



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group meeting held on 24th Sept 2013 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Chris Redmond, Jane Booth, Kathy Dale, Denise Hansford, Lizzy Shepherd, Kate Redpath, Annie McKee

Apologies

Peter Craig, Dave Hirst, Mike Powell, Alistair Henderson

Accounts

Dave Hirst will replace Jane Booth as treasurer

The books are with Sarah Leahy, independent examiner of accounts.

The current account stands at £10,892, with £7000 of that restricted to the park project.

The 3rd claim for Climate Challenge Fund money for the community garden project has been submitted and is being processed.

Dave Hirst to look into savings account, and options for a dual signature online account.

SCIO

No update to report.

Community Garden

The steering group met on the 23rd Sept. The polytunnel and irrigation system are finished, and the required tree strip planted.

Outdoor raised beds will begin to be filled on Saturday 28th Sept.

Lizzy has asked about bike racks from Aberdeenshire Council stores and is waiting for confirmation that these can be supplied to the garden.

Frieda Morrison, and Nuno Sacramento from the Scottish Sculpture workshop visited the garden.

Frieda Morrison mentioned the possibility of the community garden being involved with Gardening Scotland.

Lindsay Stewart suggested a film night, with a film about an allotment committee

Tarland Way.

No update to report

Paths Network.

Kathy Dale updated TDG on progress with the online paths database. The Tarland paths

network is part of a pilot project. Kathy emailed TDG members a link to the site. It is hoped that the Tarland website will have a link to the database, and other options for links are being looked at.

Kathy Dale, Dave Hirst, Simon Power, Chris Yorke and Murray Swap will have a meeting in early October, to discuss division of responsibilities between agencies and volunteers. **Kathy** will ask about how to accurately locate and report faults. The next step for TDG is to establish volunteer roles. Anyone can report a fault with the path network, and database webmasters enter tasks and remove them once completed. Dave Hirst attended a recent COAT meeting, and sent information to the TDG meeting. This included the COAT report, and a report on the Walking to Health project, and leaflets from footpath networks in the National Park

Mountain Bike Trails

Chris Redmond met with Simon Power to discuss ideas. The MacRobert Trust gave permission for part of Drummy Woods to be used for the trails, keeping away from established paths. Simon Power will look for the bike trail design created for Alastrean Woods when that site was under consideration for bike trails.

A new set of plans will cost around £800.00, of which the MacRobert Trust has agreed to pay half.

Simon Welfare (Cromar Community Council) has expressed concerns about the project, and **Chris** will attend the next CCC meeting.

Chris will be at the Tarland Market on Sat 28th Sept, for community consultation re. the bike trails.

Insurance issues, and the possible need for an environmental survey for the proposed site, were discussed. TDG's current insurance will not cover bike trails.

Community Composting

The difficulty of tipping material out of bags was discussed. **Jan** will try and rota taller people with the less tall. **Kate** will look into an alternative bag design.

The finished compost may be brought down to the garden site carpark for distribution. **Kate** will ask Gary about this.

Adverts for more volunteers will go out early next spring.

Youth Cinema

No update to report – all proceeding well

Film Club

The film club restarted last month with 'Mud'. There were 26 attending (16 original members who renewed their memberships). Next month's film will be 'Side effects', a week on Thursday, 3rd Oct. **Alastair** will pass on Sept/Oct takings to a TDG member for banking.

Market

All the spaces have been filled. **Peter** will help **Annie** to set up, and **Chris, Lizzy, Denise and Lindsay** will be representing TDG on the day.

TDG will sell Ian Smith honey, community orchard apples and 2014 calendars for funds for the group.

Marr Area Partnership

No update to report

AOCB

Lizzy Shepherd introduce the idea of a community bee group, and it is hoped that local beekeeper, Yvonne Davidson, will give a series of talks over the coming winter, with the aim of establishing a bee group. Hives, etc may cost around £1000, and grants could be applied for to cover this. Insurance needs to be checked.

Bulbs

Bulbs from Aberdeenshire Council have yet to arrive. A planting day was set for Sunday 3rd Nov, 1.30 – 3.30

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th Oct 7.30 Cromar Court. **Jan** to book room