

Meeting of the Tarland Development Group Cromar Court, 2nd June 2009 at 7.30

Present: Jan Healey, Fiona Brown, Kate Redpath, Albert Calder, Peter Craig, Lindsay Stewart, Lizzie Bacon,
Apologies: John Dempster, Gillian Masson.

Constitution – Alan Young had sent a provisional draft for us to peruse. Lindsay read it out for those who hadn't had a chance to look through it and everyone agreed it was fine. A huge thank-you to Alan. Lindsay will get back to him to say that it is ok. Form from OSCR to be downloaded and Peter and Lindsay to arrange a time to go through the form and fill it in together. Thank-you Lindsay

Correspondence: two items, an invite to Aberdeenshire **Local Outdoor Access Forum** at Crathes public Hall on Sat June 13th Anyone would like to attend please see Peter.

We've also had an email from **Atmos Consulting** about the **Cushnie Windfarm project**. We decided previously that, as we are a cross section of the community that is divided on the subject, we can neither support or be against the project. We would, however, be interested in learning more about potential benefits to the community. The email from Roger McMichael was incomplete.

Jan to enquire as to whether they have also contacted TWT or the Community Council. It had been mentioned at the public consultation in the MacRobert Hall that there could well be upwards of £10,000 - £20,000 available annually for community funding. We decided to keep our options open and seek more information. Peter to reply to the email asking for a complete version and more information.

Finances Current bank balance is around £800. Insurance for path maintenance etc is up to date. Hall booked for the next market in October.

Paths Subgroup Report. Aboyne Cycle Route - COAT looking to keep it closer to the main road. Based on estimates of £40 per metre, the possible total cost could amount to £200 000. As a long-term investment for future generations, the Group agreed that the Climate Challenge fund be approached on our behalf. The **Alastrian All abilities** pathways has been completed and is already appreciated and enjoyed by many in the community. **Paths booklets** flying out the door – over 100 in the last few days. **Interpretation boards** – two additional boards being suggested. After considering pros and cons, the Group decided on one at Knappieround with advertising all around for village amenities to encourage folk to visit them and use them. Also new one for Drummy Woods. A **new link path** may be constructed along the north side of the Showpark to Smallburn to help join up the paths.

Sign on Burnside Road to be requested indicating that there is access to the village over the 'little green brig' - and also one in the village pointing to the green brig indicating that you can access the Drummy/Stone Circle route. **Reports** of three locations where walkers have been getting a bit lost – near Burnside of Corrachree (temporary notice already posted), near Tonley, and near the summit of Pittenderich. New Roundels and posts to be erected by Albert and Peter, ?Chris and ?John Hansford. **New volunteers** to be sought for specific path maintenance tasks by listing current tasks on posters. Fiona to design a poster and distribute copies in the village. **Peter Argyle** has been contacted through CCC about repairing the knocked down wall at the 'humpback brig' on Bridge Street.

ROC bunker has been painted. Mystery! Ness McConnach has got all sorts of information etc for a History Group sign. Nigel to approach Historic Scotland for permission.

Historic Scotland also to be approached about dogbins for Tomnaverie. Community Council to be approached by Jan also to see if Aberdeenshire would provide one for the car park.

Tony Archer wanting to talk to the Community Council about **Community Composting** initiative at future CCC meeting. TDG may be asked to organise volunteers for this project. A **permanent orienteering course** through Drummy Woods has been suggested by Marjory. Simon thought that the MacRobert Trust would have no objections. Marjory to follow up with Mar Orienteering Club.

Viewfield Wetlands – the main pond is seriously overgrown again. Simon to be contacted by Kate to arrange dredging. As a matter of safety, it should be dredged now. People might try walking on it as it looks like it is just grass and they could get into difficulties. In the longer term, we should seek the help of a professional about how to stop this building up so quickly in the future.

AGM – agreed at Cromar Court on 25th August. Jan to advertise on website and Fiona to make posters.

Next Meeting - AGM 25th August 2009
7.30pm Cromar Court