



August. It should only go to the Council Committee if the Community Council objects or if there are six public objections. **CR** will get thank you presents for William and Jane for their help with the application and map included.

The application to the Marr Area Partnership Initiative Grant was unsuccessful because it is not possible to fund aspects of projects retrospectively (e.g. planning applications). **CR** will reapply later for an element of trail construction; **MAP** were reportedly very supportive of the project.

Mountain biking groups from Banchory and Braemar are seeking advice from Chris regarding the planning application process.

The next step for the project is for **CR** to apply to Sport Scotland for half the anticipated cost of the project. An application will be made to the 'facilities' fund, rather than the Commonwealth Legacy fund. This is because of an earlier deadline (September), and there is the opportunity to reapply to the later funding deadline if unsuccessful.

Insurance for the Trails remains a key concern. Using the legacy reserves is considered as a longer term solution for covering the cost of insurance. However, funders are likely not to be supportive where there are big reserves (although it helps to show match funding). **CR** has included the costs of three years of insurance in his application to the MacRobert Trust (decision in November). It is agreed that ongoing running costs will have to be met through other fundraising options, such as a collection box in the carpark.

### **Community Composting**

The second rota of the year will be distributed next week.

### **Youth Cinema.**

All well

### **Film Club.**

All well

### **Market.**

**AM** to contact Peter Rawlings and Jean Henretty regarding the booking of a sound engineer for the Food and Music Day. The Food and Music Day has received £700 in support from the Marr Area Partnership's Initiative Grant scheme. Much of the programme is confirmed, but there remains a lot to organise, in terms of schedule, 'greeters', promotion, ticket sales and other logistics. It is agreed that anyone interested would form a sub-group and meet in the next week to progress plans. **AM** to email TDG members to ask for volunteer sub-group members.

### **Archaeology booklet.**

The booklet project is on-hold until after the WW1 exhibition, to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Marr Area Partnership.**

The AGM will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 9.30 – 11.30 am in the Upper Hall. Hopefully many attending the AGM will also visit the market in the main hall, and stay for other activities within the Food and Music Day.

### **Beekeeping Project**

The Beekeeping Project is 'buzzing'! There has been much ordering of equipment to keep up with the bees and new beekeepers. There are 24 beekeepers contributing to the Community Apiary, and a further 16 who have started to keep their own bees. It is noted that the mentors continue to do a fantastic job, and the Tarland 'model' has been recognised by Aberdeen and District Beekeepers Association, due to the new learning and number of new bee keepers.

LSh tells the group about the success Kelvin Valley Honey, which started as a community beekeeping project and now operates as a social enterprise with a turnover of over £300,000 per annum. It is agreed that **LSh** will contact Kelvin Valley Honey and ask to meet and share experiences; as well as invite them as a possible speaker for the Food and Music Day.

There will be another series of beekeeping talks in the winter months.

### **Tarland Tapestry**

The original meeting date was found to clash with the Senior Citizen's outing and re-scheduled meeting only received three responses, therefore was cancelled. Subsequently a further 8 people have been in touch with Jan to express their interest. It was agreed that the project would be revived in the winter months, and that **JH** will put up a poster to suggest a meeting in the autumn.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM, set for **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, to be held in the Upper Hall.

LS expressed her wish to step down as chairperson of TDG, following three years in the post.

There was a discussion regarding how best to attract new members. The SCIO status requires a membership form. The Community Garden and Bee Group should be members. It was agreed that the AGM would be widely advertised as an open meeting, and a 'cheese and wine' event, providing more information about all the projects within the TDG umbrella. The costs of the cheese and wine will be covered by the TDG reserves, and will be organised closer to the time. **LS** will book the hall for the AGM.