

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9th October, 2013
in Tarland Primary School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Veronica Ross, Alec McVean, Nigel Healey, Natasha Pawlukiewicz (Marr Area Partnership), Chris Redmond (Tarland Development Group) plus two members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Sue Erskine, Anke Addy, Police Scotland.

1. **Ward Forums:** Natasha Pawlukiewicz (Marr Area Partnership) gave a presentation of the benefits of attending the Ward Forums, which are arranged for the purpose of allowing community councillors and others to hear presentations on subjects of mutual interest and to offer direct access to Aberdeenshire Council and other local organisation officials. In addition, the forums promote networking and offer opportunities for attendees to share experiences.

Natasha encouraged the CCC to submit suggestions for presentation/discussion topics for consideration in future ward forums.

2. **Mountain Bike Trails:** 'Chris Redmond (Tarland Development Group) gave a presentation on proposals for a permanent mountain bike trail in Tarland. He said that he had identified two possible sites, one in Drummy Woods and another in Alastrean Woods. The group is aware of the need to avoid conflict with existing foot paths and he said that public comment was mostly favourable when a straw poll was taken at the recent Tarland Market.

'The Community Council supported the idea of a mountain bike trail in principle, but asked Mr Redmond to come back to discuss details of the project, particularly its proposed location, as his plan develops.

3. **Cromar Report**

- 3.1 **Post Office Reopening:** Following the intervention of Sir Robert Smith, Royal Mail is expected to make a proposal for a pedestal mounted post box adjacent to the new Post Office.

- 3.2 **Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund:** The Logie Coldstone Trust has agreed to take over the administration of the Logie Coldstone War Memorial fund. The CCC treasurer will get in touch with Joyce Lovie to make the arrangements.

- 3.3 **Tree lopping on the Market Stance:** Douneside is responsible for the maintenance of the trees on the Market Stance.

- 3.4 **Tarland Medical Centre:** The Chairman has written to Aberdeenshire Landscape Services about the erection of a protective fence between the Tarland Medical Centre and the football field. However, staff movements have delayed a response.

- 3.5 Tarland Conversation Area Proposal:** Staff movements have delayed further progress on the Tarland Conservation Area. However, it is understood that a draft proposal has been completed.
- 3.6 Ordie Phone Box:** A proposal has been made for the removal and relocation of the Ordie phone box.
- 3.7 Remembrance Day Ceremony:** More publicity will be given to the Remembrance Day ceremony with a view to encouraging attendance.
- 4. Cairngorm National Park Authority:** The Cairngorm National Park planning office in Ballater is to be relocated to Grantown.
- 5. Police Report:**
- 5.1** Crime in the Tarland area has remained generally low since the last meeting but....
- 5.2** Entry was gained to works vans parked in the Square and Melgum Road and a quantity of power tools was stolen. Two suspect vehicles, a red Transit van and a small silver van, are being sought by the police.
- 5.3** The public are urged to be conscious of the security of vehicles and are advised to remove valuables from unattended vehicles..
- 5.4** Any information concerning serious incidents or any type of crime can be passed to the Police Service Centre on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
- 5.5** A member of the CCC complained about long waiting times before the 101 number was answered.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Discussion of the healthy balance in the Community Council funds was deferred to the next meeting.
- 7. Tarland Development Group:**
- 7.1 Community Garden:** The strip of trees required by the planning consent has been planted.
- 7.2 Tarland Market:** Successfully held on 28th September.
- 7.3 Bee Keeping:** The group is considering starting a bee group. There will be a series of bee-related talks over the winter.

9. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

05.09.13	Drummie House Burnside Road Tarland AB34 4UP	Building warrant for proposed new garage
11.09.13	Middle Davoch Steading House Tarland AB34 4US	Building warrant for erection of balcony and occasional stair
18.09.13	Millhead Tarland AB34 4UR	Building warrant for erection of a general purpose building

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30.08.13	Mill Of Kincaigie Coull AB34 4TT	Building warrant for refurbishment and alterations to existing house
19.09.13	Rose Cottage Ordie AB34 5LS	Application for full planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house

Logie Coldstone

31.10.13	Coldstone House Studio Logie Coldstone AB34 5NP	Application for listed building consent for alterations and renovation to steading
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The CCC did not comment on any of the applications

Next Meeting: November 13th at Logie Coldstone School at 7:00 pm.