

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2011 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Peter Craig, Denise Hansford, Kate Redpath, Jane Palmer, Paul Booth, Jan Healey.

Apologies

Mike Powell

Youth Project

ES reported that:

- Voting has taken place by young people of Academy age and from those of Primary School age. First choice was for an Assault Course with a zip wire and second, a Youth Cinema.
- It is proposed to use the small hall up stairs in the MacRobert Hall for the cinema and to begin as soon as possible.
- A meeting is to take place on Monday 28th March to begin the organisation which is to be 'youth led'.
- Some funding is in place for the necessary equipment.
- It is envisaged that the equipment and facilities could also benefit other groups over time.
- PC suggested that the screen belonging to CHG could be borrowed in the meantime.
- A license for showing DVD and Blue ray will be needed costing about £100 per annum. Some newly released films may cost more.
- Alan Melrose suggested that ES contact Hugh Moffat as he is involved with the cinema events in Aboyne.
- The Assault Course could be sited on the existing Play Park.
- Doug Allan, from Aberdeenshire Council (Landscape Architect) feels that the project is feasible.
- It would be covered by Public liability insurance
- Cost would be upwards of £15000.
- LS will contact the Benefactor to report progress and to clarify finance.

Action LS

Marr Area Partnership

- ES reported that the Ward Forums on Sustainable Energy had taken place and that the reaction was mixed.
- The next Ward Forum is to be held in May

Walking to Health

- Alan Melrose gave a presentation that raised awareness of the considerable benefits of the Walking to Health Project.
- It is a COAT initiative that is volunteer led.
- Tarland has a thriving group.
- There is a plan to develop the project throughout the Cairngorms National Park.
- JH urged Alan to use Tarland's web site and pointed out that we also have village noticeboards where dates and times of walks can be displayed.

Paths

- PC is preparing an application through COAT to the Climate Challenge Fund for further funding for the Cycle Trail, which is now under construction.
- This involves a base line survey to show behaviour change and carbon reduction resulting from predicted cycle path usage.
- COAT will employ a contractor to make good existing walking routes e.g mend broken gates. PC will approach members as volunteer help may be required.

Action PC

Community Composting

- A meeting has been arranged at **Cromar at 19.30 on March 1st** to discuss the start of the new season of compost collections.
- KR has accepted Tony Archer's offer to represent Tarland at a meeting, arranged at short notice, with Aberdeenshire Council to discuss possible funding for 2011. She has provided him with all the necessary information.
- Since the meeting Nigel Healey offered to attend the meeting to represent the Compost Group.

Local Market

- Next Market planned for 2nd April
- TDG will use the event to report on the Youth Project and the start of the new Composting season.

Royal Wedding Party

- Simon Welfare (CCC) contacted LS to gauge TDG support for a proposed Royal Wedding Party in Tarland Square on 29th April. It may involve closure or partial closure of the Square, which is complicated.
- TDG is willing to support a group who wish to organise a party.
- LS to contact Gillian and Simon.

Action LS

Community Council proposal for another 'Tarland - Have your say' Event

- Simon Welfare (CCC) contacted LS re a follow-up event from 'Tarland – Have your say' possibly with the focus on attracting employment locally.
- TDG would like to have a stand at the event to publicise some of the projects in hand and for the future.
- LS to contact Simon.

Action LS

Proposal to form a liaison group

- It may be a good idea to form an informal Liaison Group between TDG, CCC, TWT. Some of the community's current projects are either shared or of interest to all the groups involved. It could be of mutual benefit to share relevant information informally. Members would report back to their own group, which would be noted in the minutes, thus providing a record.
- JH to inform Nigel Healey (CCC, TWT) and ask him to float the idea with these groups.

Action JH

Accounts

- Nothing to report

Squirrel Bridge

- Nothing to report

AOCB

KR and ES propose that a part of the land at Village farm should be used as a Community Garden with a poly tunnel. It would be designed with all ability access in mind. Allotments would still be available. They have already had a favourable response to the concept from both the MacRobert Trust and the Horticultural Society. It would be possible to begin the project before the building of Village Farm Development is underway.

Next meeting 22nd March 2011 at Cromar Court 19.30