

## **Tarland Development Group**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at Cromar Court**

#### **Apologies**

Bill Harvie, Lindsay Stewart, Gillian Masson, Ian Macintosh

#### **Present**

Denise Hansford, Mike Powell, Simon Power, Peter Craig, Kate Redpath, Lizzie Bacon, Charlie Langan, Jan Healey.

#### **Matters arising**

##### **Market**

- Well attended, traders generally happy and willing to return.
- K R suggested that a 'Community Produce' stall, where local people can sell excess produce, would be a suitable addition to the range of stalls.
- The next Market will be the first Saturday in May.

##### **Community Composting Project**

- K R has agreed to co-ordinate the project.
- Tarland Development Group will be the applicant for funding. Tony Archer (Aberdeen Forward) M P (Marr Area Partnership) will advise and assist with applications.
- S P (MacRobert Trust) will provide a site.
- For the present Tarland will pursue it's own project rather than work in partnership with Aboyne.
- The questionnaire proved useful. Thirteen people offered volunteer help.
- The system of collection and the auditing of the volume of the compost has yet to be decided. It is important at this stage to keep costs as low as possible.
- Visit to Johnshaven to see a composting project in operation is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a post Johnshaven meeting at the MacRobert Offices, Cromar, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 19.30.

##### **Charitable Status**

- G M has found it very difficult to find a suitably qualified / willing person to audit the accounts.
- M P, having looked at the constitution, was able to tell us that it will be in order to have the accounts professionally examined rather than audited. This meets the requirements of OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).
- P C will inform G M.

##### **Community Action Plan Progress**

- Cromar Community Council to finalise the next stage in the consultation procedure.
- Tarland Development Group to respond to specific points at the appropriate time.

##### **Website**

- I M has recently improved the design and navigation of the site.
- There is still little contact through the 'contact us' section and the Blog is rarely used.
- Local Groups do use the website to publicise events.

### **Newsletter**

- Thanks go to F B for her work in putting together and organizing the printing of the newsletter.
- One hundred and fifty have been printed and distributed to the Paper Shop and The Post Office. J H will check to see if more are required.
- The Newsletter is available on the website.
- J H placed a copy in the noticeboard with a note directing people to acquire their newsletter from the Paper Shop or the Post Office or to view it on the website.

### **Christmas cards**

- It was decided to sell Christmas cards again this year but to print and produce them 'in house' rather than to use Snapfish as before. This will reduce the cost of cards to the purchaser.
- There are some remaining from last year to be sold.
- We will need to advertise and find outlets. It was suggested that we approach the Toyshop, Ingrid's Pharmacy, The Paper Shop and ask to be included at the Church Fair.
- At the next meeting we intend to have a working party to produce Christmas cards.

### **Natural Burial Site**

- K R has been in touch with John Forster from Finzean who is willing to talk to the Group about the process of establishing a site.
- S P will seek similar information from a contact in Forres.

### **Paths**

- Thanks to Dale Hughes who has 'adopted' the path to Tomnaverie from the village.
- Roundels need some attention in places.
- A possible mountain bike route has been identified in Alastrean Woods. More complex routes could be extended to other areas. An application for funding would aid the process. Benefit from planning gain may take up to two years to become available.
- P C will introduce C L to Murray Swapp (COAT) to further his interest in future local Mountain bike trails.
- M P has been in touch with Alastair Aboyne who is in favour of the proposed Tarland to Aboyne cycle route.

### **Community Photo Project**

- A project for the future

### **AOB**

J H and E B expressed an interest in the progress of the proposed Archaeology Trail. It was decided to include it in the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 19.30 at Cromar Court**