

## **Minutes for TDG 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2009**

**Present:** Peter Craig, Mike Powell, Jan Healy, Kate Redpath, Lizzie Bacon, Charlie Langan, Albert Calder, Simon Welfare, Lindsay Stewart.

**Apologies:** Fiona Brown, Bill Harvie, Gillian Masson

### **Chairman's Welcome/Report**

New committee posts discussed. Peter to stay as chair, Jan to become secretary, and Gillian to stay as treasurer. Peter thanked Fiona for her time as secretary, and explained that she will still be involved with the group. Peter then introduced **Simon Welfare** from **Cromar Community Council** to talk about the Community Action Plan.

**Simon Welfare** took the group comprehensively through the **Community Action Plan**. Copies are to be emailed out to group members for their comments.

**Mike Powell** from the **Marr Area Partnership** then spoke about how MAP can support the action plan.

**Gillian Masson** has asked for volunteers for the **October Market**. Albert, Jan and Kate to help. There are 4 vacant stalls.

**Lindsay Stewart** reported that TDG is nearing **charitable status** - just a few minor amendments pending.

**Peter Craig** reported on the **compost meeting**, which was very positive. Minutes available on the Tarland website. A compost survey form provided by Tony Archer of Aberdeen Forward will be amended by **Denise Hansford**, to make it relevant to Tarland. Denise to send new form to members for comment. The survey is to be distributed through the shop, newspapers, at the market, and at the visiting Aberdeen Forward Waste Aware caravan.

**Jan Healey** will contact the Piper with a small article to publicise the market and the compost survey.

**Fiona Brown** is putting together the **Community Newsletter**. Peter to contribute article from TDG.

**Peter Craig** will co-ordinate **footpath** volunteers to put up new waymarkers recently arrived from COAT. Cattle are still a problem on the Tomnaverie route.

**Murray Swap** is discussing landowner agreements re the **Aboyne-Tarland Cycle Route**. **Charlie Langan** pointed out that road bikes would not be able to use a gravel cycle route.

**Peter Craig** will ask photographer James Davidson about images for another set of TDG **Christmas Cards**.

**AOB.**

**Mike Powell** asked for a volunteer to sit on the **Local Outdoor Access Forum**. **Charlie Langan** encouraged to apply for the vacancy.

**Kate Redpath** noted that there is a **Natural/woodland Burial Site for Birse** and proposed that we find out more about the possibility of setting up this community facility.

**Denise Hansford** was impressed with the **Finzean photograph exhibition** and would like a similar project here.

**Date of next meeting. Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7.30pm Cromar Court**