

## **Tarland Development Group Meeting. 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Present:** Peter Craig, Denise Hansford, Bill Harvie, Gillian Masson, Lizzy Shepherd, Lindsay Stewart.

**Apologies:** Jan Healey, Jane Palmer, Mike Powell.

### **Accounts.**

The account stands at £1360.00

Cards and calendars made £104.15 profit. The refund for faulty calendars was £34.08.  
KR to give cheque to GM.

### **Cards and Calendars.**

This enterprise was deemed successful, and will be repeated next year.

GM suggested an earlier start date to catch holiday trade.

TDG to liase with GM on retail of calendars.

ES suggested that TDG have a stall at the Tarland Show, perhaps sharing a pitch.

### **Youth Project.**

ES updated the group. At present, the Academy age children have been provided with voting papers, so that a project can be selected.

The older children in Tarland Primary will also be involved.

Six main ideas have been identified.

Mountain Bike Track, Rollerblade Area, Assault Course, Youth Cafe,  
Youth Cinema, Skate Park.

Once a decision has been made, the next step is a community consultation.

Youngsters from Tarland involved in this project have also been asked to join the Aboyne Youth Forum.

### **Community Composting**

KR updated the group. A rotary sieve and generator to power the sieve have been purchased.

The collections will start again in April, and the composting subgroup will meet up to discuss details for 2011. KR to arrange.

### **Paths.**

PC updated the group. Work has just started on the Tarland-Aboyne cycle route.

More funding will be needed for phase 2. TDG may be able to put in a bid to the re-opened Climate Challenge Fund. Money is also available from the MacRobert Trust and Aberdeenshire Council.

COAT & Aberdeenshire have submitted a joint LEADER application which could fund various upgrades to Tarland paths amongst many other county-wide projects. If successful, this will enable the fencing of paths on the stone circle route, and skyline route and will include robust stockproof gates.

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Roundels will be updated on all routes once the weather improves.

Alan Melrose from Walking to Health wrote to the Community Council, asking for support. It was suggested that AM comes to speak to TDG at the next meeting.

PC to arrange.

### **Archaeology Trail**

JH reports no news at present.

### **Marr Area Partnership.**

There is a forum at Dinnet on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb concerning renewable energy.

The forum will also host a community debate on any issues participants wish to air with community councillors.

### **Squirrel Bridge.**

WH updated the group. A letter from Aberdeenshire Council Roads department stated that they have no objection to the rope bridge, as long as it is positioned at the correct height.

The MacRobert Trust can install the rope bridge while tree work is being carried out along that section of road.

WH to source the rope, which will be sponsored by GM.

### **Craft and Produce Fair/ Horticultural Sale**

The fair will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. GM to update website, so that both spring and autumn dates are clear.

It was decided to keep the TDG fair and the Horticultural sale as two separate events for the village.

### **AOCB**

ES raised the possibility of a community allotment. It was felt that there may be potential at the Village Farm development.

**Date of next meeting. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7.30pm Cromar Court residents lounge.**