

TDG Minutes 14 th April 2015

**Present.** Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Denise Hansford, Kathy Dale, Dave Souter, Annie McKee ,Peter Craig, Yvonne Davidson ,Kate Redpath.

**Apologies.** Lizzy Shepherd, Simon Power, Chris Redmond

### **Defibrillator.**

Dave Souter came to the meeting to discuss planned defibrillator for Tarland. Supplied by Tarland First Responders. Box will be by MacRobert Hall. Hall paying for electricity, but there are additional running costs of £75/yr; DS asked whether TDG could fund this? LSt. Suggested that bowling club wind up money could be used for this. Annie McKee will approach bowling club, and liaise with Dave Souter. The upcoming Tarland Market could be a place for displaying info on this project.

### **Tarland Trails.**

Building starts on Monday 20th April and Chris is very excited!!! Signage ordered and part paid for (thanks Dave), first invoices for Paul Masson/CRC to be paid on 20th April. Archeologist will be there for day 1. (Can someone retired or not working meet archeologist/CRC/Paul on Monday morning if needed?) Thinning continues in Drummy and is nearly complete with woodpiles disappearing gradually.

Funding: Money in place for build and minimal extra bits. Waiting to hear on Sainburys (£500), Sportsman Charity (£5000), unsuccessful with Postcode Community Trust (£10,000) and Hedley Foundation (£3-5000).

Sportscotland: 1st claim (£20k ish) due in Bank account next week. An issue again with the lease because it is not registered. Chris has suggested to SS that we do not want to do this (extra cost of solicitor, very complicated and paying to have it registered) and proposed resigning the lease for 19 years therefore avoiding the need to register. MRT aware. Await further instructions from SS.

Jamie Price: Helping Chris as part of his DofE volunteering. He (along with his dad) is going to build a bike stand for the pump track. He has also observed the rubbish at Aboyne Bike Park over the easter hols and suggests we should get a bin for the pump track area/car park. He suggested he could make one or we could get a wheelie bin. Chris to see if Ian Ross would empty, otherwise up to TDG/Jamie to empty.

MacRobert Trust has offered 300 tonnes of material, delivered to the site at a very reasonable cost to use for the archeology area where we cannot dig down. Chris is discussion with Paul/CRC as to where/when they want it and passing on savings to project.

Official opening: Chris has had initial discussions with Cyclehighlands about an open day in mid September where they would bring along a stall/bike manufacturer. Aboyne CLD have requested to attend aswell. Dee and Do magazine will do an article on the trails for their September issue.

PC suggested combining opening with opening of the new Tarland Way footpath to Coull south of the Tarland Burn.

### **Bee Group.**

One talk remaining, then practical sessions start. Hives, have been built and shed painted. The group have been contacted by an Aberdeen beekeeper who would like to give a talk to the group. Liz Calder has donated jars. The crocuses have done well, with more planting planned.

23 people turned up to learn about bumblebees at the community garden, with a talk given by Jenni Stockan of James Hutton Institute.

No progress on levelling the track to the bee site. The bee fodder site can go ahead with professional advice from Stephen McCallum of Douneside Gardens. Plug plants grown by the group over the summer will be planted in the autumn. Flowering trees have been planted already.

YD gave a talk at Logie Coldstone Hall, and will follow up with a talk to the school.

### **Composting.**

Collections are due to start on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April, with many thanks to the new volunteers who have come forward, and to existing volunteers happy to work again this year. The MacRobert Trust have kindly moved finished compost to the community garden site. Gary Coutts will manage the heaps again. A standby rota was suggested after KD asked about managing collections with a large number of heavy bags. JH to create list of people who can be phoned at short notice to help out.

### **Community Garden.**

Members will hold a plant stall at the April Market. The polytunnel has a few loose posts after winter gales. KR to phone Northern Polytunnels for advice.

### **Paths/Tarland Way**

Update on paths waiting for meeting with Murray Swapp.. COAT were asked if the paths booklet could go on the website, the answer being that a low resolution version could be added. Leaflets for individual walks could also be included. The Whiteley Burn Bridge is now finished.

### **Film Club**

Reconstituted group meeting next week to take project forward. LSh has met with Nigel Healey of Tarland Welfare Trust (Hall), and it was proposed that the Hall take over management of the film equipment, on the understanding that any TDG film club is not charged for equipment hire.

### **Website**

JH has applied for and received full funding for the website revamp. £500 from MRT and £500 from MAP. Jan is to look into insurance. Next meeting with web developer will be 4th May

### **Tapestry**

Two meetings of steering group have taken place to progress the project. Initially 2 panels have been suggested, with skylines to north and south of Tarland bordered with detailed images, including history, archaeology and farming, and important buildings and activities, and wildlife. Tapestry could be sited in the hall, either side before first set of windows.

**Market**

LSt emailed Sandy Grant from Aberdeenshire Council re idea for improvements for Market Stance. No reply yet, so consultation planned for the April market will be postponed until September.

All good to go for Sat 25th April, with articles in local newspaper.

Re. Food and music day in Sept, Annie has emailed steering group re to do list. Next meeting is 27th April. ( now 4<sup>th</sup> May) Annie to check finances with Dave.

**AOCB**

Pizza oven proposed for the community garden - Yvonne and Frank to liaise  
Geoff Jarvis's membership application to TDG was considered and accepted.

Next meeting. 26th May, 7.30pm, Cromar Court