

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 6th NOVEMBER, 2008
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Councillor Bruce Luffman, Simon Welfare (chairman), Evelyn Smith, 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Councillor Peter Argyle, Nigel Healey, Morag Wilson, Bill Gardner, Hugh Kelly.

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

1. Grampian Police

P.C. Geddes and P.C. Barnard attended the meeting. P.C. Geddes reported 9 recent incidents of crime, including 1 case of theft, 1 of poaching, and 1 breach of the peace. Strong concern was expressed at the news that there had been 3 investigations under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

2. Tarland Report

3.1 *Traffic calming:* Following another complaint from a member of the public, the problem of vehicles speeding through the gate of Alastrean House near the church was discussed and concern was again expressed about the effectiveness of the calming measures proposed by the MacRobert Trust.

Councillor Luffman said that an LED speed limit sign was due to be erected on Aberdeen Road near Knappieround. A similar sign at the Aboyne end of the village was not thought necessary. He had discussed other road safety measures with the Roads Manager of Aberdeenshire Council, and had suggested a build-out to slow traffic turning into the road between the Play Park and Cromar Cottages. He had also suggested a similar scheme at Strachan Cottages. The Roads Manager was investigating building a pavement on the corner going off to the Caravan Park. However, only the LED sign was provided for in this year's budget.

3.2 *Public Toilets:* Councillor Luffman said that public toilets will be upgraded throughout the county. The need to paint the ones in Tarland had been identified, but discussion was still continuing about the locks and timers.

3.3 *Bus Transport into Banchory:* The question of the Tarland - Banchory 'shopping bus' is still under discussion.

3.4 **Christmas Lights:** The plan to decorate the MacRobert Hall with lights is in hand. Young people are to be asked to erect, decorate and supervise the tree.

3.5 **Recycling:** There was warm praise for the Aberdeenshire Council's efficiency in clearing the bins, but the amount of 'fly-tipping' at the site was deplored. A member of the public had written to the County Council to complain that this had caused an influx of rats. Measures to prevent any infestation had already been taken by the time of the meeting.

4. **Logie Coldstone Report:**

4.1 **Mobile Library:** The news that this had resumed visiting the playground at the school was welcomed.

4.2 **Poldhu Wells:** The bridge has arrived, but the final touches will not be put to the site until the Spring.

4.3 **Squirrels:** Efforts to find ways of preventing squirrels from being run over in the area are continuing.

5. **Community Planning Day**

Aberdeenshire Council is currently drawing up a new Local Plan. With this in mind, a Community Council steering group is preparing for an open meeting, provisionally scheduled for 24th January 2009. This will be held with the help of the Marr Area Partnership, and will be designed to instigate discussion, not only about ideas for the Local Plan, but for all future development in the area. Local Councillors, the MacRobert Trust and other landowners, the Tarland Development Group and the Tarland Welfare Trust, will all be taking part, and everyone will be encouraged to make their views and ideas heard. Aberdeenshire Council has promised to send a letter to the Community Council identifying land which might be suitable for development, and local landowners had already been asked for their ideas. Councillor Luffman said that the new Local Plan was likely to differ from those in the past. The approach to development in settlements like Tarland and Logie Coldstone would be flexible: new housing would be considered as and when the need arose. The Community Planning Day would be an important opportunity for local people to discuss what they might want in the future.

6. **Areas of Search for Windfarms**

Councillor Luffman drew the Community Council's attention to a proposal to draw up a map showing suitable areas in Aberdeenshire for the development of large windfarms, over 20 megawatts. This would be helpful both to local people and developers. The Howe of Cromar is not within any of the proposed broad areas of search.

7. **Tarland Welfare Trust**

The architect is working on plans for the refurbishment of the MacRobert Hall and an energy audit is about to take place. A business plan is also being drawn up, in preparation for funding applications. Fundraising is going well, with over £7,000 collected so far.

Cairngorm National Park Authority

An inquiry into the Park's Local Plan will probably be held in the Spring.

8. **Ordie Report** – Nothing Reported

9. **Coull Report** – Nothing Reported

10. **Planning Applications**

Recent planning applications were discussed, and, after representations by two members of the public, the Community Council agreed to consider a response to an application for 'the demolition and erection of replacement house including change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden ground at Cuttishillock, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4YQ'.

Planning Applications & Building Warrants

Tarland

26.09.08	Mr & Mrs G Anderson North Gellan Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YR	Full planning permission for conversion of steading to form dwelling house at site adjacent to North Gellan, Tarland, Aboyne
03.10.08	SSE Telecom Inveralmond House 200 Dunkeld Road Perth PH1 3AQ	Erection of 1.95m UHF twelve element Yagi antenna to existing building at SSE Tarland Substation, Cushnie, Alford AB33 8LP
10.10.08	Jacqueline Poskitt & Ian Thomson Fountainvale Station Square Aboyne AB34 5HX	Demolition of farmhouse and erection of replacement house including change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden ground at Cuttishillock, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4YQ
17.10.08	Crispin Cottage, 14 Melgum Road, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4ZL	Amendment to building warrant reference number BW/2005/3462 - Internal alterations and sun room amendments at Crispin Cottage,
24.10.08	Mill Road Tarland Aboyne	Amendment to building warrant reference number BW/2007/4526 - Oil tank repositioned, boiler changed to external boiler at site at Mill Road, Tarland, Aboyne
24.10.08	Mr & Mrs V Wallace Cedar Bank Aberdeen Road Tarland Aboyne	Erection of dwelling house at Coreen Cottage, 8 Melgum Road, Tarland Aboyne AB34 4ZL

Logie Coldstone

17.10.08	Martin Delaney 50 Gladstone Place Queens Cross Aberdeen AB10 6XA	Erection of detached shed/outhouse at Woodside, Braes Of Cromar Logie Coldstone, Tarland, AB34 5PS
24.10.08	Robert Forsyth Sunnywood Logie Coldstone Tarland	Erection of a dwelling house at site to the West of Tom A Chairr Logie Coldstone, Aboyne

Next meeting: 17 December, 2008, at 1900 in Tarland School.