

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2009  
at LOGIE COLDSTONE SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (chairman), Dawn Tyson, Evelyn Smith, Hugh Kelly, Nigel Healey

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Rev Douglas Campbell

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present, and the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There being no Local Councillors present, some of the detail in these minutes was obtained by subsequent email conversations.

**Community Composting: A presentation by Tony Archer of Aberdeen Forward.**

Now funded by Aberdeenshire Council, the Aberdeenshire Community Compost Network began in 2007 and now operates five sites serving fourteen communities providing a fortnightly doorstep collection of garden waste.

Its aims are to reduce waste going to landfill (helping to reduce climate change), produce compost for local use and to create local volunteer opportunities.

Scheme members are provided with garden waste bags in exchange for an annual charge.

The aim is to set up a joint Aboyne and Tarland scheme. Aboyne is currently part of the Drumoak operation and has 50 users so far. The aim is to recruit 120 households.

The MacRobert Trust has offered to provide a site for the Aboyne/Tarland project. In addition local volunteers will be required to man a fortnightly collection rota.

Establishment of the scheme is likely to end the weekly provision of a skip to Aboyne.

A steering group, with representatives from Aboyne Community Council, Cromar Community Council, Tarland Development Group and the MacRobert Trust, has been set up with the intent of producing an outline project proposal before Christmas.

**1. Tarland Report**

**1.1 Local Development Plan:** A meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June to collect community responses to the Main Issues Report. A letter summarising the responses was sent to Aberdeenshire Council to meet their deadline of July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**1.2 Tarland Community Action Plan:** Has been approved by the Mar Area Partnership.

- 1.3 Traffic Calming:** The MacRobert Trust has erected double-sided 15mph speed limit signs at the top and bottom of Alastrean Drive and speed limiting cushions are to be installed on the Drive during this financial year.

Aberdeenshire Council is to complete a traffic management review by the end of March 2010. It is likely that no traffic calming measures will be completed before that date although Councillor Argyle is to enquire about advancing the 'painting out' of the corner around the Aberdeen Arms.

- 1.4 Road salt on Market Stance:** No alternative site has yet been proposed for storing road salt and there is currently no proposal for surfacing the area previously contaminated with road salt.

- 1.5 Leaning lamp post in Tarland Square:** There are no plans to straighten the bent lamp post but there are plans to repaint all the lamps in the Square, including the one outside of the newsagent which has lost most of its paint due to no primer being applied when it was originally painted.

- 1.6 Notice boards:** The Trustees of the MacRobert Hall have approved aluminium framed notice boards to be positioned on each side of the main door.

- 1.7 Damage to Bridge wall:** Councillor Argyle will attempt to bring some priority to repairing the damage to the bridge wall on Bridge Street.

- 1.8 Road grit in the Recycling car park:** The roads department has been contacted about the road grit that has been left in the Recycling car park. They have been advised that it was left there by a private contractor not on Council business but have pressured the contractor to remove it. Meanwhile, the grit is spreading and constitutes a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles.

- 1.9 Tarland War Memorial:** The Tarland War Memorial has a displaced curb stone, rusty railings and an abundance of weeds within the railings. Councillor Argyle is investigating the possibility of refurbishment.

- 1.10 Community Council membership:** Volunteers are being sought to fill places on the Community Council.

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

- 2.1 Fence Deterioration:** The wooden fence of each side of the bridge is in a poor state of repair and requires rectification (first reported in the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2008)

- 2.2 Youth Club:** There is a possibility that the Youth Club may have to close due to a lack of volunteer youth leaders.

- 2.3 Community Council membership:** It is likely that there will a need for a replacement representative for Logie Coldstone in the near future.

3. **Police Report:** There was no Police representative at the meeting, neither has the CCC received a recent Police Report.
4. **Tarland Development Group:** Nothing reported.
5. **Cairngorm National Park Authority:** Nothing reported
6. **Ordie Report:** Nothing reported
7. **Coull Report:** Nothing reported.
8. **Planning Applications and Building Warrants**

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Tarland</b>  |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| 01.06.09               | 49 Melgum Road<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne AB34 4ZL                    | Planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house.   |
| 22.06.09               | Cuttieshillock<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne AB34 4YQ                    | Building warrant for demolition of building  |
| 29.06.09               | Coreen Cottage<br>8 Melgum Road<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne AB34 4ZL   | Building warrant for erection of one and a half storey house with integral garage  |
| 30.06.09               | 53 Melgum Road<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne AB34 4ZL                    | Planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house  |
| 01.07.09               | North Hillside<br>Tarland AB34 4UP                              | Building warrant for alteration of garage to form bedroom and en-suite   |
| <b>Logie Coldstone</b> |   |  |
| 02.06.09               | Willows<br>Logie Coldstone<br>Tarland AB34 5PQ                  | Planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house.   |
| 18.06.09               | Site adjacent to<br>Logie Coldstone School<br>Tarland<br>Aboyne | Planning permission for variation of Condition 5 (Change from wet dash harling to dry dash roughcast) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2006/2579 |
| <b>Ordie</b>           |   |  |
| 01.07.09               | Galton<br>Ordie<br>Aboyne AB34 5LY                              | Planning permission for erection of dwelling house   |

## 9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 ***Extension to the Path on Aberdeen Road:*** User's of the 'Knappieround' car park are forced to walk on the road because the pavement finishes at the Douneside turning. Councillor Bruce agreed to investigate the possibility of an extension of the pavement up to a point opposite the entrance to the car park.
- 9.2 ***Tomnaverie footpath sign:*** The Tomnaverie footpath sign on the Aboyne road was knocked down some time ago and has not been re-erected. As a result, motorists are not warned of the possibility of walkers crossing the road. Councillor Bruce will attempt to expedite its re-erection.
- 9.3 ***Tomnaverie Car Park Waste Bin:*** A recent collection of rubbish from the car park at Tomnaverie points to the need for a serviced waste bin to be installed.

**Next meeting: August 26th in Tarland Primary School at 7pm.**

**The meeting will commence with the Annual General Meeting and then continue with normal business.**