

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009  
AT TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (chairman), Councillor Peter Argyle, Dawn Tyson, Morag Wilson, Hugh Kelly, Nigel Healey, 3 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Evelyn Smith

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

**1. Tarland Report**

- 1.1 Traffic Calming:** The need for traffic calming measures on the Alastrean drive has been reinforced by the current construction of the excellent all-abilities trail, which crosses the drive at two locations. Consideration should be given to the installation of signs to warn drivers of possible traffic conflicts.

The Ambulance Service has expressed a preference for anti-speeding cushions rather than sleeping policemen on the Alastrean drive and the MacRobert Trust has indicated that they will be installed, in the forthcoming financial year, at the drive entrance adjacent to the Kirk. In addition, speed restriction signs have been ordered for installation on the drive.

The CCC has also received complaints about drivers circulating the village at high speeds and in an inconsiderate manner.

- 1.2 'Your Tarland- Have Your Say':** The event on January 24 was very well supported by the public and attracted approximately 150 visitors, the majority of whom contributed comments on the desirability of future village development.

A similar, though smaller, event was held at Logie Coldstone on the following day and attracted an enthusiastic response.

Comments from both villages were collated and submitted to Aberdeenshire Council to inform their deliberations on the Aberdeenshire Local Plan.

The Local Plan Main Issues report is due to be published in June and will trigger further events to allow residents to make their views known to the Council. In the meantime, the results of the January 24/25 events will be made available, starting with a display at the Local Market on April 4 in the MacRobert Hall.

- 1.3 Road salt on Market Stance:** It was suggested that space might be found within the recycling area to store the road salt. Councillor Argyle will investigate and also find out if anything can be done to refurbish the area that the existing road salt storage has devastated.
- 1.4 Horse riding on waymarked trails:** The CCC has received complaints from walkers about horses causing damage to waymarked trails, particularly those in Alastrean Woods, Drummy Woods and Knockargety. These trails are maintained by volunteers and are vulnerable to horse hoof damage, particularly at this time of year. Notices have been posted but have had little effect and, in some cases, have been removed.

The MacRobert Trust is working on designated routes for riding but, in the meantime, riders are asked to keep away from the waymarked trails.

- 1.5 Path cleaning:** The path behind 11, Duncan Road has not been cleaned for some time, in spite of requests to the Council, and the broken glass etc. presents a hazard to all users, especially children. Councillor Argyle is to investigate.
- 1.6 Snow clearance:** The CCC appreciated the rapid removal of snow from around the War Memorial after a complaint from resident but noted that damage had been caused to the pavement from Melgum Road Garage up to the School by the use of a JCB-type excavator for snow clearance. Councillor Argyle agreed to investigate.
- 1.7 Tarland Blog:** If you want to comment on the plan to put parking meters in Tarland Square, the tolls to be imposed on the Bridge Street bridge (it is getting close to April 1) or any other aspect of living in Tarland or its environs, the new Tarland Blog is the place to go. Contributions are moderated but robust discussions are welcomed. See it at [www.tarland.org.uk](http://www.tarland.org.uk).
- 1.8 Leaning lamp post in Tarland Square:** In spite of being reported on previous occasions, the 'leaning lamppost of Tarland' is still leaning and has yet to be painted. Councillor Argyle agreed to investigate.
- 1.9 Cleanliness outside of Tarland pubs:** Appreciation was expressed at the evident efforts that the licencees of the Commercial Hotel and the Aberdeen Arms are making to keep the areas outside of their premises clear of litter.

## **2. Logie Coldstone Report: 42903**

- 2.1 'Have your say':** A Logie Coldstone event was held in tandem with the Tarland event on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The opinions gathered were included in the CCC's submission to Aberdeenshire Council.
- 2.2 Village Hall redevelopment:** It has been decided that major redevelopment plans will be put on hold for the time being and that efforts will concentrate on making the best of what the hall currently has to offer.

3. **Police Report:** PC Gordon Brown attended the meeting and reviewed the latest local Police Report, particularly the section dealing with anti-social driving.

Instances can be advised to the Police by reporting car/motor cycle registrations on **0845 600 5700**. Such reports will be followed up with the registered owner of the vehicle.

4. **Tarland Welfare Trust/Hall Committee** – There will be a Local Market in the MacRobert Hall on April 4
5. **Cairngorm National Park Authority** – Councillor Peter Argyle has been nominated to assume Bruce Luffman’s responsibilities to the Authority.
6. **Ordie Report** – Nothing Reported
7. **Coull Report** – There will be road resurfacing works adjacent to Lochmanse and Culblean Cottages as part of the 2010/11 road maintenance programme. The problem with surface water at those locations will also be addressed.
8. **Planning Applications**

Date	Tarland	
19.01.09	Roadside Cottage Tarland Aboyne AB34 4UP	Second amendment to Building Warrant Reference Number BW/2004/5814 - Amend protective barrier and external steps
04.02.09	Deskie House 10 Bridge Street Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YN	Building warrant for alterations to existing attic to form habitable accommodation
05.02.09	Anemometer Site Burnside of Blackhills Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YX	Planning permission for erection of anemometer mast (Retrospective)
12.02.09	Lecht Cottage Springbank Coull Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TT	Planning permission for wet harl render to part of end gable elevation
18.02.09	Waulkmill Cottage Tarland Aboyne AB34 4XA	Planning permission to demolish existing dwelling house and erection of dwelling house and garage
26.02.09	Land to rear of 2 Mill Place Tarland	Planning permission for erection of dwelling house.

04.03.09	Site to East of Woodlands, Morven Road Tarland	Planning permission for erection of dwelling house and garage
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**Logie Coldstone**

02.03.09	Blelack Mill Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5NH	Planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house
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The CCC will be commenting on the applications relating to the land to the rear of 2 Mill Place and to the site to the East of Woodlands, Morven Road.

**Next meeting: April 22 at 7pm in Logie Coldstone School**