

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2012 at Cromar Court**

### **Present**

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Mike Powell, Denise Hansford, Lizzie Shepherd.

### **Apologies**

Gillian Masson.

### **Youth Project**

- The last showing for the Youth Cinema in Tarland School hall will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- The project has enough money to run for another year.
- There will be an opportunity for fundraising at the Tabletop Sale in the MacRobert hall on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- The speakers and screen purchased by the project are not suitable for use in the small hall. Those fitted during the refurbishment will be used and the original speakers sold. The proceeds will be donated to MacRobert Hall funds.
- The equipment for the Youth Cinema is to be tested in the hall on May 4<sup>th</sup> by Graham Ross.

### **Park Project**

- The brief has been put out to tender and should be returned in about two and a half weeks.
- There are funds of £35000 available and the project would be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment. There are still issues to be resolved before the project can progress.

### **The Tarland Way**

David Hirst – who is interested in the development of the Tarland Way (TW) joined the meeting to share ideas.

- The interpretive guide is on the way to production and should be ready in time for the opening. The Young Person's Guide will follow.
- There is to be an official opening organised by COAT on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
- MP is still in contact with Aberdeenshire Council in an attempt to ensure that signage is in place at the road crossing, in time for the opening.
- The idea is to encourage as many people as possible to travel TW on the day of the opening. At an arranged time the official opening will take place, organised by COAT and the route will be closed about 15 minutes before, to allow for an audience to gather.
- Aboyne Nomads will cycle on that day.
- LS will make contact with groups or organisations that may wish to be involved
- A sub group is to be formed to look into other publicity and organisation. First meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 at Culsh Steading.
- It was suggested that the Community bus be booked for the day to carry people who did not wish to travel the whole distance or only wish

to travel one way. The bus would act as a shuttle between Tarland and Aboyne via Coull. (MDL 85222)

- There is to be a seat, commemorating Albert Calder and his valuable contribution to TDG, en route but it is not certain that it will be ready in time for the opening.
- There will be tea and cakes in the Hall from 11.00 till 4.00

#### **Community Garden / Allotments**

- Next step is a community consultation by questionnaire to assess support for the project. The questionnaire will also be available on the website [www.tarland.org.uk](http://www.tarland.org.uk)
- The project will be representation at The Plant Sale 12<sup>th</sup> May, Tabletop Sale 26<sup>th</sup> May and on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in The Hall at the opening of TW.

#### **Community Composting Project**

- The project has been awarded £350 at the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum from the Greener Aberdeenshire Award.
- There are now 62 members.
- John H has digitised the map and it is working well.
- Thanks were expressed to MP and PC who delivered 50 bags of compost to households on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **Tarland paths network.**

- COAT and their contractors are near to completing the work on the Tomnaverie Walk. The Scrapehard, Tomnaverie sections will be separated from livestock.
- The Craiglich Path will go ahead.
- There has been no response to the request to remove the markers for the hill race.

#### **Marr Area Partnership**

- The Forums are about to begin and the next is to focus on funding and how to apply for it.

#### **Diamond Jubilee**

- There has been official confirmation of the closure of Tarland Square from 00.30 for 24hrs on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- The committee has decided on the format and the events on the day. There will be events throughout the day and the evening.

#### **Grampian Housing Association**

MP reported on a meeting he attended with Grampian Housing Association. They are willing to share resources with communities to develop energy schemes, such as a community turbine. They would offer resources, management and development of a project. Any monies gained would be channelled into affordable housing which would be mutually beneficial to Grampian Housing and to the community that chose to work with them.

#### **AOCB**

Gillian Masson wished to give notice in good time that she will step down as Treasurer of TDG at the AGM. We hope, of course, that she will continue to be a member of the group.

**Next Meeting  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

