

TDG Meeting 20th Jan 2015 Cromar Court 7.30pm

Present: Lindsay Stewart, Yvonne Davidson, Kathy Dale, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Chris Redmond, Peter Craig, Lizzy Shepherd.

Apologies: Annie McKee, Denise Hansford, Dave Hirst.

Tarland Trails:

The project will go for 5 million public liability insurance. Trails will not be insured as they will be repaired by the group. Chris showed TDG the draft signage, drawn by Ellie from Wag Design. There are a few changes to make re. woodland boundaries/ownership, plus some minor changes to fonts and layout. COAT will contribute to fingerposts re. signage. £1000 was received from the Lord Astor of Hever Trust, and £1000 from the W.M. Man Trust. The Robertson Trust meet on the 2nd Feb. LSh has been working on changes to the constitution, as required by sportscotland, which they have now approved. The TDG trustees have read and approved these changes, and the amended constitution was signed at this meeting. (20th Jan 2015). Chris will send Sports Scotland the constitution and a copy of the signed lease. Planners are satisfied with the design, all apart from "slow down" features. This matter has now been resolved and Chris is just waiting for a confirmation letter from the planners. The first payment for the lease is due 20th April (£25). Clare Bond has applied for, and been successful with, an application for 105 trees from The Woodland Trust. There is a competition running for naming the trails for primary and academy children, organised by Peter Voight. Deadline for entries is 30th Jan. Chris contacted five contractors last week to tender for the trails construction work, and so far one has replied.

Bee Group:

Last week's talk, on maximising oil seed rape, was well attended. All members received packs of self-assembly frames. The bees are receiving candy now, as a cold weather food. YD gave a talk at Greenridge to the BP Ladies Club, which was very well received. They will put the Bee Group forward as an option for receipt of funds raised by the club. Almost all equipment is now purchased, with just feed and disease control continuing as ongoing costs. Money (£1403.93) is still remaining from the initial project funds of 5K. SCVO may be a source for future funding, but it is hoped that the project will be self-sufficient. The group are planning to ask if people would like to lease a hive at the apiary, rather than all hives being maintained by the group.

Community Garden:

There will be a membership meeting on the evening of 28th Jan, where people can sign up again for 2015. Any unwanted beds will be offered to people on the waiting list. Peter has kindly installed an electronic rain gauge at the garden. The polytunnel has weathered recent storms. Willows have been planted in the wettest part of the screening hedge. The land next to the garden is now up for sale. KR is writing the final report required by main funders CCF. Chris is still investigating options for a path between the garden and Duncan Road and Burnside Road.

Community Composting:

Volunteers from last year have been asked if they want to volunteer again this year. More volunteers are still needed. It could be a Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering opportunity. The 2015 application form for SEPA's exemption certificate re. waste disposal has been sent. Membership renewal letters will go out in Feb 2015. KR to look at costs, to see if the price needs to be put up this year, as the project is currently in deficit.

Paths and Tarland Way:

KD and DH met with Tom Veitch to cut back the beech trees. This task is now complete. The booklet insert is still in the planning stage – it could be in sticker format; (PC offered to print these.) Pathway extension maps will be circulated to TDG for comments. Simon Power and Murray Swapp (COAT) will be consulted re. any new paths. Some trees have been planted along the new path on the south side of the burn. A broken plank was reported on the Whiteley burn bridge.

Youth Cinema and Film Club:

Lizzy spoke to Nicola Henderson to see if she would take it on, but she can't. There has been no response from a request on the Tarland facebook noticeboard. Could youth club take it on? There are funds remaining, and the project would be simple to re-start if anyone comes forward to take it on.

Marr Area Partnership:

MAP will be hosting a presentation on data protection.

Accounts:

Summary to be circulated with meeting agendas.

Tarland Tapestry:

No Update

Archaeological booklet:

A start has been made.

AOCB:

TDG will share this year's website costs with Tarland Welfare Trust. Jan will send TDG trustees a list of groups she has contacted, and those yet to be contacted, who may be interested in a meeting about updating the website. Possible dates to be looked at in the last week of February. Lindsay will meet with Chris Hockley, the new MacRobert Trust administrator, and Simon Welfare on 21st Jan, so that Chris can learn about TDG.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm Tues 3rd March, Cromar Court.