

## **TDG Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Cromar Court 7.30pm**

**Present:** Lindsay Stewart, Yvonne Davidson, Kathy Dale, Jan Healey, Dave Hirst, Peter Craig, Simon Power, Annie McKee, Kate Redpath, Chris Redmond

### **Apologies:**

**Tarland Trails:** Grant received from Sport Scotland's legacy for £44K. Some wording needs to be changed in the TDG constitution to comply with the grant's terms and conditions; and EGM will need to be arranged for this. Chris will run the changes past Lizzy at MAP. An application to the Weir Trust was unsuccessful, and the project doesn't meet planning gain criteria, but other funds have been applied for; e.g. Robertson Trust. **Peter** to meet with Hillary Murray re. the archaeological survey. Could other people in the community be asked to get involved? Clare Bond to be asked if she would like to join TDG.

**Food and Music Day:** Repeat the event. Harvest ideas, and email feedback to Annie. Organising will have to be handed over a bit more to the community – what do people want? Could be a pre-event for Food and Fiddle Fortnight. Funding will be an issue. More events could be charged for, or donations could be asked for. Bad weather options needed. Jo still needs thanking for providing electricity for the cooking demo.

**Bee Group:** **Kate** to circulate the sub-committee group rules of procedure. **Yvonne** to liaise with Lizzy re. this. Yvonne has written an article for Clashmach newsletter AB54, which is to be published this month. Yvonne to write an article for the Deeside Piper.

**Community Garden:** BBC program filmed in September will be screened on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.15pm BBC1, including Bee Group bees being moved into the garden. Kate's job as co-ordinator finishes at the end of October, after which the garden will be run by the membership.

**Community Composting:** **Kate** to let MRT know about potential last date (22<sup>nd</sup>) Need to recruit more volunteers for next year.

**Paths and Tarland Way:** Some broom cutting has been undertaken, and MRT will aim to cut the broom from the unofficial path at Knockargetty, and in Alastrean. MRT hope to get some more roundels to mark the path. **Kathy** and **Dave** will trim the beech trees on the path out of the village. An insert could go into the booklets re. reporting issues with the path network. **MRT** will build the bridge over the Whiteley Burn. TDG hope to start thinking about extending the path network. **Dave** and **Kathy** to re-walk some of the previously suggested routes and draw a map for the next meeting.

**Youth Cinema and Film Club:** Film club has started again – next film 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Marr Area Partnership:** no update.

**Tarland Tapestry:** **Jan** will set up a steering group to take the project forward. Lots of planning needed before the work can start.

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

**AOCB:** Simon asked if there was any follow up from the talks, etc on the Food and Music Day. Lindsay thought that the Bee Group weren't ready to follow the Kelvin Valley model.

Simon also mentioned the potential to develop West Knowe Head and the Estate Yard. Village Farm development site will soon be advertised for sale. The group discussed what else Tarland needs and whether TDG could partner with MRT. Employment opportunities are needed. The garage site could be developed. There will be an office development in the estate yard at some point soon. Solar panels on the school? If we increased our activities we may want to join the Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) and consider community shares, e.g. Braemar Community Hydro.

A men's shed project for Tarland was mooted. A handy champion would be required for the Men's Shed and Ian Ross was suggested – **Peter** to have a chat with him.

**Date of next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**