



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group meeting held on 13th May 2014 at Cromar Court

Present: Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Lizzy Shepherd, Kate Redpath, Dave Hirst, Annie McKee, Peter Craig, Yvonne Davidson, Chris Redmond

Apologies: Mike Powell, Denise Hansford

Change of procedure. When you discuss your project, please refer to action points from previous minutes first.

SCIO

Audited accounts needed for the SCIO . **LSh** will ask when the deadline for this is.

Accounts

£25800K in account. **DHi** will bring the spreadsheet he has created to the next meeting so that projects can check individual budgets

Community Garden.

The steering group and incoming committee members met on Monday (12th May). The project is progressing well with members working hard to complete construction. There will be a visit on 20th May by Reid Hutcheson of Aberdeenshire Council re. the project's potential to become a social enterprise. The garden will be used as a venue for a Marr Area Partnership Forum to discuss community growing projects. The garden will be used in September as part of the extended Tarland Market's food and music event. The project is up to date with funder's reports.

Tarland Way.

It is now possible to walk along the south side of the burn.

Peter has asked Murray Swapp and Simon Power about several points; eg a meandering path, rather than a straight line through the trees. SP has responded saying this probably won't be possible and that no official tree planting is planned. The funding for farmers to fence the riparian zone is for 5 years only. A bridge over Whitely Burn will be built to replace the existing plank. **PC** will check path maintenance with the MRT – will they mow it?

PC also noted that the info board by the chemist's is faded and out of date and at some point needs renewing.

CCC will discuss Burnside Rd/Tomnaverie footpath link and **PC** will attend the meeting(14th May)

A sign pointing walkers to Albert's seat is needed.

Numbers using the route remain steady.

Footpath Network

A race will be held up Pressendye on Thurs (15th May)

Tarland Trails.

Tree survey done by Struan Dalgeith – some larger broadleaf trees will need root protection zones. Jane Booth will do the map. William Latimer has done the habitat survey. Chris, Dave and Clare Bond will progress the project. Planning permission will then be applied for. An application to MRT for 20K funding will be submitted. The decision will be made in November. A further application to the Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund.

CR has asked CCC to confirm the donation towards planning. Aboyne bike park are having the official opening on 31st May and CR has been asked to attend with info re. Tarland Trails.

Community Composting

The first two collections of the season have taken place and all is going well. Community Payback have sieved, bagged and delivered compost to members.

Youth Cinema.

All well

Film Club.

All well

Market.

The April market was a great success. Most stallholders were very happy. Customer feedback showed a demand for more frequent markets.

Extended market (Food and music events) planned for end September.

KR to speak to Simon re lease. Re. selling produce from the community garden.

No music yet, as Annie has been let down by Woodend Barn re. prior arrangements.

Annie will apply for MAP funding for music, and still hopes that this part of the day will work out.

Thanks to Kathy for promoting the Tarland Tapestry idea. 25 names were taken.

Archaeology booklet.

Ongoing, with more people joining the group. Access to sites needs to be checked before write-ups can be completed.

Marr Area Partnership.

There are plans to hold a ward forum at the community garden, re. growing projects

Beekeeping Project

Talks are complete and practical demos started. Tarland Apiary site is underway - MRT have done lots of work on the site free of charge, including hardcore and shed prep. A workparty have helped to prepare the site and the bee hive supports with 14 people attending. It's been important to progress this work, as the bees are already here – currently housed in Ballater. An application to Awards for All for funding has been submitted - max £8.5K. Fence and Shed paid for from the legacy given to TDG.

Good support for the bee group – both for community bee-keeping (24 people – 20 from Tarland area)) and (16) private keepers with support.

Most honey will go to members, with any spare going to sell at the Tarland Market to keep the bee project going.

There will be an observation hive, and educational visits to the site will be planned.

Site security is important, as bee theft is as serious issue.

Tarland Tapestry

25 names taken at the April market of people expressing an interest in the project. Jan will book the small hall and hold a preliminary meeting to hone details. She is designing a logo for the project.

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Date of next meeting.

Tuesday Tues 1st July 7.30pm Cromar Court