

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
in Tarland Primary School**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Sue Erskine, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Archie Leith, Constable George Brown (Grampian Police) plus 3 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** None

1. **Co-option Motion:** It was proposed that Veronica Ross be co-opted onto the Cromar Community Council until an election can be held in conjunction with the AGM. The motion was proposed by Simon Welfare, seconded by Sue Erskine and approved unanimously.

2. **Cromar Report**

**2.1 Traffic Calming etc:**

**2.1.1** Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: It is expected that the footpath extension will be completed by March..

**2.1.2** Ordie phone box: The phone box at Ordie is not out of commission, as previously advised to the CCC by BT, but is still operative. The CCC considered a letter from a local resident who would prefer that it be retained. The Chairman is to contact BT (again) to establish the status of the phone box and to determine whether the fact that it is operative affects its availability for disposal. He will also reply to the resident's letter.

**2.1.3** Logie Coldstone residents have requested a road kerb from the bridge to the school to encourage road vehicles to take a wider line around the corner. This will be added to the items for consideration during the Principal Road Engineer's visit. It was agreed that community councillors would compile a list of road repairs and improvements required in their areas which should be sent to the Chairman for presentation as an agenda for the Principal Road Engineer's visit.

**2.1.4** Balmuir Road: Drainage work is required before adoption. This may take place in the new financial year.

**2.2 Post Office Reopening:**

**2.2.1** The Toy Shop proprietor has completed the Post Office Local qualification process and will now undergo training. The service is expected to be available in March.

**2.2.2** Given the probable new location of the Post Office service, enquiries have been made about the possibility of moving the existing post box into a more convenient position in the Square

**2.3 *Logie Coldstone Hall:*** Tenders have been invited for the Hall renovation.

**2.4 *Drummy Wood:*** The MacRobert Trust has acknowledged that it has taken longer than expected to make good the damage caused by logging operations but explained that the recent extremely wet weather made repairs impossible without causing yet more damage. The work would be done when the ground had had a chance to dry out.

**2.5 *Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund:*** The General Registry Office in Edinburgh is to be visited to search for evidence of the origins of the fund. The British Legion will also be consulted. It was emphasised that the Community Council is concerned to ensure that the fund is administered in accordance with the terms of its original trust document and has no intention of merging the fund's assets with its own.

**2.6 *Coull Right of Way:*** The MacRobert Trust is to examine the issues.

**2.7 *Coull Hall:*** No further news. (this item will be removed from the minutes until such time as a change in its status, currently uncertain, is advised.

**2.8 *Facebook:*** A Cromar Community Council Facebook page is in preparation. It would be used for publicising time-sensitive information, such as local planning applications, to the Cromar community and for giving a wider distribution to material received from Aberdeenshire Council. In addition, it is hoped that it might become a means for the community to raise their concerns with the CCC.

**2.9 *Aberdeen Arms:*** Awaiting the outcome of the planning applications.

**3 *Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall:*** Utilisation of the Hall is encouraging.

**4 *Tarland Development Group:***

**4.1 *Community Garden:*** The period for planning application comment has closed without any negative responses.

**4.2 *Local Market:*** A Tarland Local Market is planned for April.

**5 *Cairngorm National Park Authority:***

**5.1 *Local Plan Appeal:*** The judgement against the Local Plan challenge is now being appealed. It is likely to be several months before a conclusion is reached

**5.2 *New Chief Executive:*** The new Chief Executive will be in position in March.

**5.3 *New Funding:*** The Authority has been awarded £1.9M for 'shovel ready' projects by the Scottish Government.

## 6 Police:

**6.1 Cromar Crime Levels:** Crime levels in the Cromar area remain low, although there have been instances of metal shipping containers being broken into and their contents stolen.

**6.2 Car Crime:** In the wider Grampian area, there have been several instances of cars being stolen by juveniles. Whilst not yet reported in Cromar, it is possible that this trend could spread and car owners are urged to lock their vehicles when not in use and to ensure that the keys are not readily accessible to house breakers.

## 7 Planning Applications and Building Warrants

### Tarland

07.12.12	Site to the North West of Village Farm Steading Melgum Road Tarland	Change of Use of land From Agricultural To Community Garden Including erection of shed, polytunnel, fruit cage and composting toilet
10.12.12	53 Melgum Road Tarland Aboyne AB34 4ZL	Extension to Building Warrant, reference BW/2009/4143 - Boiler and underground gas tank omitted, drive layout amended and new gas tanks installed
14.12.12	Aberdeen Arms Hotel 31 The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Part Change of Use from Class 3 (Food & Drink) to sui generis (Hot Food Take-Away) and installation of flue.
21.12.12	Strathmore Tarland AB34 4YQ	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2012/1304 - Removal of Fire Service water supply
24.12.12	Douneside House Tarland AB34 4UL	Planning application for installation of flues serving new biomass boilers
07.01.12	Mill of Kinraigie Tarland AB34 4TT	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of garden shed

### Logie Coldstone

21.12.12	Coldstone House Logie Coldstone AB34 5NP	Planning application for alterations to dwelling house including demolition of outbuildings and replacement windows and roof lights
03.01.13	Logie Coldstone Hall Logie Coldstone AB34 5PQ	Building warrant for alterations to internal layout and refurbishment

04.01.13	Coldstone House Logie Coldstone AB34 5NP	Planning application for alterations to dwelling house including demolition of outbuildings and replacement windows and roof lights
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**Coull**

04.01.13	Coull Steading Coull AB34 5JU	Building warrant for converting steading to dwelling, no change to footprint of building.
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The Community Council did not feel it necessary to comment on any of the applications.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 , 7pm at Logie Coldstone School**