

TDG Meeting 21st Aug 2012 AGM

Present: Lindsay Stewart, Lizzy Shepherd, Denise Hansford, Donna Speed, Alex Henderson, Peter Craig, Mike Powell, Dave Hirst, Kathy Dale, Kate Redpath.

Apologies: Jan Healey and Jane Palmer.

LS handed out the chairperson's report which was read by all present, and the amended version will be put on the website.

LS was re-elected as chair, JH was re-elected as secretary, and JP was elected as treasurer in place of GM

Meeting following AGM

Cycle Path .

Pc reported on the cycle path. Recording sheets at Otter Bridge show that many people would like the track to continue after Coull towards Tarland, rather than go along the road. Murray Swap of COAT is interested, and Simon Power of MacRobert Trust also keen to pursue idea.

Tarland Way booklet selling well. Takings so far £ 530 at £3 per booklet. Booklets will all be sold at the same price of £3.

The free leaflet isn't yet completed.

JH working on leaflet for children.

Creative Scotland have approached PC re. medal routes, an Olympic legacy scheme identifying walking hubs. Tarland is suitable for this.

Anne Heath has reported broom blocking the path at Knockargetty. People at Ordie will cut this clear.

Mac Robert Trust continue to mow paths.

Picnic table and chairs has appeared on tracks near East Town. Could be the owner of Pittendreich, from Overton Motors. Ian Mackenzie will know owner, and a link could be made with TDG.

KD and DH proposed idea of mountain bike trails. Some research was started a while ago (date?) with concerns raised by MacRobert Trust and Tillypronie Estates re. damage to ground.

LS reported a waymarker missing on the skyline route. COAT will supply contractor to replace markers.

LSh reported on the youth project.

Play Park.

£7000 remaining of funds to be kept for on-going maintenance. Aberdeenshire council may take on this responsibility, but this remains unclear. MP suggested review and clarify the situation in 2 years. The council have removed some old items of play equipment from the park, and this action is not related to the youth project. Council will add new benches and generally smarten the park. An official opening will be held, with press present. Bob Joseph of MacRobert Trust to open new play equipment. PC reported good feedback re. new equipment.

PC asked whether litter warden still existed. DH thought not – Council are supposed to clear litter.

Youth Cinema.

Will start up again now summer holidays are over. There have been upto 34 users (max 40)

Old screen has been sold

New chairs sought.

Equipment could be hired out

MP confirmed insurance is covered by Tarland Welfare Trust

Compost Project

KR to arrange meeting of compost steering group to discuss spending P and G award.

Bags have been very heavy, so suggest making more bags available at a cheaper rate, to encourage users to spread the load.

Community Garden

Applying to Climate Challenge Fund for bulk of funding. Deadline 7th Sept.

MAP

Next Forum 30th Aug from 7-9pm Problem solving and community groups as topics. TDG will provide displays of all projects.

MAP AGM in Tarland 22nd Sept. JH to give TDG presentation. TDG display out again.

MP has re-issued the Tarland Way booklet cheque.

Calendar and Cards.

PC to Organise Calendar. No cards this year.

Film Club

DS and AH updated on progress. Film Club will use existing licence. First film thurs 6th Sept then 1st Thurs of each month with 10 films per year. Yearly membership to cost £10. Any surplus money to help with licence cost and on-going replacement costs.

LSh to email set-up instructions to DS and AH

Copy of risk assessment to be sent to MP

BYO refreshments

MP to co-ordinate regular bookings.

Accounts

LS will ask Sarah Leahy to advise on accounts. Hope to set up spreadsheet of projects with restricted funds, rather than having separate accounts for each project.

JP to take over as treasurer.

AOB

KR to send Sympathy card to Daphne after the death of Phil Giles, who was instrumental on the compost steering group.

MP updated the group on the Aboyne skatepark issue. Anyone wanting to show support should write to Planning Dept.

Annie Mackie would like to join TDG.

Next meeting 7.30 2nd October at Cromar Court

