

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Cromar Court**

### **Present**

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Lizzy Shepherd, Denise Hansford,  
Kate Redpath, Peter Craig,

### **Apologies**

Gillian Masson, Mike Powell.

### **Youth Project**

ES reported that:

- Tarland School Hall will be the venue for the Youth Cinema whilst the MacRobert Hall is refurbished.
- A suitable place to store the equipment has yet to be found.
- Fundraising, organized by the young people, is to take the form of a Family Film Night to which the whole community is invited.
- The younger group is to participate in a Youth Training Programme, working with Linda Babbs, from Youth Scotland. This will encourage them to learn how to run projects and meetings. Some of the activities will take place during a residential weekend in Aviemore.

Assault Course and zip-wire:

- A steering committee is to be set up, consisting of Simon Welfare (CCC), Frank Ribbons (Minister) and the various members of the Youth Club plus a group of young people.
- The MAP Forum in February is to focus on Youth and will include a presentation from the young people, outlining the running and progress of their projects to date.

### **Community Composting Project**

- A date for sieving needs to be fixed. The sieving will need as many helpers as possible. It was suggested that it should take place after the October holidays and might coincide with an end of season get together.
- Overall costings and outgoings for next season will be explored.

### **Community Garden / Allotments**

- It is difficult to envisage a realistic timescale for the commencement of the project.
- It was suggested that exploring the possibility of using the existing garden at Alastrean, may be useful. KR to contact SP.

### **Community Energy Project**

The response to SP from TDG to the proposed project outlined the concerns of the Group. Current members of TDG do not possess the necessary skills and commitment and do not see a way of taking the project forward. The group is divided in it's opinions regarding the project as are all other local groups. TDG does not represent the whole community but a community

consultation may encourage members of the wider community to form a group able to take on the project.

### **Cycle Route and paths**

PC reported

- The cycle route is due to be finished in November.
- A grand opening may be best delayed until the Spring.  
Ideas so far:  
A community cycle event.  
Electric bikes might be included.  
Involve The Ballater bike shop; they have expressed an interest.  
Tee shirts could be produced.
- PC attended the COAT AGM. The ongoing gates / fencing for the Tarland Paths network was discussed. COAT are to run courses in path building for young people.

### **Marr Area Partnership**

- Nothing to report

### **Cards / Calendars**

- Cards and calendars sold well at the Tarland market.
- The Paper Shop and the Pharmacy are willing to take some for sale.

### **Local Market**

- GM proposed that the next Market should be in May and that the one after that should be in October. The proposal was accepted.
- It was decided that a Community Stall would be a good idea. KR and GM will discuss the details.

### **Accounts**

- There are no monies outstanding, the accounts are up to date.
- PC reported that OSCAR has made some changes in the regulations for accounting but does not feel that the Group will be affected. He will pass the information to GM.

### **Viewfield Wetland**

- LS has responded to Mrs Gibb at Tarland School enclosing suggestions from KR.

### **Newsletter**

- The group is in favour of producing a Newsletter as they have done in the past.
- Groups that may contribute – TWT, CCC, CHG, MRT, Youth Club, Youth Group .....others would be welcome.
- Please bring contributions to the next meeting or email to LS.
- PC is willing to put it together.

### **AOCB**

A letter was received from Mrs Marchant, who is concerned about the condition of paths and the lack of wildlife in Drummy Woods. PC will meet her to discuss her concerns.

Thanks go to LS for her donation of £300 to TDG from her involvement in NEOS.

**Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Cromar Court 19.30**

