

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18th NOVEMBER
at TARLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey plus four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Grampian Police, Hugh Kelly

1. Tarland Report

1.1 *Traffic Calming:* It is suspected that the 'painting out' of the corner around the Aberdeen Arms will not be carried out until after the winter weather has passed.

The issue of parking at the Post Office will be part of the Tarland Traffic Management review in March 2010.

1.2 *Damage to Bridge Wall:* Efforts to establish the ownership of the wall continue.

1.3 *Market Stance:* Aberdeenshire Roads report that 'the option to tidy up the south corner of the green and form a neater hardcore hardstanding seems feasible. We will have to look at how best to protect the existing lighting column on the grass island and discourage further damage to the main grassed areas by cars parking on the grass. It is unlikely that the work can be undertaken before the spring of 2010'.

1.4 *Recycling Car Park:* Aberdeenshire Council consider the instances of broken glass in the Recycling Car Park were caused by actions of the public rather than any deficiencies in the equipment or collection vehicles. The CCC has noted the exemplary service given by the Council in keeping this area clean and accept that any temporary untidiness of the site is probably due to the actions of users (and abusers).

1.5 *Waste Bin:* The pole mounted litter bin to be erected near Tarland Church will be for both dog waste and other litter. The Council is awaiting delivery of the bins.

1.6 *Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park:* Simon Welfare agreed to ask the MacRobert Trust for their thoughts on this. Meanwhile, Aberdeenshire Council are assessing the need for the extended path.

1.7 *Tomnaverie:* The fallen sign will be re-erected by the Roads Service.

1.8 *Christmas lights:* These proved popular last year and will be on again in Tarland this Christmas.

1.9 *Notice Board:* Notice boards for the MacRobert Hall have been chosen, and they will be ordered as soon as funding is agreed.

1.10 *Licensing:* There were no objections to the Aberdeen Arms' application for a variation in its trading hours.

1.11 **Peter Milne Close:** The private access road to the new development of three houses on Aberdeen Road is to be named 'Peter Milne Close'

2. Logie Coldstone Report:

2.1 **Fence Deterioration:** This work has not been carried out, but is on Aberdeenshire Council's 'To Do' list.

2.2 **Christmas Lights:** The Community Council will order Christmas lights for the Christmas tree.

2.3 **Notice Board:** Evelyn Smith agreed to locate a site for a notice board.

2.4 **Drains:** Some of the road drains are ineffective and cause excessive standing water during periods of heavy rain. This has been exacerbated by recent tarmac work at the school which has increased the run-off area. Councillor Bruce agreed to investigate.

2.5 **Traffic Speed:** An unintended consequence of the improvement of sight lines around the corner prior to the school is that traffic, particularly lorries, now travels faster than it did prior to the removal of trees and the replacement of walls with fences.

2.6 **Biodiversity Pond and garden proposal:** The CCC has received a proposal to site a biodiversity pond and garden on the old sawmill site. The Chairman will write to the proposer.

2.7 **Litter Picking:** The CCC agreed to meet the cost of plastic bags and gloves for a litter picking campaign around Logie Coldstone. Councillor Argyle will contact Ranger Services to request the loan of litter picking tongs.

3. Coull Report:

Nothing new to report

4. Ordie Report:

4.1 **Adopt a Red Telephone Box:** The telephone box at Ordie is to be decommissioned by BT because of low usage (3 calls in the last year). BT has offered the CCC the chance to adopt the phone box for its heritage value. The Migvie phone box (zero calls in the last year) has also been offered. Adopted phone boxes will have their telephone equipment removed and those that are not adopted are likely to be removed completely.

The CCC currently sees no benefit in adoption but is happy to listen to suggestions on the matter.

4.2 **Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve Local Liaison Panel:**

A new footbridge has just been installed at Bogingore to replace the old bridge which was very narrow and nearing the end of its life.

There has been some damage to the Burn O'Vat footpath as a result of the heavy rain of the last few weeks. Repairs will be organised as soon as practicable.

Work is now underway on the redevelopment of the visitor centre buildings at Burn O'Vat.

A programme of events for 2010 is being drawn up. New ideas for events are always welcome so anyone with suggestions please get in touch. 2010 is International Year of Biodiversity so at least some of the events will be themed to tie in with that.

5. Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall

The first Annual General Meeting will take place in the Upper Hall on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm and all residents of the parishes of Tarland and Coull are invited to attend.

The meeting will elect trustees, receive the annual accounts and consider resolutions from residents. Plans for renovation of the Hall will be available for inspection and discussion. The new Trust Deed and Constitution of the Trust may be viewed on the Tarland website (www.tarland.org.uk)

6. Tarland Development Group:

6.1 Market: The next Local Market will be held on the first Saturday in May.

6.2 Community Composting Project: Preparations for the establishment of a community composting scheme continue. Members of the scheme will be issued with large capacity bags for garden waste which will be collected on a fortnightly basis. The MacRobert Trust has identified a piece of land that can be used for composting the collected waste. Collections will start in April, 2010, and there will be a launch/publicity/sign up event in February.

6.3 Natural Burial Site: The TDG is considering the establishment of a natural burial site in the Tarland area.

6.4 Paths: A possible mountain bike trail route has been identified in Alastrean Woods.

7. Cairngorm National Park Authority

The Park Authority has been audited and achieved a very satisfactory result.

The addition of Highland Perthshire to the park area will result in a consequent reduction in board members representing Aberdeenshire.

8. Police Report

Grampian Police were unable to provide a representative to attend the meeting. The CCC will seek a meeting with the police to discuss their future engagement with community councils.

9. AOB

A community event will be held in the new year to launch the Local Action Plan. It is likely that this will be combined with a 'Have Your Say II' event to gauge opinion on the provision of local employment opportunities.

Councillor Argyle will determine if there are any regulations concerning the minimum width of roadside footpaths.

10. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

12.10.09	Cuttieshillock Steading Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YQ	Variation of Condition 4 (external appearance) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2009/1172)
19.10.09	53 Melgum Road Tarland Aboyne AB34 4ZL	Building warrant for alterations to house
23.10.09	East Braehead of Coynach Tarland Aboyne AB34 4XL	Building warrant for demolition of steading and house extensions
22.10.09	Culsh Steading Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TP	Building warrant for conversion of an existing steading to provide a new five bedroom dwelling
06.11.09	Balhousie Alastrean Care Home Tarland Aboyne AB34 4TA	Building warrant for internal alterations to provide en-suite shower rooms and larger patient bedrooms. New external windows to lower ground floor and all associated works.

Logie Coldstone

09.10.09	Ferneyhowe Cottage Logie Coldstone Aboyne AB34 5LX	Amendment to warrant to Building Warrant reference BW/2005/4414 - internal alterations, external landscaping changes and additional drainage alterations
12.10.09	Ferneyhowe Cottage Logie Coldstone Aboyne AB34 5LX	Planning application for installation of flue and alterations to form window
12.10.09	Site Adjacent to Highfield Logie Coldstone AB34 5PQ	Planning application for erection of bungalow and garage. Relocation of septic tank & soakaway
19.10.09	Site to the West of Tom A Chairr Logie Coldstone	Planning application for erection of dwelling house

Next Meeting: January 6th, 2010, 7pm at Logie Coldstone School