

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9th April, 2008
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Councillor Bruce Luffman, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare, (Chairman), Morag Wilson, Nigel Healey, Hugh Kelly, William Gardner, 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Evelyn Smith

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

Simon Power (MacRobert Trust) gave a presentation on the Trust's current building proposals on two of its sites:

Conifer Plot: Five houses are proposed for the Conifer Plot but Aberdeenshire planners have expressed a preference for three. Discussions continue. There will be no affordable housing on the site, the obligation having been bought out and transferred to the Village Farm site.

Village Farm Site: Thirty two houses are planned for the Village Farm site, of which 25% (plus two transferred from the Conifer Plot) will be available for sale or rent as affordable housing. In addition, some of the plots may be made available for self-build. The site will also include an area of community land, some of which may be made over to allotments, and a footpath into the village. Planning is at an early stage and further details will be displayed in the village when they are available.

Mr. Power concluded his presentation by noting that Tarland must grow if it is to be able to support local services and that the Trust is engaged in identifying sites for future development. He believed it important that local people be given adequate notice and detail of the Trust's plans.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **Tarland Report**

2.1 **Christmas decorations in the Square:** Discussions with local businesses have started. **Action: MW**

2.2 **Recycling Site:** The recycling site has been given a new, permanent surface which is much appreciated by its users.

It will not be possible to locate a garden waste skip on the site. However, the provision of a manned garden waste skip at Aboyne on Saturdays will continue.

2.3 **Play Park Fence:** A budget allocation has been made to replace the entire fence.

2.4 **Pavement from Tarland School:** The new pavement is to be white-lined to make it more visible to drivers.

2.5 **Traffic Calming:** Traffic calming measures have still to be scheduled. Measures planned include:

- Relocation of the existing 30MPH sign at the on the Aberdeen Road back to the vicinity of Knappieround.
- White road marking adjacent to the Aberdeen Arms and the Pharmacy to encourage drivers to take a wider line around the corners.
- A 'staggered junction' sign has been erected adjacent to the Old Police House.

A request was made to relocate the existing 30MPH sign on the Coull Road further down the road to the vicinity of the Golf Club as its current position took no account of recent house building.

The MacRobert Trust was requested to consider the implementation of traffic calming measures on the drive up to Alastrean House. It was generally agreed that signs are not likely to be effective.

2.6 **Tennis Court:** Following a meeting between representatives of the Tennis Club and the Council, the wall at the back of the court is to be replaced within six weeks. There is a proposal to float a screed onto the playing surface to eliminate tripping hazards.

2.7 **Vandalism of Public Toilets:** No progress on fitting an automatic timed lock.

2.8 **Dog Waste Disposal Bin:** Given the number of dog walkers who enter the Alastrean woods by the gate by the Kirk, it was believed that it would be an advantage if a dog waste disposal bin could be located in the vicinity. The MacRobert Trust will consider the proposal.

2.9 **Alastrean Wood Windblown Trees:** The windblown trees in Alastrean Wood are expected to be cleared in approximately six weeks. Those in Drummy may also be tidied at the same time.

3. **Logie Coldstone Report**

3.1 **Squirrels:** Measures to provide squirrels with a safer route to cross the road continue.

4. **Coull Report** - Nothing reported.

5. **Ordie Report** – Nothing reported.

6. **Tarland Welfare Trust/Hall Committee.**

6.1 The Planning Group have a meeting with the architect arranged for 15th April.

7. **Cairngorm National Park Authority** - Nothing reported.

8. **Tarland Development Group**

8.1 The first edition of the Community Newsletter is being distributed.

9. **Grampian Police**

9.1 Although not able to be present at the meeting, the Grampian police have issued the April edition of their bulletin.

10. Planning Applications

**Week
ending**

Tarland

14.03.08	Mr D.Golder	Full planning permission for erection of ancillary annexe accommodation and garage to site south of Tillychardoch horse mill.
14.03.08	Mr & Mrs Erskine	Full planning permission for erection of replacement garage, installation of LPG tank and rerouting of access track at Cuttieshillock, Tarland.
20.03.08	Alan Grant Grampian Ltd	Amendment to building warrant at the Paddock for alterations as follows: Plot 7, 8 & 10 – installation of solid fuel stove; Plot 9 – layout change.
28.03.08	Mr D.Golder	Building warrant for conversion of Tillychardoch horse mill to form a dwelling house.
04.04.08	Mr H Egan	Amendment to building warrant at Roadside Cottage – alterations.
04.04.08	Mr & Mrs Erskine	Building warrant for conversion of steading to form dwellinghouse and erection of a new garage at Cuttieshillock, Tarland.

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04.04.08	Miss S McKenzie	Amendment to building warrant – shower room on ground floor, stove in fireplace recess.
04.04.08	Cromar Community Council	Full planning permission for formation of steps and footbridge for public access at site north west of Blelack Cottage Poldhu Wells.

Coull

28.03.08	Mr Graham Gibb	Building warrant for erection of sun room, garden room and car port.
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11. Any Other Business

Following a suggestion by the Treasurer, it was unanimously agreed that the CCS's bank accounts should be available as on-line accounts.

Next Meeting: 21st May, 2008, at Logie Coldstone School

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