

Tarland Development Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2010 at Cromar Court

This meeting followed the AGM and was conducted by the incoming Chairperson Lindsay Stewart and the re-elected Office Bearers, Treasurer Gillian Masson, Secretary Jan Healey

Apologies

Albert Calder, Gillian Masson, Ian Mackintosh, Simon Power.

Present

Bill Harvie, Kate Redpath, Denise Hansford, Jane Palmer, Peter Craig, Lizzie Shepherd, Jan Healey, Jonathan Harston, Lindsay Stewart, Mike Powell and two members of the public.

Matters arising

Next Year's Composting

- KR reported that the community composting funding from Aberdeenshire Council has been withdrawn. In the long term the project was relying on this to make up the financial shortfall from membership. The current grants, plus current membership fees, will enable the project to be funded for the first two years but for the third year it will be necessary to plan for sustainability.
- A sieve and generator will be required at some stage at a cost of approximately £600.
- It was suggested that a survey should be carried out at the end of the season to obtain feedback from members.
- The next meeting of the Compost Group is 21st September – venue to be confirmed. It will be Cromar if possible.

Taking forward the Youth Project

- ES reported that she had spoken to Lindsay Lumsden (Youth Worker Aboyne) about the best way to consult the young people of the community on what they would like to see the money spent on, one possibility is the proposed cycle trail in Alastean Woods. Following this meeting it was decided that it would be best to consult the young people separately from adults and a consultation event for secondary school ages will be organized in the near future; some young people will be invited to help plan the consultation evening. Money to run the evening with youth workers and food/drinks etc has been secured from the Aboyne network Community Development Group. It is important that the consultation should be fun to ensure as many attend as possible.
- Tarland School has been approached and are keen to be involved. ES will speak to Jill Farthing again to update her on discussions and to ask if the school is happy to get the views of the younger children from the village.
- ES has approached the youth club and they are keen to be involved. ES has spoken to Gillian who has suggested a few young people to help plan the

consultation evening.

- It has been decided to postpone the presentation from the Bike Trail consultant pending the outcome of the youth consultation.
- Anyone who can offer extra help or expertise would be most welcome.
- The Benefactor will receive the TDG Minutes.

Accounts and Charitable Status

- As of today TDG officially has Charitable Status. All correspondence should display the number assigned to TDG by OSCR.
- Reports and Accounts, independently inspected and signed off, and the Chairperson's report are to be forwarded to OSCR. Peter will forward these to Lindsay.

Paths, fences and gates – including an update on the Tarland – Aboyne route

- COAT have funding for a contractor to create a fenced corridor between walkers and cattle on the Tomnaverie Path and to establish a new route to Scrapehard. A pedestrian gate will be installed at the path from Easter Davoch to Lazy Well.
- COAT put out to tender the maintenance of the Alastrean All- ability Route and this was awarded to Aberdeenshire Council. They will carry out two or three cuts of vegetation each year. The drainage problems have been sorted.
- There is a large amount of funding agreed from Leader Funding and more for next year, from another source, for the Tarland to Aboyne Cycle Trail. COAT are handling this.
- PC will bring a map of the route to the next meeting.

Archaeology Trail

- JH has continued to research Scrapehard and The Crofts of Drummie and has walked the route with Lizzie Bacon. The Archaeology Walk for Scottish Archaeology Month is planned for 16th October, by which time a hand out should be prepared. PC has kindly agreed to adapt the map from the Tarland walks booklet.

Calendar and Cards

- There will be a meeting on 14th September 7.30pm at Culsh Steading to discuss findings re printing, envelopes, costs etc. for cards and the calendar. Postcards will be discussed later and Gillian will be consulted re retail.

Attendance at Marr Area Forum

LS and JH will attend.

AOCB

WS would like to explore the possibility of a rope bridge across the Tarland Road for red squirrels. Squirrels have been killed near the turning to the school.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 5th October 2010 19.30 at Cromar Court