

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20th August, 2008
AT LOGIE COLDSTONE SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Councillor Bruce Luffman, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare, (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Morag Wilson, Nigel Healey, 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Rev Douglas Cameron, PC Gordon Brown

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **Tarland Report**

2.1 **Christmas decorations in the Square:** Morag has had discussions with Aberdeenshire Council, who have authorised the lamp posts to be modified to accept decorations. However, some of the lamps are directly attached to premises around the square and will require individual permissions.

Refurbished decorations would be purchased to reduce costs and the current preference, in addition to the decorated lamp posts, is for icicle-type lighting on the MacRobert Hall, together with an elevated Christmas tree,

Liaison with the Hall Committee and the Tarland Development Group will be required.
Action: MW

2.2 **Traffic Calming:** The long-awaited traffic calming measures are not yet scheduled for introduction. However, it is possible that the measures eventually put in place will be superior to those originally envisaged.

2.3 **Vandalism of Public Toilets:** The decision to fit an automatic time lock to the Tarland public toilets awaits a review of the refurbishment of public toilets throughout Aberdeenshire.
Action: BL

2.4 **Dog Waste Disposal Bin:** The Council will be contacted about the provision of a green coloured dog waste bin (similar to the one at Douneside) to be erected just inside the entrance to the Alastrean drive.

2.5 **Bus transport into Banchory:** Plans are in hand to redirect a Deeside Hopper route on Thursdays to provide a Banchory shopping service.
Action: PA

2.6 **Abandoned cement mixer:** The cement mixer has been removed.

2.7 **Road Drains:** During recent heavy rain, the road drains in Aberdeen Road were overwhelmed and water began to flow into gardens.

3. **Logie Coldstone Report**

3.1 **Mobile Library:** Recent discussions indicate that the Library Service is likely to be withdrawn from Logie Coldstone due to lack of use. The School is planning to send flyers out to parents to encourage a greater uptake of the service.

Action: MH, PA & BL

3.2 **Notice Board:** Local estimates are to be obtained for the replacement of the notice board. Top-up grants may be available to defray the cost.

3.4 **Squirrels:** Investigation into measures to provide squirrels with a safer route to cross the road are continuing, together with the provision of permanent road signs.

3.5 **Poldhu:** Following confirmation of the 2008 funding package, work has recommenced at the Poldhu Wells. Completion is expected in September, 2008.

3.6 **Pot Holes:** There are some long-standing pot holes in the road adjacent to the old kirk.

4. **Coull Report** - Nothing reported.

5. **Ordie Report** – Nothing reported.

6. **Tarland Welfare Trust/Hall Committee.**

6.1 The Cromar History Group recently held an exhibition of artefacts and photographs in the MacRobert Hall and raised £600 for hall redevelopment funds. The Community Council would like to recognise the effort that went into assembling the exhibition and commend the Group on the quality of the display.

7. **Cairngorm National Park Authority**

7.1 - Consultations have commenced on the extension of the Park into Perth and Kinross.

8. **Tarland Development Group**

8.1 A Craft and Produce Fair will be now be held on Saturday, 13th September, in aid of TDG funds.

8.2 A second edition of the community newsletter is proposed, with contributions from as many local groups as possible.

9. **Grampian Police**

9.1 Although not able to be present at the meeting, PC Gordon Brown provided a list of recent Tarland incidents:

2 assaults	Both detected
1 breach of the peace	Detected
2 vandalism incidents	One detected
1 excessive noise report	Detected
1 ASBO issued – breach of the peace	

9.2 The increasing cost of fuel and heating oil has encouraged thefts from private and commercial premises. Householders, farmers, etc. should reassure themselves of the security of their storage facilities.

10. Planning Applications

Week ending

Tarland

11.07.08	Mr & Mrs Cunningham Balmuir Aberdeen Road Tarland	Full planning permission for erection of detached garage and office (ancillary) at Balmuir, Aberdeen Road, Tarland
18.07.08	The MacRobert Trust	Building warrant for alterations and extension of bothy at Mains of Kincairnie, Tarland

Coull

11.07.08	Anke Addy Lecht Cottage Coull Aboyne	Full planning permission for change of use from storage to residential on first floor of disused shop at Lecht Cottage, Springbank, Coull.
11.07.08	Anke Addy Lecht Cottage Coull Aboyne	Listed building consent for change of use from storage to residential on first floor of disused shop at Lecht Cottage, Springbank, Coull.

Next Meeting: 24th September , 2008, at 1900 in Tarland Primary School