

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> April 2008  
AT 7.00PM AT CROMAR COURT TARLAND**

**PRESENT**

Peter Craig  
Jan Healey  
Albert Calder  
Simon Power  
Lindsay Stewart  
Paul Anderson  
Kate Redpath  
Tom Veitch

**APOLOGIES**

Bill Harvie  
John Dempster  
Justin Irvine  
Gillian Masson  
Mary Levie

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Approved and published on the Community Website [www.tarland.org.uk](http://www.tarland.org.uk)

**GROUP BUSINESS**

**Finances**

Payments referred to in previous minutes have been paid.

**Correspondence**

Invitation from ATMOS re wind turbines. Visit did not take place due to lack of support.

**Representation at organisations' events/meetings**

Nothing to report

**Membership**

Peter suggested that the group should co-opt useful talents for specific projects.

**Maintenance of past projects**

Problems reported re stiles, gate furniture and signs. Simon and Albert to take appropriate action.

**Charitable status**

In hand.

**CURRENT AND ON-GOING PROJECTS**

**Website**

Ian (Website designer) provided statistics showing 1,127 visits from 10 countries. The majority from the UK (989) USA second (28).

Jan lamented the lack of interest in businesses subscribing to a web page and has come to the conclusion that there is no real need for local businesses

to advertise as they have plenty of work already. It was agreed that if required the costs of maintaining the website would be met from funds.

There was no objection to a request for a link to the local Masonic Lodge (Aboyne) but a reciprocal link should be provided in return.

### **Joint Newsletter**

The first edition has been delivered and thanks must go to the members of the Hall Planning Group who made the deliveries. It was suggested that we might produce an edition three or four times a year, delivered to households by volunteers.

### **UDAT/COAT proposal**

Upper Deeside Access Trust is no longer in existence and has become Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust keeping the same personnel and continuing to operate from Aboyne Castle Business Centre.

The funding for projects in Tarland is expected in the next financial year.

These include

- Cycle route to Ballater
- All ability path in Alastrean Woods
- Bridges
- Route to Craiglich

### **Footbridge access**

Simon to investigate funding. Albert suggested that COAT might be a source.

Dave Bullock to be approached for a quote.

### **Postcards**

Paul has suitable images and will liaise with Gillian.

### **Craft/Produce Fair**

Suggestions made

- Involve other groups
- TDG hire the hall and sell pitches
- Teas - approach ladies from the Church
- Link with Woodend Barn to lease stalls

### **MacRobert Trust Business Centre liaison**

Nothing to report

### **Viewfield wetland area**

The pond has been dredged. The school will become involve as a part of their 'Eco School' status.

### **Charitable status**

In hand

## **POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS**

### **Tourist facilities**

Nothing to report

### **Fundraising**

Paul offered to provide a fundraising concert around the time of St Andrew's Day. Members were enthusiastic.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tom reported that some of the beech trees need to be replaced. Albert offered to help with planting.

- Simon spoke about the 10year plan re Aberdeenshire Council's local planning process which takes place in the Autumn. This will provide a framework for future development in the area by the Mac Robert Trust.
- TGD is happy for Simon Welfare, (Chairperson CCC) to receive the minutes of their meetings. Jan to pass them to the secretary of CCC in John's absence.
- The interpretive sign on the quarry wall opposite The Queen's View is to go up in the near future.

**Date of next meeting**

**AGM  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Cromar Court at 7.00.m**