

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2012 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Lizzy Shepherd, John Hansford, Gillian Masson

Apologies

Mike Powell, Denise Hansford

Youth Project

- £ 4,000 award from Aberdeenshire Planning Gain is secure. There is sufficient funding remaining for the consultation re the park project, hire of the hall and publicity.
- There will be a youth led fundraiser when the Hall reopens.
- GM (Treasurer) requires copies of all invoices for the project, relating to cheques issued, for accounting purposes.
- There will be a Park Project meeting in the School Hall on 5th March, following another planning meeting.
- An indication re the outcome of the grant application to MRT may be received in January before the consultation takes place

Community Garden / Allotments

- The application made by KR to Vodaphone for a grant to fund set up costs has been successful.
- The grant will be paid to KR by Vodaphone via TDG.
- A sub group meeting is the next step.
- LSh, LS and JP to discuss requirements, documentation, procedures, protocol etc.in order to draw up a short term contract. Advice will be sought from MP, JP. GM as necessary.

Community Composting Project

- It was agreed that an advert in The Church Magazine (£40) should be placed again. JH to contact Janis Smith.
- Start date for the new season will be early April.
- Discussion is needed re charges, and standardisation of the amount of compost in bags.
- More sieving to be done before May.
- Compost to be advertised and exchanged for a donation at the next Tarland Market in May.
- Concerns were raised again re the justification of the level of charges for the community tractor. Present charges could jeopardise the sustainability of the project now that initial grants have run out.

Cycle Route and paths

- The grant from The Scottish Climate Challenge fund is all used. Other funding is in place from Aberdeenshire Council to cover signage, the launch and a route map/booklet. CHG to be involved.
- JH and PC to start work on a booklet, envisaged as a sister publication to 'Tarland a great place to walk'. The content will include the Historical

/Archaeological sites in and around The Howe of Cromar, focusing on sites relevant to the Cycle Route. It will be compiled by TDG with input from CHG and Coat. This is in addition to a simple publicity map/leaflet specific to the Cycle route.

- Counters to monitor user numbers, cyclists and walkers are installed on bridges. A log book to monitor feed back will be provided.
- It has been suggested that a shovel should be tried for users wishing to clear the path at the muddy crossing point.
- Concerns have been expressed about parking at the layby near the Coull Bridge. The possibility of parking at Coull Kirk is to be discussed by the Church Board.
- The path ends very abruptly due to the unfinished area around the Kemsley Green development. A temporary path may be needed to ensure the safety of users until it can be finished according to the plans.
- The Route needs a name, some ideas were put forward but further discussion is needed.
- COAT will employ a coordinator to assist communities to adopt completed pathways.

Newsletter

- Good feedback, well received.

Marr Area Partnership

- MAP Forums will focus on youth issues. Young people from Aboyne, Braemar, Tarland and other villages involved in local groups e.g. Tarland Cinema, Tarland Youth Project and the Youth Club, Aboyne Skateboarding Group, will be invited to contribute. Everyone is welcome.

Cards / Calendars

- All calendars are sold and very few cards are left, we are on track for a profit.

Accounts

- Balance £2620. Invoice for computer services outstanding other wise up to date.

AOCB

Simon Welfare (CCC) asked for the thoughts of the Group re the Post Office. The Group is saddened by Flo's health problems and wish her well. It is agreed that a Post Office is a necessity in Tarland.

Janis Smith has asked if the Church might use a picture of the Tarland church from the TDG Calendar for their Christmas cards. The group have no objection and suggest that the Church does cards and TDG continue to produce calendars. JH to contact Janis.

LS will communicate concerns about vandalism in the bird hide, cutting of branches from the Beech trees in a Beech Beltie and the progress of the Squirrel Bridge to SP.

Next meeting 28th February 2012 at Cromar Court 19.30

