

## **Tarland Development Group**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 19th January 2010 at Cromar Court**

#### **Apologies**

Denise Hansford, Mark Hagger.

#### **Present**

Mike Powell, Simon Power, Peter Craig, Kate Redpath, Lizzie Bacon, Jan Healey, Lindsay Stewart, Gillian Masson, Albert Calder.

#### **Matters arising**

##### **Community Composting Project**

- The site to be provided by MacRobert Trust has been identified.
- Application to SEPA has been made for the site license.
- MP (Marr Area Partnership) advised that funding from MAP may be sufficient, if costs can be kept to a minimum. This will simplify the process of application and the administration of the project.
- It was decided that a cheaper type of sieve than that envisaged would be sufficient to begin with and thus help to keep startup costs as low as possible.
- PC will write to the Administrator of MRT to ask if financial assistance would be available to TDG should there be a shortfall between the grant funding and the annual costs.
- The final plan and all information will be published on the website when complete.
- The next step is to publicise the project and recruit volunteers. Some reworking of the leaflet needs to take place outlining the management of the project and to highlight the benefits to the individual and the community. It is proposed to display posters and to deliver leaflets to all households within the village. The leaflet will also direct people to the website [www.tarland.org.uk](http://www.tarland.org.uk) as a source of up to date information.
- JH has a delivery list which can be used when leaflet distribution takes place.
- It is estimated that the project could begin with the first 'pickup' in April.
- A meeting of the Composting Project committee will be held at the MacRobert Offices, Cromar, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 19.00 to finalise details of the changes suggested above.

##### **Charitable Status**

- GM has contacted Mr McLean, a retired bank manager who is willing to audit the accounts in the manner required by OSCR. This could be done by the end of the week.
- Charitable status will be sought from the date of the 2009 AGM.

##### **Christmas cards**

- PC expressed thanks to all who help to make and sell the cards.
- The amount of profit is not clear at the moment. We sold cards to the value of £126 and the expenditure is somewhere in the region of £50. We did not make a loss! There are cards left.....
- JH will thank Lucy The Toyshop, Ingrid Pharmacy, Gillian The Paper Shop for their help in selling cards.

### **Archaeology Trail**

- It was proposed that a local trail using the existing paths network should be planned. Safer access to the Culsh Earthouse would be required. The much-discussed fencing on the Drummie to Tomnaverie path to separate walkers from cattle would also be essential. EB and JH will talk to Cromar History Group to enlist their cooperation.

### **Natural Burial Site**

- Nothing to report.
- Ideas for a suitable site welcome.

### **Paths**

- A paths meeting took place on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec attended by PC, AC, MS, and CL. Action points resulting from the meeting will be progressed when the weather allows.
- Mark Hagger and CL were unable to cycle potential routes as planned due to the weather.

### **Viewfield**

- The site has been exceedingly wet due to recent weather conditions. It was decided that there is no advantage in a 'clean up' campaign at present.

### **Market**

- Markets are proposed for the first Saturday in April and October.
- GM will book the hall for the next market on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- GM has spoken to the Horticultural Society and we will not join forces with them for the April market.

### **Tarland Welfare Trust**

- MP reported that the new committee and trustees have been elected to continue the running of The Hall and progress the refurbishment.

### **AOB**

No further business

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**  
**19.30 at Cromar Court**