

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Cromar Court**

### **Present**

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Jane Palmer, Kathy Dale, Annie McKee, Chris Redmond.

### **Apologies**

Mike Powell, Donna Speed, Denise Hansford, Lizzy Shepherd, David Hirst

## **Welcome to Annie McKee and Chris Redmond.**

### **Tarland Way**

- COAT will repair an area of landslip, reroute the path and plant trees.
- Safety signs to alert users to be aware of drains crossing the path in places are in place.
- Counter readings show little change in user numbers since September. PC is to have a cable for TDG use to save borrowing one from COAT in order to make data collection easier.
- No progress to date on seats along the way.
- The Young Person's Guide is on track to be ready for the end of March.
- COAT are investigating the possibility of extending the off road section from Coull next year.

### **Paths Network**

- DH and KD have met with with Chris York and Murray Swap from COAT and Simon Power from MRT to organize path maintenance. Paths will be divided into management sections and associated with an online database. Tasks will be apportioned to the above agencies and the Community. It is possible to apply to the Commonwealth Legacy Fund for funding for future maintenance and extension; a group in Moray are looking into this. This could inform TDG.

### **Mountain Biking**

- Chris Redmond is interested in the development of a cycle network towards Pittenderich above the village.
- He is also interested in developing Junior / Training trails for young people closer to the village.
- PC apprised him of ideas and locations put forward in the past. Chris will arrange to speak with Simon Power and will liaise with DH and KG.

### **Play Park**

- Nothing to report.

### **Youth Cinema**

- Nothing to report.

### **Film Club**

- January 31<sup>st</sup> The Guard  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Untouchables

### **Community Garden**

- Planning is now closed for comment and no objections have been raised.
- A coordinator has been appointed (KR) for the two year post. TDG will be invoiced for up to 10 hours a week after planning has been granted.
- Other funding opportunities – Aberdeenshire Council Community Fund, Co-operative Membership Community Fund and the Peoples' Postcode Trust, may be approached.
- A lease for the site will have to be drawn up which will need to be looked over by a solicitor. PC will contact a solicitor.

### **Community Composting Project**

- Restart Mid April
- If the membership remains the same there will be funds to continue and pay Gary Coutts to turn the compost.
- More bagging and sieving needs to be done
- Purchase of the new trailer – KR will contact Balgownie trailers.

### **Calendars**

- We have broken even with about ten left.

### **Marr Area Partnership**

- The next Ward Forum:  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> February at Ballater. This is a chance to feed priorities into the next Marr Area Community Plan. If it is in the plan there is a greater chance of funding and support.

### **Accounts**

- The balance is healthy

### **AOCB**

Annie McKee is happy to plan and arrange the next market. Gillian has handed contact details etc. of past markets to her. Any ideas for stalls would be welcome. JH will visit Platform 22 in Torphins to get ideas.

### **Next Meeting**

**26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 – Cromar Court.**