



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24 JUNE 2015  
at Tarland Primary School.**

**PRESENT:** Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Sue Erskine, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Evelyn Smith, Veronica Ross and 2 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar and Police Scotland.

**1. Police Report**

Police Scotland supplied a report that said that Cromar continues to enjoy a low crime rate and that local officers are carrying out high visibility patrols throughout the area to deter criminal activity. Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce), launched earlier to encourage drivers to take more responsibility on the region's roads, is still in progress. The police also wish to encourage local residents to keep their property secure by keeping doors locked and valuable property and car keys out of view, in order to minimise opportunities available to criminals. Police Scotland is willing to help review the security of garages and outbuildings at residential and business premises in the area. A free crime prevention survey can be arranged by calling the 101 number. The Community Council decided to write to Police Scotland to ask that it should make educating children and young people about road safety and careful driving a priority, locally as well as nationally.

**2. Cromar Report**

*2.1. Tarland Bowling Green & Pavilion*

Discussions continue with Aberdeenshire Council over the future of the bowling green and the pavilion. A public meeting to consult the community about establishing a Sports Hub in Cromar will be held on Wednesday, 26 August at 7 p.m. in the MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland.

## *2.2. Superfast Broadband*

Although Superfast Broadband is now available for those who wish to pay for it in Tarland, the Community Council was concerned that households and businesses more than 2 miles from the telephone exchange had not been told when they would be connected to the system.

## *2.3. Tarland Christmas Lights*

Nigel Healey said that he had had a useful meeting with an official of Aberdeenshire Council to discuss proposals for a more spectacular display of Christmas lights in the village and that, with Cllr. Farquhar's help, he hoped to help obtain agreement for the go-ahead soon.

## *2.4. Tarland Playpark Plaque*

Aberdeenshire Council has agreed to move the Silver Jubilee plaque away from the recycling area to a more suitable position on the Playpark fence.

## *2.5. Twinning*

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr. Argyle had met 2 representatives of Stanardsville, Virginia, U.S.A., Roy and Ann Dye, to discuss their suggestion that a link should be established between Stanardsville and Cromar. The Community Council agreed to hold a public consultation about this later in the year.

## *2.6. Hanging Baskets*

The Community Council expressed its gratitude to Aberdeenshire Council for once again providing plants for hanging baskets and tubs in Tarland Square and Logie Coldstone. These are now in place and arrangements have been made for them to be watered.

## *2.7. Footpaths*

Various issues about footpaths and rights of way were again discussed and it was decided to try to consult Scotways and Aberdeenshire Council's Access Officer about them.

## **3. Tarland Development Group**

The Community Council was delighted to receive an invitation from the TDG to the official opening of the Tarland Trails in September and agreed to send a representative.

#### **4. Tarland Welfare Trust**

The Welfare Trust and the Tarland & Mid-Deeside Community First Responders are organising training courses in the operation of the public access defibrillator that has been installed on the wall of the MacRobert Memorial Hall. Ways of improving the building's heating system are being investigated and the installation of a hearing loop is under consideration.

#### **5. Cairngorm National Park Authority**

The Community Council congratulated Cllr. Peter Argyle upon his appointment as Convenor of the CNPA.

#### **6. Planning Applications**

The following new applications were discussed:

##### **LOGIE COLDSTONE**

Conservation Repairs to Ledger Stones

Logie Coldstone Churchyard Logie Coldstone Tarland Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2015/1897

##### **COULL**

Erection of Dwellinghouse without Compliance with Condition 2 (Occupancy) of Approved Planning Permission Reference 01/92/0187 Tigh Na Moine Coull

Aboyne Aberdeenshire AB34 5JU

##### **TARLAND**

Upgrading of Forestry Track Chraad And Longhill Forest Land To West Of Bogfern Cushnie Alford Tarland Ref. No: APP/2015/1863 |

##### **CORSE & WAULKMILL**

Demolition of Derelict Cottage and Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse including Change of Use of Land from Agricultural to Domestic Garden Ground

Derelict Cottage At Tillyorn Corse Lumphanan Aberdeenshire AB31 4SD Ref. No: APP/2015/1658 |

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse Waulkmill Lumphanan Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4RX Ref. No: APP/2015/1306

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The Community Council agreed to support the 1805 Society's application to repair Ledger Stones at Logie Coldstone Churchyard.

#### **7. A.O.B.**

The Community Council discussed its response to 2 preliminary questions asked by the Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas Consultation and has made its submission to the consultation.

Nigel Healey was thanked for bringing the state of the paintwork of the benches in Tarland Square to the attention of Aberdeenshire Council.

**Next meeting: at Logie Coldstone School on 19 August 2015 at 7 p.m.**