



MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 14 January 2015
at Tarland Primary School.

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Sue Erskine (Treasurer), Anke Addy, Veronica Ross, Alec McVean and 1 member of the public (Nigel Healey).

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Joyce Lovie, Evelyn Smith & Police Scotland.

1. Police Report

Police Scotland reported that crime in the Cromar area had remained at a very low level. The new drink/drive limit has now come into effect and motorists are reminded that they are strongly advised not to drink any alcohol if driving.

2. Cromar Report

2.1. Recycling

The Community Council commended Aberdeenshire Council's waste disposal crews for their efficiency and for ensuring that bins were emptied despite confusion caused by incorrect collection times posted online over Christmas.

2.2. Street Lighting

Cllr. Farquhar reported that the programme of replacing bulbs with LEDs would make it easier for street lighting to be dimmed after midnight, should Aberdeenshire Council propose doing this in the future

2.3 Roads

The winter has brought the return of potholes in roads throughout Cromar and people are advised to contact Aberdeenshire Council (<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads/maintenance/potholes.asp>) about any they spot. The MacRobert Trust Estate has been asked to take action over the potholes in the road in front of Tarland Church.

2.4 Tarland Playpark

Cllr Farquhar and the Chairman plan to convene a meeting of representative of local sports organisations and other interested parties about the future of the pavilion. The Community Council was disappointed that no action had yet been taken to move the plaque commemorating The Queen's Silver Jubilee to a more appropriate site.

2.5 Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Farquhar confirmed that the infrastructure for superfast broadband is being installed and that it should be available in the Spring.

2.6. Christmas Lights

Nigel Healey, who was present, agreed to come up with proposals for improving the Christmas lights in Tarland. He will report back to the Community Council at a future meeting.

2.7. Logie Coldstone Community Café

Logie Coldstone's Community Café is proving to be a great success. Details of events and initiatives in the village can be found at the Logie Coldstone Trust's new website: www.logiecoldstone.org.

3. Tarland Welfare Trust

The Hogmanay Ceilidh in the MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland, was sold out and there was a waiting list for tickets. Plans are underway for the next one. The Trustees are deciding on the most suitable heating system for the building and hope that this will be installed in the near future. Broadband is now available throughout the Hall.

4. CNPA

Cllr. Farquhar said that elections to the National Park Board were coming up, the Active Cairngorms consultation was underway, and that an enabling contract was being drawn up with the Marr Area Partnership for the provision of community engagement and support services within the Cairngorms Park area of Marr.

5. Community Council Funds

In the absence of the treasurer, Alec McVean agreed to keep an eye on the Community Council's funds.

6. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

Erection of Dwellinghouse and Detached Garage: Broombank,
Tarland, Aberdeenshire AB34 4TJ Ref. No: APP/2015/0014

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse: 15 Anderson Terrace, Tarland
Aberdeenshire AB34 4YH Ref. No: APP/2014/4142

7. AOB

The Chairman will write to Dennis Robertson, MSP, with comments on the effect of Scottish Planning Policy on the development of housing in the countryside.

Aberdeenshire Council has signed up to the green Dog Walkers Scheme and the Community Council is looking for volunteers to put this into action in Cromar.

Next meeting: at Logie Coldstone School 25 February 2015 at 7 p.m.