

## **TDG Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Cromar Court 7.30pm**

**Present:** Lindsay Stewart, Yvonne Davidson, Kathy Dale, Jan Healey, Dave Hirst, Annie McKee, Kate Redpath, Chris Redmond, Lizzy Shepherd.

### **Apologies:**

### **Tarland Trails**

Good news; grant received of 20K from MRT, and £100 from Cromar Community Council. Still waiting to hear from Robertson Trust, Lord Astor of Hever Trust and Trusthouse Charitable Foundation. Cycle Highlands in Ballater have pledged £100/year towards insurance cost for the foreseeable future. They will be official sponsors and the leaflets will carry their sign. Total so far is £80647. Agreed to keep £5k of legacy for running costs. Chris met with Paul Masson on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov; he is creating document with accurate costs (bill of quantities) Some extra cost involved ameliorating for archaeology. Currently £11K over budget. MRT may be able to provide some materials (hardcore etc). Simon Power will discuss with Chris. Archaeology survey completed and no issues found.

Sports Scotland have more conditions to add to the constitution. Lizzy is discussing issues with them. Insurance could be as much as £971/year for trails and 5m liability. Other options are £10M liability, or £5M liability (£680 and £370 respectively). Maintenance: 10 people have volunteered to be on a maintenance team, with help offered from the Aboyne Bike Park Association. Peter has quoted for trees that will need to be planted. Signage: need to update signage in conjunction with new footpath signs that are needed.

### **Bee Group:**

The bees are hibernating now, talks have started, and a new bee mentor has joined the group. A hive making workshop took place, helped by 2 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. Yvonne has written an article for Clashmach newsletter AB54, which has been published this month. An article has also appeared in the Deeside Piper. A crocus bulb plant took place with 2K bulbs planted below the lime trees at the end of the Square – the flowers will provide an early source of nectar for the bees. TDG approved the Bee Group sub-committee rules of procedure.

### **Community Garden:**

The BBC program filmed in September was screened on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov BBC1. Denise has collect Green Butterfly Award given by Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum. A date was set for a members' meeting, (28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015). The new committee will be elected, and members will renew or give up their membership 7-9pm. The meeting will be upstairs in the hall. The current committee will meet prior to this to set the agenda.

### **Community Composting:**

Membership renewal letters will go out in Feb 2015. Need to recruit more volunteers for next year.

New bags will be charged for.

**Paths and Tarland Way.**

Kate to email Tom Veitch re. beech trees. Insert into booklets to report problems with trails. Tarland Trails email to be used for problem reporting. There is now a sign for Albert's Seat, but needs to be installed. KD and DH have looked at extending the pathways eastwards – options are being explored – multi use paths for walkers and bikers. DH to pdf maps and e-mail round the committee.. Need to talk to Simon and COAT next, including finding out about the Logie Coldstone proposed paths. An updated booklet would be needed, including existing new paths such as the Beech Beltie opposite Ranna farm. Updated booklet would also include links to Tarland Way.

**Youth Cinema and Film Club:**

Lizzy is looking for new people to take on the club. A re-launch, or link with Film club?

**Marr Area Partnership:** no update.

**Tarland Tapestry:** No update.

**Archaeological booklet:** A start has been made.

**AOCB:** Website – invite Invite Ian MacIntosh to talk to TDG re. updating. TDG members asked to Email out to groups to see if anyone interested.

**Date of next meeting:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm Cromar Court.