

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20th February, 2013
in Logie Coldstone School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Cllr. Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey plus 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Sue Erskine, Archie Leith, Grampian Police.

1. Cromar Report

1.1 Traffic Calming etc:

- 1.1.1** Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: COAT are planning to have the path in place by the end of March.
- 1.1.2** Ordie phone box – the continuing saga: BT claims that both the phone boxes at Ordie and Migvie are in use but it is evident that the Migvie box is inoperative. The CCC can adopt them subject to a charge for disconnection. Thereafter, their disposition would be decided by the CCC. If the CCC does not adopt them, BT will continue to maintain them. It is evident that the majority of the local Ordie residents would like to see the phone box removed as it is claimed to hinder vision for motorists emerging onto the main road. It was agreed to seek the Roads Engineer's opinion on sight lines.
- 1.1.3** 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. The meeting was reminded 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.
- 1.1.4** Balmuir Road: It has become apparent that the drainage problems were caused by a contractor damaging the existing drain whilst laying a service. It is likely that a new drain will be laid to avoid further damage by tree roots.

1.2 Post Office Reopening:

- 1.2.1** The Toy Shop proprietor has signed a contract with BT and is keen to get started. However, the six week consultation process has still to be implemented and the service is not going to be available until May at the earliest.
- 1.2.2** No progress is evident in moving the existing post box into a more convenient position in the Square.

- 1.3 **Logie Coldstone Hall:** A contractor has been appointed and the work is expected to start in March.
- 1.4 **Drummy Wood:** The weather continues to inhibit footpath repairs.
- 1.5 **Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund:** No evidence of the original trust document has been found in the General Registry Office in Edinburgh or at the British Legion. It was proposed that the Logie Coldstone Trust should take over the administration of the fund.
- 1.6 **Coull Right of Way:** The MacRobert Trust is to examine the issues.
- 1.7 **Facebook:** A Cromar Community Council Facebook page is in preparation and should be published by April.
- 1.8 **Aberdeen Arms:** It was noted that two of the current planning applications have been refused whilst one remains pending. Concern was expressed about the large plastic sign that has been attached to the front of the listed building without benefit of planning approval.

Subsequent to the meeting: Three more applications have been lodged which feature a more sympathetic flue design.

2 **Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall:** Utilisation of the Hall continues to be encouraging but the heating of the Main Hall has proved to be disappointing. Alternatives are being investigated.

3 **Tarland Development Group:**

3.1 **Community Garden:** The planning application was approved and funding is in place.

3.2 **Local Market:** A Tarland Local Market is planned for 27th April.

4 **Cairngorm National Park Authority:**

4.1 **Local Development Plan:** The Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan will be considered by the Planning Committee on 1st March with a view to publication and consultation on 15 April 2013 to 5 July 2013. The Local Development Plan will eventually replace the Cairngorms National Park Local Plan 2010.

4.2 **Ten Year Anniversary:** The tenth anniversary of the Cairngorm National Park will be celebrated in March.

5 **Police:**

5.1 **Cromar Crime Levels:** Crime levels in the Cromar area remain low, but there is evidence to suggest that criminals are being attracted to the area by a perception of relaxed rural security levels. Residents are encouraged to lock their cars, houses and outbuildings to discourage crime and are reminded that insurance claims subsequent to a break in may be compromised if they are not locked.

5.2 Non-Emergency Police Contact Number: A new **101** Scottish non-emergency telephone number has been launched to replace the existing range of local non-emergency numbers. The key reasons for its introduction are to:

- Help keep people safe by giving them an easy to remember number for contacting the police wherever they are in Scotland.
- Make the police more accessible whilst reducing pressure on the 999 system.
- Help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information.

The **999** number should always be used in an emergency.

5.3 South Marr Safety Initiative: The aim of this initiative is concentrate on the safety of all road users through the use of speed surveys and the collection of local intelligence.

Concerns about :

- Speeding through villages
- Drink/drug driving
- Failure to wear seatbelts
- Driving whilst using mobile phones
- Anti-social use of vehicles
- Parking

Can be reported using the new **101** telephone number or by email to <mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk>

5.4 Alcohol Intervention Partnership Project: Has been set up to deal with young people who police find under the influence or in possession of alcohol. It's a partnership between Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Barnado's and the Marr Local Policing Team. It defines the procedures that police should use if they find young people under 18 years in a public place and under the influence of alcohol.

Such people are referred to a Barnado's worker who will provide early intervention into socialised drinking and help them understand the consequences of their actions. It also aims to promote a positive lifestyle approach.

6 Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

28.01.13	5 Bridge Street Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YN	Planning application for change of use of gallery, Class 10 (Non-Residential Institutions) to Dwelling, Class 9 (Houses) (to be incorporated into 3 Bridge Street)
11.02.13	Ranna Farm Tarland AB34 4UL	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2012/4130 - Layout revisions

Logie Coldstone

31.01.13	Coldstone House Logie Coldstone AB34 5NP	Building warrant to demolish non-original single storey outbuildings, minor alterations to internal partitions, new sanitary ware and internal drainage connecting to existing SVPs and external drainage, new windows based on existing profiles, and new heating system
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Ordie

11.02.13	Ordie Croft House Ordie AB34 5LS	Planning application for erection of outbuildings, fencing and siting of container (Retrospective)
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The Community Council did not feel it necessary to comment on any of the applications.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Dog Fouling:** There has been an increase in complaints caused by irresponsible owners allowing their dogs to foul public areas. An Aberdeenshire dog warden will be paying special attention to the Cromar area and will be levying fixed-rate fines (£40.00) on delinquent dog owners. Free poop bags will be distributed.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013 , 7pm in the Upper Hall of the MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland

Note change of date and location