

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18th May 2011
At LOGIE COLDSTONE SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Archie Leith, Sue Erskine, Nigel Healey plus 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Anke Addy

The minutes of the 6th April meeting were approved.

1. Tarland Report

1.1 Traffic Calming:

Aberdeenshire Council have not yet replied with information on the likely implementation dates of the traffic calming measures but it is noted that the lay by opposite Tarland School has been white lined.

The damage to the bridge has been repaired but a coping stone has been dislodged again. The Roads Service are planning to put it back when they're next in the area.

1.2 Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: Councillor Humphrey is to establish the position with the Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust.

1.3 Dog Fouling: The waste bin for the Tomnaverie car park has been agreed in principle but has not yet been delivered..

1.4 Drummy Wood Paths: The paths within Drummy Wood are now much improved following the onset of dryer weather and work carried out by the MacRobert Trust.

1.5 Diamond Jubilee: A sub-committee will be formed to coordinate arrangements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

2. Logie Coldstone Report:

2.1 Logie Coldstone School: The role of the local councillors in the Logie Coldstone School closure decision was discussed and it was explained that local councillors are not delegated by their communities but have to consider the wider issues and make their decisions based on the overall benefit.

The closure decision has recently been called in by the Scottish Government and is also subject to a proposed one year moratorium on school closures.

2.2 Road Deterioration: The Logie Coldstone roads suffer, in common with most other areas in Aberdeenshire, from a number of pot holes. Two severe winters have left

Aberdeenshire Council with a backlog of road surface and pot hole work which is being progressed.

Most of the road grit has been removed and the drains cleared in Logie Coldstone.

2.3 Royal Wedding: The school Royal Wedding party was enjoyed by all who attended.

2.4 Speeding Traffic: Traffic, including heavy lorries, continues to speed through the village. Could Logie Coldstone be considered for an illuminated speed limit sign?

3. Coull Report:

Nothing new

4. Ordie Report:

The Post Office is not responding to enquiries about the Ordie phone box and Aberdeenshire Council has been asked if they can help.

5. Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall

The MacRobert Hall Renovation project fund has reached £303,000 against a target of £380,000.

6. Tarland Development Group:

6.1 Youth Project: First showing of the Youth Cinema took place on June 17th.

Further consultation is taking place on the assault course and zip wire proposal.

6.2 Community Composting: Fifty nine households have joined the scheme to date. Negotiations continue with Aberdeenshire Council with a view to obtaining transitional funding for 2011.

6.3 Community Garden/Allotments: The project had a positive reception at THYS2.

7. Cairngorm National Park Authority

The legal challenge to aspects of the Local Plan continues.

8. Police Report:

Crime levels in the area remain low.

Operation Zenith, aimed at reducing motor cycle accidents, will continue up to the end of October..

9. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

29.04.11	Cuttieshillock Tarland AB34 4YQ	Amendment to building warrant reference number BW/2009/3537 - Conservatory amended
04.05.11	Crannach 10 Mill Place Tarland AB34 4YG	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house

Coull

03.05.11	Kirklands Of Coull Coull Aboyne AB34 4TS	Planning application for alterations and garden room extension to dwelling house
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10. AOB.

10.1 Recent Activity on Aberdeenshire Council Infrastructure Services:

3,800 planning applications and 70 appeals dealt with each year.

110,572 refuse uplifts per fortnight.

33% of waste is recycled.

Aberdeenshire has 10.1% of Scotland's roads (second largest in Scotland).

Expenditure on road maintenance increased by 35% in 2009/10 compared with 2004/05.

In 2010/11, the Aberdeenshire Community Asset Fund contributed £37,150 to community projects, enabling a further £295,885 to be accessed from other sources.

Home composters to be made available at reduced rates.

10.2 Rights of Way: Recent fencing alongside the Aboyne Road as eliminated a couple of gates – is this permissible under rights of way legislation?

Next Meeting: June 29th at Tarland Primary School.