

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21st August, 2013
in Logie Coldstone School**

PRESENT: Cllr. Geva Blackett, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey, Marsaili Aspinall (Aberdeenshire Council), Joyce Lovie, Dr. David Starritt.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Sue Erskine, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross, Grampian Police.

1. *Tarland Conservation Area Proposal:* Marsaili Aspinall gave a brief presentation of Aberdeenshire Council's proposal to create a Tarland Conservation Area.

1.1 Conservation areas are defined as 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'

1.2 Tarland has previously been identified as a possible conservation area in the local plan.

1.3 Designation as a conservation area does not place a ban upon all new development within its boundaries. However, new development will normally only be granted planning permission if it can be demonstrated that it will not harm the character or appearance of the area.

1.4 The Council is currently carrying out an appraisal of the area and have not yet formed an opinion on the likely boundaries of the conservation area.

1.5 Public consultation is likely to take the form of an exhibition of the proposals to be held in the MacRobert Hall. However, the Council welcomes submissions from the local community prior to the exhibition.

2. Cromar Report

2.1 *Traffic Calming, Roads etc:*

2.1.1 Motorists approaching Tarland from the Douneside road and turning right into Tarland receive no indication that they are within a 30mph limit zone. Signs are required at the Douneside road junction with the B9119.

2.1.2 Ralph Singleton's reply to the CCC's list of road related concerns was discussed and the Chairman agreed to draft a response.

2.2 *Post Office Reopening:*

2.2.1 Despite further requests to the Royal Mail, no progress is yet evident in moving the existing post box from the old Post Office to a more convenient position in the Square. MP Sir Robert Smith was asked if he could assist in getting some action during his recent surgery visit to Tarland.

- 2.3. Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund:** The possibility of the Logie Coldstone Trust taking over the administration of the War Memorial fund will be raised at their next meeting.
- 2.4 Logie Coldstone Hall:** Good progress is being made with the building work, the plasterwork has been completed, cabling to the building is now underground, the stage has been removed and the air-source heating has been installed. Completion is expected at the end of September
- 2.5 Drummy Wood:** The paths are much improved.
- 2.6 Tree lopping on the Market Stance:** Cllr. Farquhar said she was still awaiting information about this from Aberdeenshire Council.
- 2.7 Tarland medical centre:** Footballs aimed at the goal adjacent to the Tarland Medical Centre often fall into its car park with the potential of causing damage to patient's cars. A fence on the Play Park/Medical Centre boundary is required to prevent this.
- 2.8 Retirement of Dr. Starritt:** Dr. Starritt confirmed that he would be retiring in May, 2014 and that, as yet, no decision has been taken about the possible future of the practice. As things stand, closure of the Tarland Medical Practice would throw an unmanageable load on other medical practices in the area and would pose serious problems for those in Tarland without their own transport. The CHP (Community Health Partnership) is in favour of keeping a medical facility in Tarland, and is against seeing it closed. He asked that the Cromar Community Council used whatever influence they had to press the various agencies involved to use the Tarland medical facility on a frequent (possibly daily) basis rather than on a token basis.
- 3. Developer Contribution (previously Planning Gain):** The Marr Area Manager's office has requested that they be made aware of any proposed community projects so that, should any developer contribution become available, they can be taken into consideration.
- 4. Cairngorm National Park Authority:** There was no representative of the Cairngorm National Park at the meeting.
- 5. Police Report:**
- 6.1** Crime in the Tarland area has remained generally low since the last meeting but....
- 6.2** Damage was caused to a parked and unattended vehicle during an attempted theft.
- 6.3** There have been two 'sneak-in' thefts to insecure houses in Tarland and a small amount of money was stolen.
- 6.4** Householder's should continue to take security measures at their home addresses. It is believed that the recent spate of housebreaking has been committed by travelling criminals. These break-ins are often in search of car keys but jewellery has also been targeted.
- 6.5** Any information concerning serious incidents or any type of crime can be passed to the Police Service Centre on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Discussion of the healthy balance in the Community Council funds was deferred to the next meeting.

8. **Tarland Development Group:**

8.1 Community Garden: The polytunnel irrigation system is in place and the outside beds are under construction.

8.2 Tarland Way extension: An application has been made to double fence both sides of the Tarland Burn. On the south side of the burn a grass path is envisaged with a cycle track on the north side. It is possible that a decision could be made in November.

8.3 Composting: The compost turning is working well and the quality of the compost should be better as a result

9. **AOB**

9.1 Irresponsible Dog Owners: It was noted that irresponsible dog owners continued to allow their pets to foul Cromar pathways,

10. **Planning Applications and Building Warrants**

Tarland

17.07.13	The Steading, Culsh Tarland AB34 4TP	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2011/2665 - Addition of narrow window on rear wall of studio. Relocation of flue for wood burning stove, through back wall rather than through roof
08.08.13	Flat at Middle Davoch Steading Tarland AB34 4US	Application for full planning permission for erection of a balcony and external stairs
05.08.13	Land at Sawmill Tarland AB34 4UD	Application for full planning permission for erection of bio mass store
01.08.13	Arwen, Balmuir Wood Tarland AB34 4UW	Building warrant for erection of orangery
05.09.13	Mains Of Coynach Tarland Aboyne AB34 4XN	Application for modification/discharge of planning obligation for removal of condition 2 (occupancy) of Planning Permission Reference S020790PP and Section 75
08.08.13	Land at Sawmill Tarland AB34 4UD	Building warrant for erection of a single storey, single span steel portal framed industrial building

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19.06.13	Auchintarph, Coull Tarland AB34 4TT	Building warrant for sun lounge extension
19.06.13	Titaboutie , Coull AB34 4TQ	Application for full planning permission for erection of cattle court

19.06.13	Titaboutie Coull, AB34 4TQ	Building warrant for erection of new bedded cattle court
	Reekit Lane Coull Aboyne	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2012/1755 - Omission of door D20, Granite lintels over W42 & W47 (non-load bearing), omission of wood stove and radiators in bedroom 1 and utility
15.08.13	Schoolhouse Coull AB34 4TR	Application for listed building consent for erection of replacement windows (Part retrospective)
15.08.13	Schoolhouse Coull AB34 4TR	Application for full planning permission for erection of ancillary studio
Dinnet		
31.07.13	Lang Croft Dinnet AB34 5LU	Prior Notification for installation of an air source heat pump
Logie Coldstone		
29.08.13	Mosstown Steading Logie Coldstone AB34 5PR	Application for full planning permission for Variation of Condition 1 (Time) of previously approved APP/2010/0604

The CCC did not comment on any of the applications

Next Meeting: October 9th at Tarland Primary School at 7:00 pm.

Note change of previously advertised date.