arose from the January meeting.

- 1.2 *Tarland Community Action Plan:*** Has being written and the draft has been sent for comment to the members of the Community Council, the Tarland Development Group, the Mar Area Partnership and the MacRobert Trust.

- 1.3 *Traffic Calming:*** The MacRobert Trust has erected double-sided 15mph speed limit signs at the top and bottom of Alastrean Drive and speed limiting cushions are to be installed on the Drive during this financial year.

Aberdeenshire Council is to complete a traffic management review by the end of March 2010. No news yet on the 'painting out' of the corner around the Aberdeen Arms or the relocation of 30mph speed limit signs (promised over a year ago – see Minutes of Meeting on 9th April, 2008)

- 1.4 *Road salt on Market Stance:*** No alternative site has yet been proposed for storing road salt.

The area from which the road salt has been removed is frequently used as an overflow car park for the Surgery. Given that nothing is ever likely to grow there again, is there a case for surfacing it?

- 1.5 **Horse riding on waymarked trails:** The MacRobert Trust has indicated that problems caused by horse riding on way marked trails are for them to address.
- 1.4 **Leaning lamp post in Tarland Square:** Councillor Bruce is to investigate the possibility of the lamp post being restored to the perpendicular.
- 1.6 **Notice boards:** The Trustees of the MacRobert Hall are considering the acceptability of commercially available aluminium-framed notice boards to be positioned on each side of the entrance.
- 1.7 **Damage to Bridge wall:** No apparent action yet on repairing the damage to the bridge wall on Bridge Street.
- 1.8 **Tarland Square conservation area:** Tarland Square has already been identified as a potential conservation area but further progress awaits a justification being put forward. The CCC has yet to identify any advantages for Tarland or, conversely, any drawbacks that a conservation area designation might entail.

2. **Logie Coldstone Report:**

- 2.1 **Notice Board:** The School notice board has been erected and space is available for community notices.
- 2.2 **Fence Deterioration:** The wooden fence of each side of the bridge is in a poor state of repair and requires rectification (first reported in the Minutes of 21st May, 2008)

3. **Police Report:**

The Chairman welcomed PC Gordon Brown to the meeting.

- 3.1 There have been three recent motor vehicle thefts in the area and a theft of red diesel. They are believed to have been the actions of thieves travelling out from Aberdeen, attracted by the perception of lower levels of security in the countryside. The whole community is recommended to review its security arrangements and improve them where necessary.
- 3.2 There have been fifteen miscellaneous telephone calls from Tarland to the police in the last month.

4. **Tarland Development Group:** Nothing reported.

5. **Cairngorm National Park Authority:** Nothing reported

6. **Ordie Report:** Nothing reported

7. **Coull Report:** Nothing reported.

8. Planning Applications

Date	Tarland	
22.04.09	Steading Adjacent To Cuttieshillock Tarland Aboyne	Planning application for rebuilding of former steading to form dwelling house.
24.04.09	Lecht Cottage Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TT	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2008/3748 - Changes to the separating floor to retain hatch and ramsay ladder, changes to layout of en-suite and drainage
13.05.09	Slack Cottage Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TJ	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house.
12.05.09	Longfold Steading Tarland Aboyne AB34 4UR	Planning application for erection of detached garage
22.05.09	Lecht Cottage Tarland Aboyne AB34 4T	Planning application for partial demolition of derelict shed and refurbishment of remaining part.
27.05.09	The Paper Shop 9 The Square Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YL	Retrospective planning application for erection of an air conditioning unit and chiller unit at rear.
25.05.09	Alastrean House Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TA	Two planning applications for alterations to nursing home

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Tarland Square Parking: The CCC welcomed the success of Tarland as a centre for walkers from all over Grampian but noted the Square was frequently subject to parking pressure as a result. There has been a suggestion that some walkers might be encouraged to park in the car park opposite Knappieround, particularly as it is a convenient starting point for some of the walks. However, such a move might have an adverse effect on trade in the Square.

The existence of the alternative car park might be advertised by an entry in the Tarland Walks book or, if a reprint is not likely in the near future, by an insert in the book.

In addition, a sign in the 'Knappieround' car park could draw attention to the services available in the Square.

- 9.2 *Extension to the Path on Aberdeen Road:*** User's of the 'Knappieround' car park are forced to walk on the road because the pavement finishes at the Douneside turning. Councillor Bruce agreed to investigate the possibility of an extension of the pavement up to a point opposite the entrance to the car park.
- 9.3 *Tomnaverie footpath sign:*** The Tomnaverie footpath sign on the Aboyne road was knocked down some time ago and has not been re-erected. As a result, motorists are not warned of the possibility of walkers crossing the road. Councillor Bruce will attempt to expedite its re-erection.
- 9.4 *Tomnaverie Car Park Waste Bin:*** A recent collection of rubbish from the car park at Tomnaverie points to the need for a serviced waste bin to be installed.
- 9.5 *Alastrean Woods Mountain Bike Trails:*** The meeting welcomed the proposal to establish mountain bike trails in Alastrean Woods. These trails would be separate to the recently established all-abilities paths.
- 9.6 *Hanging Baskets:*** The plants for the hanging baskets have been delivered to Tarland School by Aberdeenshire Council.
- 9.7 *Access to the Tarland Sports Pavilion and Toilets:*** Complaints have been received from users of the Sports Pavilion and its associated toilets following the changing of the locks with no prior notice. It has become Council policy to charge user groups for the use of such facilities to defray the cost of their operation.

The locks were changed at Tarland after the rectification of some damage to the building and, as there were no registered users of the building, no prior notice could be given.

The daily cost is £13 but registered groups can also make a single payment for the whole season, £67.50, in which case they will be issued with a key.

Application can be made to the Community Leisure Officer, based in Aboyne.

- 9.8** A number of the trees planted on the Market Stance are broken and need to be replaced. Councillor Bruce will investigate.

Next meeting: July 15th in Logie Coldstone School at 7pm.

The meeting will commence with the Annual General Meeting and then continue with normal business.