

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2010 at Cromar Court

Apologies

Simon Power, Jonathan Harston, Denise Hansford, Kate Redpath, Mike Powell, Lizzie Shepherd.

Present

Peter Craig, Lindsay Stewart, Bill Harvie, Jan Healey, Gillian Masson.

Composting

- KR gave a short presentation at the Marr Area Partnership AGM. A community group from Kincardine O'Neil, also at the AGM would like to visit the compost scheme, possibly when we start up again in the Spring. **KR**
- TDG was presented with a certificate to say that the project was awarded IGS money. JH to display this in TDG notice board. **JH**
- KR met Rory Dutton from The Development Trusts Association. Membership costs £75 per annum. It may be useful for TDG to become a member.
- KR was concerned that the compost had not been turned but it was noted today that this has been done. It should be turned every two weeks.
- LS and DH will accompany the pickup on 23rd October to gain feedback and gauge peoples' willingness to pay and rejoin next season. **LS DH**
- Phil Giles reported favourable comments and feedback at the Tarland Local Market.
- It was decided to reinstate our Public Liability insurance. **GM**
- LS will check the compatibility of the insurance offered by The Development Trusts Association with our requirements. **LS**
- LS will check the insurance situation re the tractor and it's drivers with SP. **LS**

Youth Project

- There is to be a consultation on the evening of 15th Nov in The MacRobert Hall to ask the young people what they want to do with the money. This is being organised by a group of young people from the village, Community Learning and Development and the Tarland Development Group. All Academy aged children will be able to attend and will be asked to give their suggestions for youth facilities in the village. The mountain bike track is one option, but we are seeking views from as many young people as possible to see if any other ideas have more support. A Facebook page is being set up so those who

cannot attend can contribute their ideas as well.

- The primary aged children will be asked for their views separately through the school.

Accounts

- Balance approx. £1500 with bills outstanding to Cromar Court and the MacRobert Hall. JH to ask the warden at Cromar Court for a bill. **JH**
- The three signatories will be LS GM JH.
- LS will send the accounts for last year to GM. **LS**

Paths

- Aboyne Tarland Cycle Route – planning application submitted in two parts.
- PC LS JH attended COAT AGM at the Lonach Hall and learned that the Aboyne Tarland Cycle Route is on course to be completed this financial year.

Archaeology Trail

- JH and Lizzie Bacon (CHG) are researching The Crofts of Drummy, Scrapehard and Gowan Brae. They encourage other members of CHG to research areas of the trail that interest them.

Tarland Market

- GM reported that she felt that the market was quieter than previous markets but nevertheless a small profit was made.
- Next Market will be the first Saturday in April.

Cards and calendars

- Cards and calendars sold well at the Tarland Market. There are very few calendars left. (since the TDG meeting more calendars have been ordered)
- TDG was invited to take a stall at The Church Sale on 20th November.
- JH to ask Ingrid at the Pharmacy, Pam at the Kiltmaker and Lucy at the Toyshop as well as GM at the Papershop, to sell cards. **JH**
- PC will create a display of the images for the shops and the village notice boards. **PC**

Squirrel Bridge

- WH will continue to look into the possibility of a squirrel bridge and the logistics and permissions involved. **WH**
- JH will put cards in the notice board seeking information re red squirrel numbers in Grampian. **JH**

AOCB

- DH wondered if we should investigate facilities for local Tetrapak recycling. At present the nearest facility is the Crows Nest, Banchory.

Next Meeting 16th November 2010

19.30 at Cromar Court

The members of Tarland Development Group are much saddened by the death of Albert Calder and will miss him very much indeed. The Group is keen to find a lasting memorial to his memory in appreciation of his friendship and contribution to our projects over many years.