



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 6 May 2015
at Logie Coldstone School.**

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Evelyn Smith, and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Sue Erskine, Veronica Ross and Police Scotland.

1. Police Report

Police Scotland supplied a report that said that no crimes had been recorded in the Cromar area since the last meeting. During April a number of speeding checks had been conducted in Aberdeenshire and Moray and several motorists had been detected driving at excessive speeds. These were part of Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) launched to encourage drivers to take more responsibility on the region's roads. The police wish to make everyone aware of bogus callers and doorstep crime in which over 60s are specifically targeted. More information and advice about these and other campaigns can be found at <http://www.scotland.police.uk>

2. Cromar Report

2.1. Tarland Bowling Green & Pavilion

The Chairman reported that he had held meetings with County Councillors, officials from Aberdeenshire Council and the Head Teacher of Tarland School to explore ways of encouraging the community to use the pavilion at the Playpark and to find new uses for the bowling green. Reactions had been helpful and positive and further meetings were due to be held in the hope of establishing a sports hub in Tarland.

2.2. Road Adoptions & Roads

Donald Gordon said that he was unlikely to take his proposal that Aberdeenshire Council should adopt the road at Balmuir Wood any further, since the visibility splay requirements for access on to Aberdeen Road would be difficult to fulfil. He added that there were concerns about the dangers of getting on to Aberdeen Road from Balmuir Wood and that he was continuing discussions with Aberdeenshire Council and local residents in the hope that best efforts would be made to improve visibility. The Community Council heard that discussions about the stretch of Alastrean Drive by the Church were continuing, but remained unresolved. No date has been given for the start of the construction of the cemetery extension, although the MacRobert Trust estate plans to begin taking the trees down in the near future. The estate has been asked to restore the speed limit signs on the drive to Alastrean House.

2.3. Superfast Broadband

Superfast broadband is now available for those who wish to pay for it in Tarland, but other communities in Cromar will have to wait until Aberdeenshire Council and BT have devised a means of connecting them to the system.

2.4. Tarland Christmas Lights

Nigel Healey said that he had arranged a meeting with an official of Aberdeenshire Council to discuss proposals for a more spectacular display of Christmas lights in the village.

2.5 Public Access Defibrillators

David Souter of the Tarland & Mid Deeside Community First Responders reported that the money to pay for the installation a PAD on the wall of the MacRobert Memorial Hall in Tarland Square had been found. The cost of the electricity that it requires is being borne by the Tarland Welfare Trust, and other on-going expenses will be met by the Tarland Development Group. (Since the meeting, this PAD has been installed.) There was room for other PADS in the village, he suggested, and an appropriate place for one might be the Leisure Centre at Douneside House. Progress was also being made at Logie Coldstone, where a fund-raising ceilidh was planned for a PAD on the wall of the former pub. The T&MDCFR will be offering training in the operation of PADs to volunteers throughout Cromar. The Community Council expressed its appreciation to all those involved in the PAD programme for their successful efforts.

2.6. Twinning

A representative from Stanardsville, Virginia, U.S.A, is due in Tarland in June and further discussions will be held on the proposal to organise a twinning arrangement between the town and communities in Cromar.

2.7. Galton Graveyard

Aberdeenshire Council hopes to make repairs to Kirkton (Galton) graveyard at Logie Coldstone soon. The Community Council expressed the hope that the ancient St Wolock's Stone would be protected during the works.

2.8. Media Events

The Community Council congratulated the Logie Coldstone Trust on the successful and lively broadcast of Radio 4's *Any Questions?* from Logie Coldstone Hall. Meanwhile, BBC Scotland's *Beechgrove Gardeners' Question Time* will be recorded at the MacRobert Memorial Hall in Tarland on 23 June.

2.9. Footpaths

The Chairman agreed to contact Scotways to discuss issues raised about access to some of its footpaths in the area. The Community Council welcomed the news from Cllr. Farquhar that a path is being planned between Tarland and Logie Coldstone and congratulated all those concerned with the extension of the Tarland Way.

3. Tarland Development Group

The Tarland Trails in Drummy Woods will be officially opened at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 12 September.

4. Tarland Welfare Trust

The Trust continues to consider the installation of an improved heating system in the MacRobert Memorial Hall and a hearing loop.

5. Cairngorm National Park Authority

The Adopted CNP Local Development Plan has been published.

6. Planning Applications

The Community Council was pleased to note that the Section 75 Agreement for the Village Farm development in Tarland has been signed. The following new applications were discussed:

Erection of a 250kW Ground Mounted Solar Array and Associated Cabling
Douneside House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4UL Ref. No: APP/2015/1040

Erection of Agricultural Building Mains Of Coynach Tarland Aberdeenshire
AB34 4XN Ref. No: APP/2015/1126

Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage Including Change of Use of Agricultural Land
to Domestic Garden Ground and Redevelopment of Agricultural Buildings to Builders
Stores Land At Oldtown Of Kincaigie Tarland Aberdeenshire Ref. No:
APP/2015/0937

Next meeting: at Tarland Primary School on 24 June 2015 at 7 p.m.