

Minutes of the meeting of The Tarland Development Group

At Cromar Court, Tarland. On Monday 18/08/2008, 7pm.

Present:- Jan Healey, Bill Harvie, Albert Calder, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig (Chair), Gillian Masson (Treasurer), Lindsay Stewart, Fiona Brown (Sec).

Apologies:- Mary Levie, John Dempster, Tom Veitch, Simon Power, Paul Anderson.

All agreed that 7pm was a bit of a rush and a later start of 7.30pm was voted on later as the new start time for future meetings.

Group Matters

Finances

The Group has received a donation of £129.50 from the Douneside Gardens open day. A thank-you note has been sent by John to Steve MacAllum.

Hall

Nothing further from the TWT regarding developments of the Hall. Should anybody wish to check up, all minutes are available from the website (www.tarland.org.uk)

Joint TDG/CCC/TWT Newsletter

If the other groups agree, it was decided that a second issue should go out in October. An update on our projects will go in it. Other groups to be contacted by Peter to see if they have anything to add to the publication. A deadline for their contributions was set for the end of September as our next meeting is 6th October. I (Fiona) have said that I will collate the contributions and make up the newsletter (thinking that this was a good idea at the time! It'll be nothing too fancy!) Any thoughts on content? Email me – fonzy70@tiscali.co.uk. Volunteers for delivering round the village were to be looked into by Jan and Lindsay. Fiona to get a cost from the Academy to do a colour or B&W A3 booklet doublesided. History Group to be asked to contribute this time. Anybody else for future issues? Gillian still happy to keep the extra newsletters in the Shop.

Maintenance of Past Projects. - The Walks.

Entrance to Alastrean walks (top carpark by show ground) very overgrown with broom. Bill has volunteered to lop. Tillychardoch and Whiteley areas were also very overgrown but Albert has cut back. Peter to lop broom at Tomnaverie. East Davoch, there are some way-markers missing. There is to be a meeting with C.O.A.T (Cairngorms Outside Access Trust – they have taken over from UDAT). It was decided for volunteers to be asked to adopt a route/walk and once in while go round and do a survey as to what maintenance is required.

Skyline – Peter, Tillychardoch - Lindsay, Corrachree – Jan, Stonecircle circular route – Kate.

There are quite a few fallen trees in Drummie which have been reported to Donny McKay by Albert.

Simon to be approached to remind him. The Smallburn path needs major work to enable grass-cutting, very overgrown. All this to be put forward by Peter & Albert to COAT and McRobert Trust at the next paths meeting (route reports required by volunteers before this).

TDG's Charitable Status

Lindsay will be looking into this; Gillian has said that Andrea Hauxwell at K&D voice is the person to talk to.

Current Projects

Website

Jan reported that there hasn't been much via the 'contact us'. A Gavin Meldrum would like to give us a photograph of his Grandfather driving a brougham that visited Tarland (when? Long ago.) Also his

Grandfather used to work in the Pharmacy in Tarland, any ideas? (would be before Mr Forbes). Also Paul Mitchell has been in touch requesting a link for the Mason's via the website.

COAT

Mark Hagger has left their employ; Murray Swap to pick up his projects - fencing in the fields on the Tomnaverie circle route, and the Alastrean All Abilities Trail. No progress as yet with the MacRobert Trust plans for a Family Cycle Trail. Discuss future of proposed History Trail to Ballater at the next COAT meeting.

Postcards.

Gillian has re-submitted the 4 photos and template for the postcards. Tomnaverie, Morven, Queens View and Beech Beltie.

The Produce and Craft Fair

Has been postponed till Sat. Sept. 13th 10am – 2pm. (Previous date clashed with the Banchory Farmer's Market). The Senior Citizens have taken on the Teas and will be paying for the hire of the kitchen and keeping their profit. Gillian has arranged stall holders to pay for their pitch and we will have our own stall with a Treasure hunt (blow up of the walks around the village with people buying a numbered sticky dot and placing it on a spot, a location for the 'Treasure' to be picked by someone beforehand). Any other money making ideas? Also lots of information as to who we are and what we do. Peter and Jan to do posters, info, treasure hunt etc. Gillian to manage the day. Fiona volunteered to do couple of hours on the stand. **Volunteers still needed for the day that know what we do to inform the public – one or two hour slots.** We've got Veggie People, Jewellery, Crafts, The Crannach baker, Wood sculptors etc. It was noted that the Alastrean House car boot sale starts at 2pm the same day. Great for getting people into the village. Gillian has volunteered Chris to make the 'side of the road' signs for the affair. The hire of the Hall is £10.00 per hour. It was decided that there would be no charge at the door. Peter is to ask COAT if they would like to donate a prize for the treasure hunt.

Viewfield

The fence has been changed to allow tractor access for mowing. Pond quite overgrown - may need dredging again. Bird boxes have been put up and it is well used by the eco group at the Primary School.

A winter tidy-up is to be organised. Tracey Forbes (the new Chairperson for Youth Club) is to be approached after expressing an interest for the kids to help out. Kate to email Simon re tidy up/ drainage etc.

Future Projects

Christmas Cards

Peter to investigate tonight, in fact as I write up these minutes you will probably all have had his mini slide presentation for your perusal and vote via email.

Allotments

Interest expressed in proposed allotments at the new Village Farm housing scheme; possibility for Community composting?

AOB

Planning for Real

Judith Aylett of MAP coming to talk to the Community Council meeting Wed. 24th September

Homecoming 2009

Communities all over Scotland are being urged to arrange events to celebrate and welcome people back home. Not sure what to make of this. An eye being kept on this for future developments. Any ideas? A dance possibly in the Hall on Tarland Show night for the village people (the only time people regularly visit home?)

Next meeting Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.30pm in Cromar Court - Jan to book