



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group meeting held on 25th Feb 2014 at Cromar Court

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

Apologies: Mike Powell, Denise Hansford

SCIO

TDG is through stage 1 of TDG becoming a SCIO. Stage 2. Needs to be submitted by end of April. **LS** to do this through MAP.

Accounts

KR gave Dave an update on the composting figures.

LS will give Dave the bee group money to pay in.

DH to check whether the next CCF claim has arrived.

Community Garden

The members meeting on 30th Jan went well. Four members have come forward to be on the new sub committee. **KR** will organise the first meeting.

The CG will hold a plant sale at the spring Tarland Market, to raise funds towards garden upkeep.

Polytunnel doors are now fixed, using our own solutions, so the door bill is not yet paid.

Peter has installed and is testing the temperature data loggers.

Josh Latimer has made a super sign for the community garden and was thanked by TDG.

Tarland Way.

Cairngorms and Royal Deeside Destination Management Organisation workshops will be attended by Jan and Peter to talk about the positive aspects of the Tarland Way. They will take all TDG publications re. paths.

Paths Network.

Nothing to report

Tarland Trails

Chris met with CCC. More to debate – no consensus over support for the project which may lead to a “no comment” option to planners. They may help with costs of planning, rather than put in planning for TDG at half price.

CR will apply to MAP for IGS funding for planning costs.

Village survey – Annie has the results. 10% returns, with 80% positive towards the project.

Chris met with MRT - in principle £20K can be applied for – decision in November.

Website and Facebook page up and running.

Next steps are scale drawings, tree survey, planning, lease and funding.

Trail costs approx £76K. Legacy 2014 funding will be applied for.

On-going costs need to be considered for insurance and maintenance.

Community Composting

Start date will be 26th April.

Advert will go into church magazine.

Income for 2013 was £854.50 from membership and donations for compost.

After costs, £425 tractor hire and £356 compost turning there is £73.50 remaining.

SEPA exemption form done.

KR will send out renewal letters soon, and advertise for more volunteers.

JH will do the rota again.

LSt will contact Gary Coutts re. moving finished compost to the Community Garden Site. We can then advertise it for collection for donations.

Youth Cinema.

All well

Film Club.

Next film 6th March

Needs new organisers to cover for Alistair for a few months, and to replace Donna.

Film club to be advertised at the spring Tarland market

Upper hall can officially hold 59 people.

Market.

Annie is in the process of booking stallholders for the Spring Market. The Community Garden will have a plant stall.

Annie has had responses from Woodend Barn and others including Cromar folk Club, for 27th Sept event, and is talking to Lizzy re. MAP funding.

KR to contact Helen Jackson re. stall

Archaeology booklet

The project has started, with Jan writing the introduction.

Marr Area Partnership

Lizzy reminded TDG about the LEADER meetings re. European funding strategy, with consultants listening to the community. LSh, KR and CR will attend the Finzean event. The next MAP Ward forum is 20th March Dinner 6.45pm. Topic is funding. Community Action Plan for Tarland may be reviewed at some point.

Beekeeping Project

Talks continue to be very well attended, and many people have already bought bees. An extra talk is planned. A planning meeting was to be held to discuss how to take the project forward to suit all needs. A site was identified and the group is waiting for Simon Power to discuss it with Stephen MacCallum. **LSt** will also try and speak with Stephen directly.

AOCB

An idea from Jan. Tapestry of Scotland is currently on display in Aberdeen— how about a tapestry for Tarland? A different project that could involve a wide cross section of the village, with finished panels to hang in the MacRobert Hall.

The bulbs planted last autumn are starting to come through. Chris has made a sign to put up next to one of the planted areas to say who planted them and how to get involved this autumn.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday Tues 1st April 7.30pm Cromar Court