

## **TDG Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Cromar Court 7.30pm**

Present: Lindsay Stewart, Kathy Dale, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Chris Redmond, Peter Craig, Lizzy Shepherd, Simon Power, Annie McKee, Geoff Jarvis  
Apologies: Peter Craig, Yvonne Davidson

### **Bowling club.**

**GJ** let the development group know that the bowling club has folded, and that funds could be passed to TDG. In future if bowling club were to re- start, TDG could be a vehicle for this to happen.

### **Market Stance.**

Could the area opposite the surgery be turned into decorative beds with permanent planting? suggested **GJ**. Currently the ground is used for parking caravans and other unauthorised parking. **KR** suggested raising the idea with the community at the upcoming Tarand Market. **AM** and **CR** suggested a whole approach to the Market Stance rather than just concentrate on the bottom corner. **LSh** suggested that an Incredible Edible approach, with fruit trees. TDG should approach Sandy Grant from Aberdeenshire Council as a first step. **LSt**. To do this initially and **GJ** to progress the idea **LSt** to inform Community Council. **AM** will make up map for market consultation.

### **Tarland Trails**

#### **Funding:**

Total (including all 15k legacy) - £92,847. Roberston Trust - £9500, Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - No, COAT - £610 (Finger Posts). Money in place for build and minimal signage - No nice bits YET.

Waiting to hear on Sainburys (£500), Postcode Community Trust (£10,000), Sportsman Charity (£5000), PF Trust not yet heard from, (£5000), Hedley Foundation (£3-5000). Various decisions dates from end of March/April.

#### **Tenders and Contracts:**

Tendering was completed last Friday and we only got 1 tender. Chris spoke to Sportscotland on the phone and they were happy with this and will be issuing authorisation this week as all conditions have been met. Chris drafted contracts for construction company (Chris Rogerson - CRC Contracting - <http://www.crcontracting.co.uk/>) and Paul Masson (Trail Designer/Build Supervisor - <http://cycletherapy.co.uk/>). Both Paul and Chris are happy with contracts. LSt to sign. Start date 20th April

#### **Name that trail comp:**

Winner - Elise Beattie (10), Runner up Mhari Gallacher (7). Chris to buy helmet prize for Insurance. Thank you to Simon Welfare for information about insurance from Highland Council Community Schemes, who provided the cheapest quote. TDG could renew their insurance with the same company?

#### **Other:**

£54 for new arrows for walking routes.

MacRobert Trust are undertaking routine thinning of the woodland ahead of the trails construction.

### **Bee Group**

Workshops last week to make up frames and paint the shed. Bees have survived the winter and are getting ready for the oilseed rape.

**LSt** asked **SP** if the group could plant forage for the bees close to the hive site.

**LSt** asked **SP** if the track could be levelled a bit for access

### **Community Garden**

Gillian Masson has asked if the Tarland Brownies can use the garden, which was thought by all to be a great idea.

Kate will organise a spring meet at the garden for talk and tasks.

The Community Garden will have a plant stall at the April Market – Kate will liaise with The Seedbox to avoid too much overlap.

### **Community Composting**

Thanks to Fiona Brown, enough new volunteers have been recruited for the scheme to run again this year.

The price of basic membership has been increased from £10/yr to £15/yr to make sure the scheme doesn't run at a loss.

**KR** asked **SP** if the MacRobert Trust would be able to move the finished compost at Alastrean down to the more accessible site by the community garden carpark. **SP** is happy for this to be done.

### **Paths and Tarland Way**

Dave to meet with Murray Swapp and **SP** re. Paths extension. Email address now active for reporting path issues. Bridge over Whiteley burn is being built, and this year the south side of the burn will be mown. COAT are building the gabions further down.

### **Youth Cinema and Film Club**

The Film Club could be taken over by a group, rather than a single person running the project. TDG will advertise for anyone interested to join the group after the summer break.

### **Accounts**

**DHi** gave an update on all the different project funds, which was a very helpful breakdown of the accounts.

Film club and youth cinema funds to be amalgamated.

### **Website Update**

A meeting was held on 17th Feb, with 9 attending, and a good level of interest in updating the website. The updated website will aim for responsive design. It must be visual, lively and engaging with navigation that is uncomplicated and intuitive. It should also be smartphone, tablet and laptop compatible and future responsive. The main focus should be on community, e.g. local events and information and should also promote tourism, e.g. walks and places of interest. It should include photos and videos and have links to social media such as twitter and facebook. The initial group attending will meet again on meeting 24th March at Lianag, Aberdeen Road. Anyone else interested is also welcome.

Ballater Community Website is an example to have a look at.

Simon Welfare contacted **JH** after the meeting with the question "Will the new website come under the aegis of the TDG so that it is insured against libel, etc?" TDG will need to discuss.

### **Tarland Tapestry**

The project is under way, with a steering committee formed.

### **Archaeological booklet**

No update

### **Market**

**AM** has booked the hall and stall holders for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The market will be from 10-12  
In September there could be another Food and Music Day - **AM** is looking into acts and other  
ideas. Suggestions welcome.

### **AOCB**

Dave wondered about a community apple press? He will look into costs.

Updated trustees contact list to be sent to **LSt** by **KR**

**PC** has spoken to Ian and Frank who are keen on the idea, but the project would need a leader to  
take the idea forward.

Simon Welfare has got in touch re. public access defibrillator - looking for a site. First  
Responders taking this forward.

Date of next meeting: **7.30pm Tues 14th April Cromar Court.**