

Tarland Development Group AGM and meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2014, Cromar Court

Present: Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Simon Power, Lizzy Shepherd Peter Craig, Annie McKee, Chris Redmond, David Hirst, Kathy Dale, Kate Redpath, Rita Barnes, Sue Erskine, Yvonne Davison

Apologies: Denise Hansford

Lindsay (Chair) presented the **chairperson's report**, which will be displayed on the noticeboard and uploaded onto the website.

Dave Hirst presented the **accounts** which have been audited by Sarah Leahy. This information will also be made available on the noticeboard and website.

Lizzy Shepherd explained the **new SCIO procedure**, and all trustees signed TDG SCIO membership forms. Kate Redpath will create the necessary register of members.

Yvonne Davidson was added to the board of trustees; nominated by Jan Healey and seconded by Peter Craig.

**Office bearers** were then elected, with trustees only voting.

Lindsay Stewart is to continue as chair; nominated by Lizzy, seconded by Yvonne. Lindsay clarified that this will definitely be her final year as chair, so a new chair will need to be appointed this time next year for TDG to continue.

Kate Redpath is to continue as secretary; nominated by Lizzy, seconded by Lindsay

Dave Hirst is to continue as treasurer; nominated by Lindsay, seconded by Kathy Dale

### **Bee Group**

The bee group is going well, with the warm weather good for heather honey. Preparations are underway for the extraction workshop to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. There will be another series of six winter talks to be held in the MacRobert Hall. The new Tarland hives could be added to the Bee Base hive map. The film "More Than Honey" will be shown on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.

KR will circulate the bee group sub-committee rules of procedure to the TDG trustees for approval.

The Bee Group will link with the Community Garden on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept when the BBC will be filming both projects.

### **Community Garden**

The garden is going well with a visit from the SWRI 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, and BBC filming 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. The next sub-committee meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. The wheelchair paths have been surfaced, completing construction works.

### **Tarland Way/Paths Network**

The MacRobert Trust will build bridges and bank stabilising gabions on the new Tarland-Coull route. Help would be appreciated to fill the gabions.

Signs for Albert's seat will be made, matching the current Tarland way signage. The group were reminded that Chris Lilburn has yet to invoice for the work undertaken to create the seating area access.

Tarland Way booklets are now available at the Deeside Activity Park.

The resurfaced beech avenue washed out in heavy rain. A new section of beech is being developed, but tree work is needed to make it safe. Broom cutting has been undertaken at Knockargetty

The bird hide had been renovated by the RSPB, and Kathy Dale will discuss the issue of keeping open water on the field in front of the hide with the MacRobert Trust.

### **Food and Music Day**

The Folk Club are on board, and have booked the Friday night act; there will be a bar license for the hall.

Annie has made a table of jobs that need doing before and on the day, and will circulate this to TDG members. Sub-meetings will be needed.

### **Tarland Trails**

Planning permission has been granted (with conditions)– there were 22 positive comments received by Planning, and no negative ones. There has been press coverage by STV, Evening Express, Deeside Piper and the P and J

The next step is funding, with the following applied for

- 1) Sports Scotland - 44,147
- 2) Weir Trust - 8,455
- 3) MAP#2 - 1,000
- 4) MacRobert Trust - 22,100
- 5) CCC - 17th Sept - Amount TBC

The Lease with MRT has been arranged and looked over by Neil Allan.

Archeological work will be needed- Date TBC. Trail designer back to re-route trails and mark trees to cut down. MRT to cut trees.

New trees to plant – Peter Craig to supply.

Date of next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> October