

# Tarland Development Group

## Minutes of meeting held on 23rd February 2010 at Cromar Court

### Apologies

Mike Powell, Ian Mackintosh Mark Hagger.

### Present

Simon Power, Peter Craig, Kate Redpath, Denise Hansford, Lizzie Bacon, Jan Healey, Lindsay Stewart, Gillian Masson, Albert Calder, Jane Palmer.

### Matters arising

#### Community Composting Project and Insurance Cover

KR kindly provided an update of progress for the meeting:

- Leaflets delivered.
- 10 replies after 1 week, including 2 volunteers. Tony archer says its normal for a slow start.
- The collection box for completed forms is in Gillian's. I'll (KR) keep checking it, to make a database of customers and give funds to Gillian to pay into the TDG Account.
- TA has sent some links for the insurance of the tractor. We need to get some quotes:  
[www.rowett-insurance.co.uk/personal/agricultural\\_vehicle.htm](http://www.rowett-insurance.co.uk/personal/agricultural_vehicle.htm)  
[www.NFUmutual.co.uk](http://www.NFUmutual.co.uk)  
[www.carinsurance.y9oll.net](http://www.carinsurance.y9oll.net)  
[www.bjpinsure.com](http://www.bjpinsure.com)
- TA has sent draft application forms so that the group can apply for the Aberdeenshire Community Composting Fund. Tarland and Johnshaven will be the guinea pigs for this process for 2010, before the fund becomes fully available for 2011 onwards.
- Jan is getting the school involved. The Eco Group is keen to help. They are going to make some posters and displays for the launch.
- The Compost Group will have a meeting to organize the March and April events and discuss progress. Any ideas/help welcome.

Other points arising from tonight's meeting:

- Launch date, 20<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 to 13.00 at Left Bank Gallery.
- Local Market 3<sup>rd</sup> April MacRobert Hall
- Tarland School will provide photographs of the undeveloped site and some posters depicting what can and cannot go in the green bags to be included in the display. JH and Mrs Woods took her class to visit the site.
- There are issues affecting the insurance of the tractor to be resolved. SP will approach the brokers used by MRT for information.

#### Accounts and Charitable Status

- PC will make final print changes to the Constitution then it is ready to go to OSCR. PC thanked LS for her work to make this possible.
- Ian's invoice for annual web site support has been paid.
- GM requested a bill from Castlehill for the use of the room. JH will ask the manager of Cromar Court for this.

- Money from the composting scheme already collected by KR will be paid to GM.

#### **Next Market**

- Proceeds from the market on 3<sup>rd</sup> April will go to The Community Composting Project.(CCP)
- GM suggested that an item from each stallholder could be donated and raffled.
- GM will contact Vital Veg and invite them to take a stall.
- Compost Stall will also feature the CCP and display bags etc. and the contribution from Tarland School pupils.

#### **Archaeology Trail**

- EB and JH talked to Cromar History Group. The members will be delighted to take part. It was proposed that the planned trail should be trialed, first as a CHG 'Trip Out' and after any necessary changes, as their contribution to Scottish Archaeology Month (SAM), which will take place in September. This will provide a good indication of suitability, appeal, access and other factors to inform the development of a more permanent trail carried out jointly by TDG and CHG. It is envisaged that each group will take forward aspects of the development appropriate to the nature of their organisation.

#### **Natural Burial Site**

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

#### **Paths and Cycle Trails**

- Murray Swapp reported that the proposed Aboyne/Tarland route is supported in principle by the landowners concerned.

#### **Cromar Community Council**

- Concerns about the quantity of dog poo on pathways and about the village generally. GM will laminate a sample 'poo bag' of the type that can be purchased from the Council Offices in Aboyne. It will be displayed beside the Millennium Eggs, in the hope that it will encourage dog walkers to be more responsible.

The CCC will be asked to support a 'Village Litterpick ' or similar, at their next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March. JH will liaise with Tarland School as there is a project in April on the same theme and they would like to involve the local community.

#### **AOB**

Lizzie Bacon has decided to leave the TDG as she feels that she lives too far out of the Tarland area. Thanks to Lizzie for her contributions to the group and we will look forward to working with her through CHG in the development of the Archaeology Trail.

Jane Palmer joined us for this meeting as she is interested in the projects that we are undertaking and is very welcome to join the TDG.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010**  
**19.30 at Cromar Court**

