

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2012 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Lizzy Shepherd, Jane Palmer, David Hirst

Apologies

Mike Powell, Donna Speed, Kathy Dale

Tarland Way

- Booklets going well. Marjory is dealing with invoices.
- Data collected from boxes on bridges show 27,000 walkers and 2,500 cyclists have used the route. PC will take over monitoring the counters in order to be able to supply information to Scottish Climate Challenge Fund and other supporters.
- No progress to date on Albert's seat. Sheila Ellis is keen to install a seat near to Otter Bridge in memory of her husband Ian.
- The leaflet is in production.
- JH talked about the proposed format for the Young Person's Guide.

Paths Network

- David Hirst and Kathy Dale have taken over the ongoing management of the paths network, freeing PC to pursue other commitments. John H will assist them. We appreciate PC's commitment to and success with this project. Without him these walking routes, enjoyed by many would not exist.
- COAT is currently exploring ways in which to set up and coordinate a 'Parkwide' volunteer network to aid path maintenance. There is to be a meeting with Chris York from COAT and Simon Power from MRT.
- The possibility of linking Tarland with Ballater via a walking route is still 'alive'.
- PC will follow up the Paths for All grant award. (19th October – cheque for £1000 now received)

Play Park

- Aberdeenshire Council checked the new equipment after installation, thought it had all been done to acceptable standard and were happy for TDG to pay invoice. The official opening took place on 12th September and was reported in the Piper.
- Following a few incidents the contractor has checked the basket swing and matting and pronounced it sound.

Youth Cinema

- A very good attendance at the last showing, there were 37 in the audience (maximum number in the small upstairs hall – 40).
- Two young people volunteered to run the meetings needed to organize events.
- There are sufficient funds to run the project for the next year to eighteen months.

- £300 from the sale of the surplus screen will be donated to the Tarland Welfare Trust towards the purchase of soft seats for the small upstairs hall.

Adult Film Club

- First film well attended. Next film 'The Angel Share' is on October 4th.

Community Garden

- Funding required to cover the costs of the infrastructure, equipment and a project manager for the first two years
An application was made in August, to the Scottish Climate Challenge Fund, for an October decision. Other funding bodies have also been approached in case of rejection. The deadlines for applications occur very close together and KR will contact the funding bodies to explain the reasons for making several applications at one time.
- Following meetings with MRT the design has been approved and an application made for change of use. The creation of a water supply will need a professional survey.

Community Composting Project

- Volunteers have been contacted by email and asked to give suggestions for spending the Future Friendly Award money from Proctor and Gamble. It has been agreed that some of the money should go to the development of the Community Garden.
- There was some discussion re the benefits of more frequent turning of the compost in order to improve the quality. LS will look into how this might be achieved. LS will also buy more tarpaulins to cover the heaps to help to keep the heat in and deter weeds.

Marr Area Partnership

- LSh thanked TDG for attendance at the Forums. JH gave a presentation at the MAP Gathering about TDG and the Tarland Way and received the certificate regarding the grant to help fund the production of the Tarland Way Booklet.
- The next Forum is on 15th November at V&A Halls, Ballater.
Topics Alan Melrose Walking to Health
 COAT – Path development
 Social Media for Communities

Accounts

- The balance is healthy
- Jane Palmer has taken on the role of Treasurer
- Reorganisation of method of managing funds is in progress with help from Sarah Leahy as required.
- Internet banking to be explored.
- TDG Meetings will be used to conduct as many transactions as possible

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It is planned to resume the Tarland Market in the New Year.

Next meeting 6th November 2012 at Cromar Court 19.30

