



MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 25 February 2015  
at Logie Coldstone School.

PRESENT: Cllr. Katrina Farquhar, Simon Welfare (Chairman), Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Anke Addy, Sue Erskine, Evelyn Smith & Police Scotland.

**1. Police Report**

Police Scotland stated that very few incidents had been reported to the police since the meeting in January. However there had been one attempt to break into a garage in Tarland: enquiries into this were continuing. Operation Quarterlight has been launched throughout Scotland to identify and target those responsible for vehicle break-ins and thefts. The police have asked the public to help by securing their cars, removing all valuables and not leaving keys in unattended vehicles or by a house door.

**2. Cromar Report**

*2.1. Public Access Defibrillators*

David Souter explained the Tarland & Mid Deeside Community First Responders' plan for making Public Access Defibrillators available for use in the area. The Community Council welcomed his suggestion that PADs should be installed in Tarland and Logie Coldstone and suggested that he should approach the Tarland Development Group if help with fund raising was needed. Mr Souter, who also demonstrated how a defibrillator works, said that the First Responders would take on the maintenance of any PADs installed and that training in their use would be offered.

*2.2. Christmas Lights*

A suggestion from Nigel Healey, who has been investigating how the display of Christmas lights in Tarland can be improved, that the Old

Kirk should be floodlit for the season was welcomed. Mr Healey will now consult interested parties as to how this can best be done.

### *2.3. 20 mph Speed Limit*

The Community Council agreed to wait until the experiment with 20 mph speed limits in Edinburgh is analysed by Aberdeenshire Council before considering further suggestions that speed limits should be lowered in Cromar.

### *2.4. Roads & Potholes*

The Community Council noted that repairs had been made to Alastrian Drive in front of the church, but continuing concern was expressed about the situation. A discussion is understood to be underway between Aberdeenshire Council and the MacRobert Trust Estate about the County Council adopting this section of the road. The Community Council went on to discuss the state of other unadopted roads in Tarland and Ordie: a map identifying them can be found on the Aberdeenshire Council website via the mapping tool linked to the road faults page: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roadfaults/default.aspx> Donald Gordon said that he had still not heard from Council officials about his request that the road in Balmuir wood should be adopted. A meeting with a Roads Dept. official was subsequently arranged for 24 March.

### *2.5 Tarland Play Park Pavilion & Bowling Green*

The Community Council discussed the possible consequences of the decision of its members to disband the Tarland Bowling Club. A public meeting to hear the community's views on the future of the Bowling Green and the Pavilion at Tarland Play Park will be held in the Pavilion on Monday, 30 March at 7 p.m.

### *2.6. Superfast Broadband*

BT is making progress with the installation of superfast broadband in Cromar, but concern was expressed about how it shall be delivered to homes distant from the exchange. Aberdeenshire Council is weighing up options.

### *2.7. Any Questions*

The Community Council congratulated the Logie Coldstone Trust on its successful bid to host BBC Radio 4's prestigious *Any Questions?* in the Village Hall. The programme will be broadcast on 24 April.

### **3. Tarland Welfare Trust**

Nigel Healey said that the MacRobert Memorial Hall continued to be well used. The Trust is taking advice on a new heating system from experts and hopes to have it installed soon.

### **4. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were discussed:

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse Morven Kirk Braes Of Cromar Logie Coldstone Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 5PS Ref. No: APP/2015/0371

Conversion and Extension to Outbuilding to form Staff Accommodation/ Serviced Accommodation Commercial Hotel 19 The Square Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4TX Ref. No: APP/2015/0359

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, Installation of Flue, Erection of Retaining Wall and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Domestic Garden Ground Wester Davoch Bungalow Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4US Ref. No: APP/2015/0264

### **5. A.O.B.**

The generous contribution made by the Tillypronie Estate to the food and wood supplies distributed to needy families in the area at Christmas was noted with gratitude.

The MacRobert Trust Estate is thinning and felling trees in the Knockargety area and 6 hectares of Scots Pine will be clear-felled above The Leys Farm. The contractor will also be taking down trees on the site of the cemetery extension in Tarland and will do a final thinning on the site of the Tarland Trails.

**Next meeting: at Tarland Primary School on 1 April 2015 at 7 p.m.**