

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24th October, 2012
in MacRobert Memorial Hall, Tarland**

PRESENT: Cllr Katrina Farquhar, Councillor Peter Argyle, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Sue Erskine, Nigel Healey plus 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Geva Blackett, Grampian Police

1. Cromar Report

1.1 Traffic Calming etc:

- 1.1.1** Footpath to the Knappieround Car Park: Awaiting a response from COAT. Concerns have been raised about the adequacy of the lighting.
- 1.1.2** Redundant Ordie phone box: Intention is to get BT to communicate directly with the person interested in acquiring the phone box. However, there is some doubt that all Ordie resident wish to see it removed.
- 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.

1.2 Post Office Closure:

- 1.2.1** The anticipated Post Office outreach service to Tarland now looks unlikely to go ahead. Efforts to re-establish it continue.
- 1.2.2** The procedures to set up the permanent Post Office Local service are being progressed but are unlikely to be finished before Christmas.

1.3 Logie Coldstone Hall: Fund raising events and applications for funding continue with the expectation of starting work in April.

1.4 Drummy Wood: Users report that, whilst some improvement has been achieved following the damage to paths caused by the forestry works, the deep ruts remain and are an unpleasant hazard to walkers. The MacRobert Trust is to be contacted to see if further restoration of the paths is possible.

1.5 Logie Coldstone War Memorial Fund: It is assumed that the Logie Coldstone War Memorial fund is intended for the upkeep of the Logie Coldstone War Memorial. Councillor Argyle has been unable to find any trust deed concerning the fund and suspects that any record may be in the parish/session records for the Parish of Logie Coldstone held in the General Registry Office in Edinburgh.

- 1.6 Tarland Play Park Litter:** Following the provision of picnic tables, the play park is frequently littered with drinks cans, wrappers etc. This litter is quickly cleared up. However, the onset of the colder weather and darker nights has seen the picnic tables moved under the canopy of the Bowling Club House, where the litter is not so obvious and is not cleared so quickly. Would the provision of a litter bin to the area be possible?
- 1.7 Litter:** Comment was made on the persistent litter, cigarette ends, plastic glasses, cigarette packets, around the Aberdeen Arms corner
- 1.8 Coull Right of Way:** There has been no response from Scotways or Open Access to the right of way query. Further enquiries are to be pursued. Meanwhile, upgrading of the path is being considered by COAT.
- 1.9 Coull Hall:** No further news.
- 1.10 Jubilee Wood:** The MacRobert Trust is considering the establishment of a wood to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will be gauging the community response.
- 1.11 Waulkmill excavation:** The CCC wish to congratulate Professor Richard Bradley, Amanda Clarke, Aaron Watson and the local volunteers on the success of their archaeological excavation around the Waulkmill Stone. Features spanning a period of four thousand, two hundred years were revealed which showed that Tarland was inhabited at least six thousand years ago.

Professor Bradley's excavation report will appear on the Tarland Website (www.tarland.org.uk) and there will be a feature in the forthcoming Cromar History Group's 'Echoes' publication.

- 2. Tarland Welfare Trust/MacRobert Memorial Hall:** The Hall Facebook page is now active (search on 'Tarland'). The web site is being prepared.

3. Tarland Development Group:

- 3.1 The Tarland Way:** Up to the start of October, the counters on the bridge have recorded 27,000 walkers and 2,500 cyclists using the Tarland Way.

3.2 Community Garden:

- 3.2.1** Funding has been applied for to cover the cost of infrastructure, equipment and a project manager for two years.

- 3.2.2** Following meetings with the MRT, a design has been approved and an application made for change of use.

- 3.2.3** The creation of a water supply will require a professional survey.

- 3.3 Tarland-Ballater Path:** A project being considered.

4. Cairngorm National Park Authority:

- 4.1 Local Plan Appeal:** The challenge against the Local Plan has been dismissed.

5. **Police:** Grampian Police were unable to send a representative to the meeting but reiterated that local crime levels remain low. To keep them that way, the following advice is offered:

- The success of measures such as security lights may be a reason for most house break-ins occurring during the daylight hours. Ensure that your premises are as secure during daylight as they are during darkness.
- Keep heating oil supplies secure.
- It is almost impossible to steal a modern car without its keys. Keep car keys secure and out of sight.

6. Planning Applications and Building Warrants

Tarland

27.08.12	Kiloran Tarland	Building warrant for alterations and extension to house
29.08.12	Land to West of Oldmill Tarland	Planning application for installation of 3 spans of high voltage overhead lines and installation of 2 spans of low voltage overhead lines -Retrospective
28.08.12	Oldmill Tarland AB34 4UR	Planning application for conversion of steading to form dwelling house (Amendment to Approved Application APP/2011/3345)
10.09.12	Land adjacent to Barehillock Steading Tarland AB34 4XB	Planning application for formation of pond
24.09.12	Tarland Cemetery Cromar Drive Tarland	Planning application for change of use of agricultural land to create an extension to cemetery
25.09.12	Cuttieshillock Tarland Aboyne AB34 4YQ	Amendment to Building Warrant Ref. No. BW/2009/4871 - remove garage, remove doors at kitchen/living. Revised layout to bathroom. Various as built alterations.

Logie Coldstone

20.08.12	Townhead Logie Coldstone AB34 5NS	Planning application for alterations and extension to dwelling house
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The Community Council did not feel it necessary to comment on any of the planning applications.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5th , 7pm at Logie Coldstone School