

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24th MARCH 2010
at LOGIE COLDSTONE SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Evelyn Smith, Nigel Healey

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcus Humphrey, Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Grampian Police

Presentation by Simon Power on current MacRobert Trust Tarland activities:

The estate has been cutting back vegetation at the junction of Alastrean Drive and the Kirk car park to improve driver's sight lines and, together with the posted 15mph speed limit, believes that this obviates the need for further traffic calming measures in the area.

The Village Farm site is out to tender and, at the conclusion of the tender process, three potential developers will be interviewed. The aim is to start building within a year (subject to the state of the housing market); there will be a further presentation to the community before planning permission is applied for.

Planning permission to develop the West Davioch farm buildings is to be applied for.

The Trust is considering the erection of a single 300-800Kw wind turbine to take advantage of national grid feed-in tariffs; if or when a potential site is identified further information will be provided.

1. Tarland Report

1.1 Traffic Calming: The CCC noted that the Alastrean Drive 15mph speed limit is generally observed and agreed that the cutting back of the vegetation at the Kirk car park junction has removed the need for any further traffic calming measures in the area,

Further Tarland traffic calming measures await the much anticipated Tarland Traffic Management review that should have taken place in March 2010.

1.2 Damage to Bridge Wall: Ownership of the land abutting the wall has been denied by the adjacent property owner. Councillor Argyle will pursue the matter with the Roads department.

1.3 Recycling Car Park: Concerns have been raised that the storage of road salt in the recycling area might lead to the death of adjacent trees due to leaching of salts into the ground. A low bund wall has been suggested to prevent run-off. Otherwise, the road salt storage trial has generated no objections known to the CCC.

1.4 Waste Bin: The pole mounted litter bin to be erected near Tarland Church will be for both dog waste and other litter. Concern was expressed at the extended wait for delivery and installation.

1.5 Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: Being progressed.

1.6 Tomnaverie: The fallen sign has been re-erected.

1.7 Notice Board: Aberdeenshire Council offered a grant of £760.00 towards the cost of new notice boards for the MacRobert Hall and Logie Coldstone halls.

1.8 Dog Fouling: This continues to be a problem. The path up to Tomnaverie is particularly bad and, in view of the high tourist activity that this site generates, the CCC would like to see a serviced dog waste bin erected in the car park.

1.9 Tarland Square Lamp Posts: The lamp posts in Tarland Square will be repainted in the summer.

2. Logie Coldstone Report:

2.1 Fence Deterioration: This work has not been carried out, but is allegedly on Aberdeenshire Council's 'To Do' list. Completion was originally promised during the 2008 financial year.

2.2 Notice Board: The board has been chosen and a grant towards its cost has been offered by Aberdeenshire Council.

2.3 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. The event is planned for 10 April.

2.4 Pavement: The increased traffic speeds through Logie Coldstone have reinforced the need for pavements.

3. Coull Report:

Nothing new to report

4. Ordie Report:

Nothing new to report

5. Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall

The renovation fund disco raised £2200.

6. Tarland Development Group:

6.1 Community Composting Project: A successful launch event was held at the Left Bank Gallery. At the time of writing, sixty-three households have signed up to the project against a first year target of fifty.

7. Cairngorm National Park Authority

Nothing new to report.

8. Police Report

Grampian Police were unable to provide a representative to attend the meeting for operational reasons. However, a police report was provided and has been displayed on the MacRobert Hall notice board.

A second police surgery has taken place in Tarland.

9. AOB

9.1 Community Event: The planned community event was delayed by the recent bad weather. It is still intended to have an event to launch the Local Action Plan, and it is likely that this will be combined with a 'Have Your Say II' event to gauge opinion on the Local Development Plan decisions.

9.2 Deeside Bus Services: The CCC is being copied on reports from Bus Users Deeside, which intends to highlight deficiencies in local bus services. Complaints include the absence of bells and hand rails on the coaches supplied by Stagecoach Bluebird, driver behaviour and the provision of unsuitable buses/coaches on Deeside routes, particularly during periods of low temperature. Specific complaints about the bus services should be advised to the CCC, who will pass them on.

9.3 CCC Membership: Membership of the Cromar Community Council has fallen to the point where it cannot convincingly claim to represent the views of the local community and urgent recruitment action is required.

10. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

29.01.10	Tonley Tarland AB34 4YS	Amendment to Building Warrant reference number BW/2004/0414 - Layout changes, porch removed and ground source heat pump in place of LPG boiler
10.02.10	Aberdeen Arms Hotel The Square Tarland AB34 4TX	Planning application for internal alterations to ground and first floor
24.02.10	Woodend Cottage Melgum Tarland Aboyne AB34 4UX	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house.
15.03.10	Nether Ruthven Tarland AB34 5LT	Building warrant for proposed re-roofing of fire damaged steading

Logie Coldstone

24.02.10	Kinaldie Farm Logie Coldstone Tarland AB34 5NQ	Planning application for erection of an agricultural building
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Next Meeting: May 12th, 7pm at Tarland Primary School