

## **Minutes of the meeting held at Cromar Court on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

### **Apologies**

Jane Palmer, Gillian Masson, Mike Powell.

### **Present**

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Bill Harvie, Jonathan Harston, Lizzy Shepherd

### **Youth Project**

- A meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thirty seven young people of Academy age attended in order to gauge levels of interest in the various options they had put forward. Among the suggestions were a skateboard park and a mountain bike trail.
- Children of Primary School age will also be consulted.

### **Accounts**

- The balance stands at £1670.32 with no invoices outstanding.
- Bill McLean has scrutinised the accounts and GM has completed the document required by OSCR. Bill McLean will sign it when he returns from holiday.

Action GM

### **Community Composting Scheme**

- Feedback from the fifty households contacted by LS and DH was 100% positive. All would be happy to rejoin the scheme next season.
- There is no news of the sieve.

Action KR

- The agreement covering the site licence has been signed by LS.
- Phil Giles is to be approached regarding a Risk Assessment.

Action LS

- The MacRobert Trust (MRT) insurance covers the turning of the compost.

### **Paths**

- Alan Melrose (Walking to Health Coordinator) would like to discuss the possibility of developing more walking routes in Tarland. LS will contact PC to see whether it is appropriate to invite him to speak to TDG or whether he should speak to CCC or both.

Action LS

### **Archaeology Trail**

- JH has an invitation to look at records regarding Drummy at Haddo.

### **Cards and Calendars**

- GM has banked £329 so far. There are cards and calendars still to be sold.

### **Marr Area Forum**

- Attended by JH and KR. The focus was on funding and a clearer view of which bodies to approach to obtain funding for community projects was a useful outcome.

### **Group Membership of Marr Area Partnership**

- MAP is to become a Company limited by guarantee. They wish to establish a formal membership list. Members present decided on behalf of TDG that group membership should be taken up.

### **Squirrel Bridge**

- WH has obtained permission in principal from the MRT for the rope bridge. He is still waiting to hear from Aberdeenshire Council. The MRT are willing to help with the installation.
- Possible sites are opposite Park House or opposite WH's own gate. Both sites have suitable trees, on both sides of the road, to which the bridge could be attached.
- Pupils and staff at Tarland School are interested in the project

Action WH

### **Hanging Baskets**

- CCC asked if TDG would be willing to take on the watering of the baskets, tubs and the trough during the Summer. Members present at this meeting, on behalf of TDG, expressed a willingness to do this. The logistics can be discussed at the Compost Volunteers' Get together on 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- JGH is willing to store the watering equipment over the winter.

### **Church Sale**

- JH and KR will endeavour to sell cards and calendars at the Church Sale on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Horticultural Society Plant Sale venue.**

- SP requested that we discuss the possibility that the Plant Sale should take place at the same time as a Local Market. As the interested parties were not present this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **AOB**

LS has discussed with KR the details regarding the Development Trust Association and considers that there is little benefit to TDG in joining at this time.

**Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
7.30 pm at Cromar Court**

- A meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November thirty seven young people of Academy age attended to gauge levels of interest in options for the project. This showed a very healthy level of interest from local youngsters. The favoured options were a skateboard park or a mountain bike trail.
- The next step will be to ask the young people to make the choice and to vote.
- The children of Primary School age will be consulted.