

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP
HELD ON 14th JANUARY '08
AT 7.00 PM AT CROMAR COURT TARLAND.**

PRESENT

Peter Craig
Jan Healey
Albert Calder
John Dempster
Simon Power
Justin Irvine
Lindsay Stewart

APOLOGIES

Paul Anderson
Mary Levie
Kate Redpath
Bill Harvie
Gillian Masson
Tom Veitch

PC welcomed Simon Power to the Group.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved

FINANCES

No report given.

GM had suggested that rather than a Christmas fare it might be better to hold a craft / produce event to raise funds for the TDG. Additionally the idea of postcards should be developed. **[NB:- The date of the next meeting, 18.02.08, was set as a deadline for anyone wishing to submit pics. to PC/GM].**

TDG/TWT/CCC

Charitable status. PC had taken an initial look at what was required and found that much of it was already in place.

The pros and cons were discussed. Would another charitable group be one too many for the village, what would be gained / lost by getting it, would there be overlaps in remits with the TWT and possible benefits where matched funding was required. It was agreed that more research was needed but generally felt that it could well be worth pursuing. It was suggested that MAP

could be source of information. GM has experience of getting status for her Youth Group.

An outline list of the TDG aims is already available. **JJ/SP** to raise the subject with the TWT to define its aims so that they can be compared with those of the TDG. **SP** to give PC a list of any relevant legal info he might have. **JD** to look through TDG records to find the original TDG Constitution. Matter to be further discussed at the next meeting.

CCC has now been reformed but there are still places available.

WEBSITE

JH reported that the site was active but that there was still only 3 business replies re adverts. Any ideas as to how to attract further interest would be welcome. She checks the web-mail approx every 2 weeks.

IM will be in the area shortly. **JH** to ask him about annual running costs.

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JOINT NEWSLETTER.

PC had spoken to ML re editing but she is unable to assist at this time.

It was agreed that the first issue should be paper based and distributed by hand and through GM at the Newsagent. [GM had said that for a small payment the Paperboys could put them through doors]. Future issues should be web based through the Tarland site.

SP noted that the Trust would also like to contribute material to the letter. This was well received.

It was agreed that the first issue should be in limited colour with a logo at the head. In this regard **LS** offered to draw up a sketch of the clock tower.

A deadline was set of the **end of January** for the submission of text to PC.

JJ/SP to lease with the TWT.

Printing / costs to be agreed.

TOURIST FACILITIES

Nothing to report at this time.

SP would bring outline drawings for their proposed business centre to the next meeting. It was emphasized that this was very much in the 'thinking' stage only at this point

PATHS AND ACCESS MATTERS

SP reported that the Trust was looking at the possibility of creating a Mountain Bike route.

There had been a shelter built in the woods by a group of young people. The Trust had spoken with them to express concern re insurance implication etc. However he was looking at how this type of activity could be best help and planned in conjunction with the Trust.

PC reported that a number of walking routes were still under consideration at UDAT . However UDAT is in the process of changing its remit and will probably be mainly associated with the CGNP in the future. Some Tarland issues may have to be dropped as it is outside the Park area. However PC felt that the proposed path from Tarland to Ballater could still be considered. SP confirmed that new blades had been ordered for the tractor. It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the forthcoming newsletter asking for volunteers to take responsibility for specified paths to report on any issues regarding their condition, i.e. fallen trees etc.

AOB

SP reported that the Trust was currently looking at the possibility creating a mixed housing development on the Village Farm site of approx 5 acres. Details would be available for public comment in due course.

NEXT MEETING

Mon. 18th Feb '08 at Cromar Court at 7pm. *[Please note this is a change from the previously published date of date from the 25th Feb].*

NB. It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for the 26th May should be set for the AGM, venue to be agreed.

JH to check if it would be possible to hold it in Cromar Court.

To assist people's diaries the following are now the meeting dates through until July :-

18 Feb., 14th Apr., AGM 26th May, 14th July.

NOTE ; Initials in bold indicate individuals required to take action.