

Meeting of TDG
Cromar Court
Tuesday 2nd December 2008 at 7.30

Present: Peter Craig, Albert Calder, Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Mary Levie, Kate Redpath, Fiona Brown.

Apologies: Lizzie Bacon, John Dempster.

Charitable Status

Lindsay and Mary had a meeting with Alan Young re getting the group charitable status. (alan.young@gordonrural.org.uk). He will be emailing the information to them. We need to clarify and possibly change some things e.g no. of meetings held, define membership, accounts independently verified, insurance, heritable property, aspect of public meetings. The constitution may need re-wording. Thanks to Mary and Lindsay for their time and participation at the meeting. Possibility of a name change to include the word Trust in the title, this was thought to be a bit too much and it was decided that we have worked long and hard to be recognised as the TDG and this would stay. Have to have an AGM and election of committee etc.

Christmas cards

The Christmas cards are selling like 'hot cakes'! 100 or so left. Peter and Marjory made a super display which Gillian has very kindly mounted on her counter and is continuing to sell the cards in the Paper Shop. Lucy kindly volunteered also and Peter is all set to give her a supply of these. Peter thought for next year printing the cards ourselves, source a supplier for envelopes 1st! so that it will be possible to post them! Volunteers will be sought to score, fold and make into packs.

Tom Veitch

Tom has decided to call it a day as a committee member, since the meetings have changed to an evening he hasn't been able to attend and feels that this will not change. A huge thank-you to him for all his hard work and input to the group over the last few years and the Hawthorn and Beech Avenue will be a lasting reminder of his participation in the TDG. Fiona to send a Thank-you.

Newsletter

It was brought up by Jan that the newsletter next year should be distributed out to local spots and people encouraged to help themselves. It has been a mammoth task and done twice now by a band of faithful volunteers, A huge thanks to them all! It will be interesting to see if we will need to copy 500 next year, possibly do 200 and then if they are all taken up by the public, do another run. Thanks to Jan for organising the delivery. Possible name for the newsletter – 'The Howe' ?

COAT Meeting

Simon Albert and Peter attended the meeting. A discussion then followed about which parts of the path network belongs to and is the responsibility of, MacRobert Trust, Us and COAT. Volunteers are sought to help with some ongoing repairs,

mostly replacing roundels and the odd bit of trimming broom etc. See Peter. COAT has a budget for some work on repairs of stiles and gates. Scamp has seen stiles as the answer rather than gates which can be left open, as he has never seen a cow escape over a stile yet! He was uncomfortable with the thought of risk of infection with walkers on his fields and has not allowed a fenced path along the field at the back of Tomnaverie. However he has accepted that the existing unfenced route will remain and that either the stiles will have to be repaired or that gates that are guaranteed to close every time will be installed. COAT and MacRobert Trust to be alerted to the need for prompt action on this since the existing condition of the stiles is potentially hazardous. Peter attended the Deeside Access Group meeting in Aboyne which will carry on the same format of meetings every 3 months or so. Peter to put an email out next time there is a meeting if he can't go so that someone else may have the option to attend on our behalf.

Planning for Real

There is to be a big presentation to the village on Saturday 24th Jan 2009 at 10.00am – 1.00pm in the MacRobert Hall Tarland. A display hosted by the Community Council with all sorts for the people of Tarland to view, information on future development, housing services etc. This will be our chance to decide the future growth of Tarland and have our say on what we think that should be. Please encourage everyone to come and have their say before it's too late. We are to have a meeting before this display to discuss possible points to bring up. The next meeting for Planning for Real is at The Left Bank, 12th December at 3.30pm. A list of interested parties was quickly drawn up – Toddlers, Playgroup, Nursery, Primary School, Kids Club, Youth Club, Curlers, Bowlers, Golf Club, OAP's, Church, Whist, Keepfit, Tennis, Badminton, Shopkeepers, Caravan site, Pubs, Horticultural Society, Post Office, Show Committee, Walking Group, History Group, First Responders. By formally drawing the attention of these targeted groups to the event, we thought this was the most effective way of encouraging active engagement in the consultation process.

Website – Fine.

**Next Meeting (hopefully!) Tuesday 13th January 2009, 7.30
pm at Cromar Court, Jan please to book.
Thank-you.**