

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
at TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chairman), Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Councillor Peter Argyle, Sue Erskine, Nigel Healey plus four members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Evelyn Smith, Grampian Police

The meeting received the resignation of Hugh Kelly, Treasurer, who can no longer continue as a member of the Council due to his work commitments enforcing extended absences from Cromar. His efforts have been very much appreciated.

Sue Erskine was co-opted onto the Council in advance of an election and has agreed to assume the duties of the Treasurer.

Archie Leith has agreed to be co-opted onto the Council to represent the interests of Ordie.

**1. Tarland Report**

- 1.1 Traffic Calming:** The Tarland Traffic Management Review did not take place in March because of the bad weather and it has not yet been rescheduled. As a number of long promised and delayed traffic calming measures were predicated on its outcome, concern was expressed at Aberdeenshire Council's apparent inability or unwillingness to meet the local community's road safety concerns.
- 1.2 Damage to Bridge Wall:** The Register of Sasines is being consulted in an attempt to establish ownership of the land abutting the bridge wall. Meanwhile, the wall continues to deteriorate.
- 1.3 Recycling Car Park:** Councillor Argyle agreed to investigate the possibility of building a permanent structure within the Recycling Centre to contain the road salt. Failing that, the building of a low bund wall to prevent salt water contaminating the area around the trees immediately behind the recycling centre would be considered.
- 1.4 Waste Bin:** The waste bin has still not been delivered and Councillor Argyle agreed to find out where it had got to.
- 1.5 Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park:** Awaiting developments.
- 1.6 Dog Fouling:** This continues to be a problem. The path up to Tomnaverie is particularly bad and, in view of the high tourist activity that this site generates, the CCC would like to see a serviced dog waste bin erected in the car park. Councillor Argyle indicated that a general purpose waste bin might be possible.

- 1.7 Local Development Plan:** The meeting expressed general satisfaction with the draft outcomes of the Local Development Plan for Tarland and Logie Coldstone but was anxious that opportunities for the provision local business premises should not be missed.
- 1.8 Extension to St Moluag's kirk yard:** There is some community concern about plans to extend the kirk yard to the rear of St.Moluag's, particularly with the level of the water table in the proposed area. Outline plans for an access road to the projected extension were circulated. Simon Welfare will explore the matter with Aberdeenshire Council.
- 1.9 Local Bus Services:** Councillor Argyle offered to act as a conduit for complaints about local bus services. It was emphasised that such complaints should be specific, including time and date, rather than voicing a generalised dissatisfaction with the services.

## 2. Logie Coldstone Report:

- 2.1 Fence Deterioration:** Aberdeenshire Council has contracted a local fencer to carry out the work
- 2.2 Litter Picking:** A community 'Clean Up' day collected five bags of rubbish and another three bags of recyclable material were collected in the space between the Groddie Road and the Tarland/Migvie crossroads. A further large carrier bag of recyclables was collected in the five hundred yards from the crossroads along the road towards Tarland. Most of this was drinks cans and bottles that appear to have been thrown out of vehicles. Is there any chance of a publicity campaign that might draw attention to the anti-social and anti-road safety aspects of this form of littering?
- 2.3 Pavement:** The allocation of twenty houses to Logie Coldstone in the Local Development Plan is likely to make the provision of a pavement a recognised necessity.

## 3. Coull Report:

Nothing new to report

## 4. Ordie Report:

Nothing new to report

## 5. Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall

- 5.1 MacRobert Hall renovation:** Quotations are being sought for the various proposed phases of the refurbishment programme, with insulation of the building being the first priority.
- 5.2 Salsa Celtica:** The Salsa Celtica event raised £832 for the hall renovation fund.
- 5.3 Woodend Barn outreach project:** Woodend Barn are running a programme of ten events in Tarland, eight of which are planned to be in the Hall, providing an opportunity to raise funds. The Old Blind Dogs will be at the Hall on 18th December and the event may be publicised as a Christmas party for Tarland

## 6. Tarland Development Group:

**6.1 Community Composting Project:** Sixty five households have signed up to the project.

**6.2 AGM:** The AGM will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August and a photography competition will be held to encourage attendance.

## 7. Cairngorm National Park Authority

Nothing new to report.

## 8. Police Report:

The Grampian Police representative was en route to the meeting when operational demands forced him to divert. However, from a Police perspective, there wasn't too much to report. Levels of crime in the area remain low. Patrols by officers have resulted in a number of drivers being reported for road traffic offences. The mobile police surgery was at Tarland on 10th April, when about six persons attended, although nothing of great concern or of a specific community nature was raised. The police are seeing a gradual, increasing benefit from the surgeries, and look forward to continuing them.

## 9. AOB

**9.1 Community Event:** The planned community event was delayed by the recent bad weather. It is still intended to have an event to launch the Local Action Plan, and it is likely that this will be combined with a 'Have Your Say II' event to gauge opinion on the Local Development Plan decisions.

**9.2 Deeside Bus Services:** The CCC is being copied on reports from Bus Users Deeside, which intends to highlight deficiencies in local bus services. Complaints include the absence of bells and hand rails on the coaches supplied by Stagecoach Bluebird, driver behaviour and the provision of unsuitable buses/coaches on Deeside routes, particularly during periods of low temperature. Specific complaints about the bus services should be advised to Councillor Argyle.

**9.3 CCC Membership:** Membership of the Cromar Community Council has fallen to the point where it cannot convincingly claim to represent the views of the local community and urgent recruitment action is required.

## 10. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

### Tarland

19.03.10	East Braehead of Coynach Tarland Aboyne AB34 4XL	Building warrant for alterations and extension to cottage and demolition of steading
26.03.10	Steading at Nether Ruthven Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YT	Planning application for replacement roofing after fire damage
29.03.10	Aberdeen Arms Hotel The Square Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TX	Building warrant for internal alterations

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| 13.04.10 | Cuttieshillock<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne AB34 4YQ | Planning application for demolition of existing house and erection of replacement house and garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden ground (Amendment to house design and materials APP/2008/3502) |
| 26.04.10 | Pitline<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne<br>AB34 4YB     | Planning application for demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling house, garage and shed/workshop; Installation of ground source heat pump, solar photovoltaic modules and wind turbine                  |

**Logie Coldstone**

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| 16.03.10 | Site at Tom A Chairr<br>Logie Coldstone<br>Aboyne | Building warrant for erection of dwelling house |
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| 23.03.10 | Mill Cottage<br>Coull<br>Aboyne AB34 4TS | Building warrant for proposed family room extension and alterations |
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**Next Meeting: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Logie Coldstone School**