

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13th November, 2013
in Logie Coldstone School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Veronica Ross, Sue Erskine, Anke Addy, Alec McVean, Nigel Healey, Mike Powell (Marr Area Partnership), plus two members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar

1. **Community Action Plans:** The CCC has previously expressed an interest in revisiting the Tarland Community Action Plan. Mike Powell explained that Community Action Plans typically had a currency of three years and, as the original Tarland Plan was completed in 2010, a review might be appropriate. It was suggested that a steering group should be set up, consisting of representatives from the CCC, the Tarland Development Group, Tarland Primary School and the MacRobert Trust with an initial meeting targeted for early 2014. It was also suggested that a separate action plan be developed for Logie Coldstone.
2. **Mountain Bike Trails:** The Tarland Development Group's favoured is in Drummy Woods. A consultation is in progress and a poster with details of the draft plans is being put up at the entrance to Drummy Woods. Comments can be sent to tarlandtrails@gmail.com or c/o 9 Duncan Road, Tarland, AB34 4YE.
3. **Cromar Report**
 - 3.1 **Post Office Post Box:** In spite of an intervention by Robert Smith MP, Royal Mail continues to drag its feet over the provision of a post box closer to the new Post Office. Local Councillors have been requested to use their influence and an article in the local press has been suggested.
 - 3.2 **Tree lopping on the Market Stance:** The MacRobert Trust clarified that they are responsible for the trees in front of their pensioner houses and that Aberdeenshire Council are responsible for the trees on the Market Stance.
 - 3.3 **Tarland Conversation Area Proposal:** No further information available although it is understood that Aberdeenshire Council has filled the vacant position, which will allow the project to proceed.
 - 3.4 **Ordie Phone Box:** A proposal has been made for the removal and relocation of the Ordie phone box.
 - 3.5 **Closure of Police Counters:** The closure of the Police counter in Aboyne and the transfer of its facility to Ballater combined with the proposed Monday to Friday service in Banchory will result in there being no weekend counter service anywhere in the Marr area. There is some recognition of this problem in Police Scotland and alternative proposals are being considered. The public is encouraged to make their views known to Police Scotland.

- 3.6 Police Response to Tarland Break-In:** The CCC wishes to record its appreciation of the way in which the Police responded to the break-in in Tarland on 26th October.
- 3.7 Coull Hall:** The future of the Hall continues to be uncertain.
- 3.8 Village Farm:** The Village Farm development has reached the final stage of the planning process and the MacRobert Estate expects to make progress with it in the New Year.
- 3.9 Renewable Energy:** The MacRobert Trust has granted a 1 year licence to a wind energy developer to investigate possible sites for a development near the eastern boundary of the estate.
- 4. Cairngorm National Park Authority:** 18 Heritage Orchards, each containing eight trees, a mixture of apple, plum and pear, have been awarded to a range of groups across the Park. Funding for the project is coming from the Park Authority and the European funded LEADER programme. The timing of the planting of the orchards will depend on the preparation of the sites and weather conditions. Each group will be invited to a local training session on how to plant fruit trees.
- 5. Police Report:**
- 5.1** Crime in the Tarland area has remained generally low since the last meeting but...
- 5.2** A quantity of jewellery was stolen during a break-in on the 26th October.
- 5.3** Over the same weekend, three vehicles parked in Bridge Street were damaged.
- 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** The public are urged to be conscious of the security of their property and advised to leave a light and/or a radio on when their property is unattended.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** CCC funds currently stand at £2384. Some of that may be allocated to a project to commemorate Cromar's contribution to the First World War, timed to coincide with the centenary of its outbreak.
- 7. Tarland Development Group:**
- 7.1 Community Garden:** The outdoor raised beds are finished, and the wheelchair beds are under construction
- 7.2 Bee Keeping:** The talks have proved popular and the community bee keeping project is developing a buzz (sorry).
- 7.3: Tarland Way Extension:** Work is expected to start over the winter.

8. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

04.10.13	44 Duncan Road Tarland AB34 4YE	Building warrant for constructing a new 2 storey addition to form dining room, utility room and w.c. on the ground floor and sitting room and bedroom with en-suite shower room on the first floor
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21.11.13	South Gellan Coull Aboyne AB34 5JX	Application for full planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house; Revision of Planning Reference APP/2011/2018
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Logie Coldstone

28.10.13	Newkirk Croft Logie Coldstone AB34 5PQ	Application for full planning permission for erection of a porch
18.11.13	Mosstown Braes Logie Coldstone Tarland	Application for planning permission in principle for erection of dwelling house Including demolition of existing derelict dwelling house
06.11.13	Logie Coldstone Hall Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5PQ	Building warrant for amendment to building warrant reference BW/2013/0007 - Removal of existing stage

The CCC did not feel it necessary to comment on the applications.

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2014, 7pm at Tarland School.