



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 23 September 2015  
At Tarland Primary School.**

PRESENT: Simon Welfare (Chairman), Anke Addy, Joyce Lovie, Alec McVean, Veronica Ross, Evelyn Smith, and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Cllr. Geva Blackett, Cllr. Katrina Farquhar and Sue Erskine.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 19 August were discussed and approved.

**2. Cromar Report**

*2.1. Tarland Playpark*

The plaque marking The Queen's Silver Jubilee has now been installed at a more appropriate place on the fence of the Playpark.

The Chairman reported that Janelle Clark, Marr Area Manager of Aberdeenshire Council had responded to the Community Council's concerns over the future of the bowling green and the pavilion.

The pavilion will be inspected to assess its general condition and check that it can safely be made available for hire by sports groups and other organisations and members of the community. The building shall be cleaned regularly by Council staff. Once the checks have been made, access will be via a wall mounted combination code key storage security safe box and bookings will be made through the Aboyne Community Centre, either online or by telephone. A charging schedule for the facilities at the Playpark will be made available and the Council is exploring the possibility of reducing charges for a 12-month period to encourage use of the facilities. Groups that wish to use the bowling green area will be able to book it via the Aboyne Community Centre and a notice will be placed on the gate with details of when it is being used. Outwith these times, it will be open for use by the community. There will be no charge for the use of the bowling green and the gate will be open. Landscape Services are being asked to cut the long

grass on the bowling green (though not to match standard) and then include it in the general mowing of the park. The fence will be inspected and estimates for its repair provided. Discussions about the adjacent sheds and their contents are underway.

Another meeting about the possibility of setting up a sports hub in Cromar will be held soon.

The Community Council thanked Ms Clark and Aberdeenshire Council officials for their very helpful response and looked forward to the day when the pavilion and the bowling green are once again available for use by the community.

### *2.2. Superfast Broadband*

Logie Coldstone hall has been selected as one of 3 trial sites for the 'Better Broadband Aberdeenshire' satellite broadband scheme. Local residents and visitors are being invited to try it out.

### *2.3. Tarland Christmas Lights*

Discussions with Aberdeenshire Council about the proposals for a more spectacular display of Christmas lights in the village are continuing. The Community Council hopes that local businesses will also have displays of their own to create a festive atmosphere in Tarland Square.

### *2.4. Hanging Baskets*

The Community Council agreed to order plants for hanging baskets and tubs in Logie Coldstone and Tarland and repeated its hope that local sponsorship and volunteers might come forward to ensure that this popular tradition continues in future years.

### *2.5. Footpaths*

Aberdeenshire Council's Environmental Planning Department has kindly provided a map of Rights of Way and Core Paths in Cromar. A copy will be sent to the Tarland Development Group. Walkers who encounter an obstacle or barrier on a path are encouraged to take the matter up with the landowner in the first instance. Details of help available from Aberdeenshire Council's Access Officer can be seen on the Council's website.

### *2.6. Roads, Bridges & Cemeteries*

The Community Council welcomed the first signs of progress on the extension to the cemetery at Tarland Church: trees have been felled. In response to a query from a member of the community, Aberdeenshire Council has said that it has no plans to improve or

realign Mounthooly Bridge on the outskirts of Tarland. Visibility problems caused by a burgeoning hedge on the bend of the Aberdeen Road opposite the recycling area in Tarland were discussed. At the Community Council's request, Aberdeenshire Council has now cut it back. The Chairman agreed to write to the Roads Department of Aberdeenshire Council about a number of problems in School Road, Tarland.

#### 2.7. *Bus Services*

The Community Council discussed complaints about the bus services to Logie Coldstone and Tarland and agreed to raise them with local Aberdeenshire Councillors.

### 3. **Tarland Development Group**

The Community Council congratulated the Development Group and Chris Redmond on the successful official opening of the Tarland Trails in September. Alec McVean said that the day had been very well attended and that the trails had immediately become a very popular and impressive attraction.

### 4. **Planning Applications**

The Community Council discussed the following new applications but decided to offer no comments on them:

External and Internal Alterations to Nursing Home Alastrean Care Ltd.  
Alastrean House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4TA Ref. No:  
APP/2015/2806

Alterations to Nursing Home Alastrean House Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 4TA  
Ref. No: APP/2015/2805

Alteration to Ground Levels, Re-Instatement of Original Door and Window, Partial Replacement of Stonework to Match Existing, Partial Replacement of Roof Sections and Roof Ridge and Hip Stones, Installation of Roof lights, and Removal of Existing Window and Installation of New Door to Existing Steading buildings.  
Coldstone House Studio Logie Coldstone Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 5NP Ref.  
No: APP/2015/2804

Re-Instatement of Original Door Opening and Window, Partial Replacement of Stonework to Match Existing, Partial Replacement of Roof Sections and Roof Ridge and Hip Stones. Removal of Existing Window and Installation of New Door, Installation of Roof lights, and Installation of New Stair and First Floor to Steading Buildings. Demolition of Piggery and Dormer, No.2 Greenhouses, and Adjoining Wall.  
Coldstone House Studio Logie Coldstone Tarland Aberdeenshire AB34 5NP Ref.  
No: APP/2015/

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse Honeycombe House Dinnet Aboyne  
Aberdeenshire AB34 5NE Ref. No: APP/2015/2912

**Next meeting: at Logie Coldstone Hall (Upper Room) on 28  
October 2015 at 7 p.m.**