

# Tarland Development Group

Meeting Cromar Court

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

Present: Fiona Brown, Peter Craig, Kate Redpath, Bill Harvie, Jan Healey, Gillian Masson.

Apologies: Albert Calder, Lindsay Stewart, John Dempster, Simon Power, Lizzie Bacon, Mary Levie.

**Thanks to everyone for coming.**

## **Christmas Cards**

A total of £384.99 was the cost of producing the cards. (The cellophane pockets were kindly donated by Lindsay – Thank-you). So far we've sold £373.00 worth of cards, still some left. Surprised they've all sold and delighted at the same time. If it's decided to do this again we would take on the printing, etc ourselves as discussed at the last meeting. A'bdy get your cameras out and get snapping for the next run of cards – some beautiful winter views about with this frost.

## **Tom Veitch**

Thank-you card sent to him before Christmas for his sterling contribution to the group.

## **COAT**

Materials to be obtained from COAT for maintenance of the path network to be ready for action in the spring. Lady still riding her horse on the pathways and churning up the surface. Is there still a leaflet that MacRobert Trust distributes to riders of more suitable bridal ways? Peter to make up a 'no horses' sign and laminate, Jan to tack up at Alastrean and various other locations to discourage riders causing anymore damage. Peter to email Simon regarding this and the Farmer at Kincairgie cutting the path.

## **Newsletter**

Still no response to the website or Fiona (sec.) regarding the newsletter.

## **Your Tarland Have Your Say**

Week on Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-1) MacRobert Hall. Landowners were invited to have their say and had to have any future plans in to the council by 6<sup>th</sup> November last year. Sign posts at the side of the road to be put up to advertise the event. Sandwich board for outside the Hall. (Albert). There's word of a retirement village project at Alastrean similar to that at Inchmarlo. All information is available on the Aberdeenshire website (<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/localplan/ldpproposals.asp#Marr>). Peter asked Fiona to get the contact details for the local groups, Simon Welfare to produce an invitation letter, Fiona to distribute.

## **Forum on the Website?**

Jan has contacted Ian about setting up a forum on the Tarland website. She has a meeting on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. Peter going to try to go along. Also get the yearly account from Ian for the maintenance of the website.

## **Queen's View**

The Information board is up!! HALLELUJAH! It was noticed that there has been damage to the granite wall at the viewing area. Dave Bullock has offered to repair it. He's been asked to send

in an estimate for repairing the Queen's View and repairing the damaged tower at the Humpback Bridge on Bridge Street. Then a grant or money will have to be found to pay for the materials etc. Dave to be contacted.?

### **ROC information sign at Tomnaverie**

The History Group are to see about getting an information sign erected at Tomnaverie to let people know what the Royal Observer's Corps underground bunker looks like and what it was for. Jan to bring up at next History Group meeting.

### **Deeside Access Group Meeting – Volunteer to attend?**

Peter will be away when the next meeting takes place Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, Victory Hall, Aboyne. 10.00amish. Could anyone attend in his place just to show our presence.

### **Accounts.**

Balance at present is £1312.40 out of which we still need to pay the hire for Cromar Court (Jan to get the bill for Gillian) and the website maintenance. Also membership of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (insurance for Albert cutting the paths grass on the tractor).

### **Bi-annual Local Market.**

Booked for 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Free entry. Farmers Market this time. 10-12. £10 per pitch. Catering put out to the OAP's. A reusable banner was suggested – Gillian to look into sourcing and purchasing. It was also suggested that we make one off donation of our takings to the Tarland Welfare Trust (after covering our costs). Volunteers for the day? (Fiona, Gillian, Jan, Kate.). Get publicity ready to promote the TDG at the market, canvas for a Chair?

### **Peter stepping down as our Chair**

Peter announced that he had decided to step down as the Chair of the Tarland Development Group at the next AGM. Volunteers are sought to take his place, anyone interested should contact the Group either through personal contact with the committee, through the website, email the secretary [fonzy70@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fonzy70@tiscali.co.uk) or come along to the next meeting. New members are always welcome, whether you fancy being Chair or not. A possible time for an AGM was thought to be maybe May? Not decided as yet.

### **Planning Gain**

A viewpoint with a seat is being built (beautifully) by Dave Bullock at Oldtown on the Green walking route. Funded through planning gain from MacRobert Trust developments.

### **Has anyone any ideas for new projects?**

**Please put the following dates of future meetings in your diaries now!**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 7.30pm**