

Tarland Development Group

Minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2010 at Cromar Court

Apologies

Mike Powell, Simon Power, Gillian Masson.

Present

Peter Craig, Kate Redpath, Jan Healey, Lindsay Stewart, Jane Palmer.

Welcome to Lizzy Shepherd and Jonathon Harston who joined us for the first time.

Matters arising

Community Composting Project and Insurance Cover

- Up and running a very satisfactory start.
- Sixty five members have signed up – more than envisaged.
- Twenty five bags constitute a trailer load – this number can be used to calculate the amount of compost collected and be used for the required statistics.
- More than fifty two bags collected would mean a third journey and increase the time needed for the whole collection.
- Jan and Lindsay will complete the rota and increase the bag collectors to three.

Accounts and Charitable Status

- TDG and OSCR are in discussion re the Local Market and how it fits into the requirements for charitable status. Peter presented the correspondence to date.

Local Market

- A very successful event on 3rd April. Stallholders are already booking for the next one.
- Proceeds from this market will go to The Community Composting Project (CCP)

AGM

- The AGM will be held on 24th August 2010 and will be conducted according to the TDG Constitution.
- As attendance at previous AGMs has been disappointing, ideas were floated that might make a more interesting event which could attract the local community. It was decided to work on the concept of a photography competition. Posters around the village and an article for the Piper would publicise a competition to find the best photographs, of local interest, to be made into cards, post cards, notelets etc. On the evening of the AGM the results would be announced and all the photographs shown as a Powerpoint presentation. Refreshments would be served. Jonathan offered to receive the images in digital form. Photographs would need to be received by 1st August.

Archaeology Trail

- The preliminary walk of the proposed trail by CHG is took place on Saturday 24th April. Members found the walk to be long and easily divided into two sections.

- TDG members put forward the idea that we should consider an Archaeology Collection rather than a Trail. JH will open discussion with CHG at their next meeting.
- There are also decisions to be made re 'spin offs' e.g. Knockargatie Hill Fort i.e. to include or to merely provide information.
- PC will approach Vic Smith re access to Drummie Moor.
- JH will walk the route with Lizzie Bacon on 10th June (any one wanting to join that walk would be welcome).

Natural Burial Site

- Nothing to report.
- KR will contact John Forster and ask him to talk to the group next winter.

AOCB

PC reported that a charitable trust has been set up by a local benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. The main aim of the trust is to support projects which will benefit young people of the area. The Group welcomed the proposal that the trust is considering supporting the development of the mountain bike trail in Alastrean Woods already planned in outline by a consultant employed by the MacRobert Trust. The possibility of constructing a shelter to complement the trail was also discussed. The Group agreed to actively support this project and assist in bringing it to full implementation. It is felt to be very important that young people in Tarland should have a major contribution at all stages of the project and that their ideas and opinions should be valued. PC agreed to approach a likely volunteer to take on this project along with Lizzy Shepherd who expressed particular interest in it.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 29th June 2010
19.30 at Cromar Court