

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2013 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Lizzy Shepherd, Chris Redmond, Dave Hirst, Mike Powell, Annie McKee, Denise Hansford,

Apologies

Jane Palmer, Donna Speed.

Community Garden

The Community garden has 30 members. The income from membership is £315 at present. The project has received £9141 from Planning Gain. MRT have offered a digger and a driver to help with mixing topsoil and compost. The beds will then be filled mechanically; possibility of employing a dumper truck and driver is being explored. People serving a Community Service Order have been co-opted to carry out various tasks e.g building the raised beds.

LS has designed an attractive and appropriate logo for the Community Garden.

Tarland School has reserved an indoor bed and plan to have a Gardening Club. KR visited the school and came away impressed by the children's enthusiasm for gardening.

36 raised indoor beds were envisaged but it has been decided that slightly less would make for greater comfort and ease of working. 25 indoor beds are taken.

Les Allan (Aberdeenshire Council) will visit Tarland with the Chief Executive on 5th July and will probably visit the Community Garden and some other projects in Tarland.

Paths

Nothing to report.

DH and JH to investigate clarity of signage on Skyline Walk.

Tarland Way

Albert's Seat is in place. TDG thank Liz Calder as she wishes to pay the bill, now in from Chris Lillburn, for the installation.

Concerns re invasion of privacy have been received from a householder along the Tarland Way. PC has offered reassurance and offered to provide further screening by tree /shrub planting. This offer is acceptable to them.

'Along The Tarland way' - a young person's guide, is in the shops. It is advertised on the Tarland Facebook page and in local noticeboards. A press release has gone to the Piper. PC has contacted Tourist Information Offices throughout Deeside, sending a sample of the guide. It is disappointing that so far he has had no response.

The plan to extend the off road section from Coull to Tarland along the South West side of the Tarland Burn is under consideration. A fenced grass path is envisaged providing negotiations and applications for funding are successful.

Mountain biking

CR has visited Tarland School, taking a Powerpoint presentation, to illustrate and introduce the various types of mountain biking activities that could be developed in Tarland. He aimed to gauge the interest and choices of the young people. There is evidence from previous discussions related to the Youth Project that Mountain Biking was a popular option among the younger age group.

Aboyne Wheelers have very generously offered help with all aspects of setting up a mountain bike track for young people in Tarland.

The next Tarland Market will provide a useful opportunity to publicise and gauge local support for the proposed project.

CR will get in touch with Simon Power (MRT) to discuss location and ideas so far.

Composting

Current membership is 73. Income from membership stands at £887 which is enough to cover all outgoings.

The list and map have been updated.

There have been some concerns re the tractor. KR asks that any problems be logged.

Carole Paterson wants to visit as she is interested in a compost scheme for Braemar.

A core temperature of 70 + has been noted in one of the heaps, this means that most weeds should not survive and the compost produced will be improved.

Youth Cinema

The last film of the season will be shown on Friday 28th June. There will be a break for the summer. During the Winter films will be shown monthly and then fortnightly from Easter.

Congratulations to the young organisers of the Youth Cinema who have won the 'Best of Marr Award' which is part of 'Inspiring Aberdeenshire'. They will be going to Lochton for a free karting session and a meal as a treat, after the Summer Holidays.

Film Club

Donna Speed reported that the next film will be on July 3rd, a Wednesday (not the usual Thursday) before breaking for the Summer Holidays. Donna will hand all paperwork to Alastair Henderson and the cash book to TDG.

Craft and Produce market

Next market will be on 28th September. There are no Farmers' Markets on that date hence more producers could be available to come to the Tarland Market. Feed-back shows that parking in The Square was an issue. AMcK will approach The Commercial Hotel and ask if their car park can be used on that date.

SCIO (The Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

As TDG is considering applying to become a SCIO, MP explained the implications to TDG should they decide to do so.

The Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation is a new legal form for registered Scottish charities. The SCIO is a corporate body which is a legal entity able to enter into contracts, employ staff, incur debts, own property, sue and be sued.

An existing charity would need to relinquish its present charitable status, reform and be reconstituted, but would still be regulated by OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).

If a charity becomes a SCIO it does not need to be a company limited by guarantee. In the case of litigation the organization is liable and not the office bearers personally, thus providing a safe guard to them.

The process would take 6 to 9 months to accomplish.

The matter will be included in the Agenda for the AGM and a vote taken at that meeting.

MAP

The Community Gathering will take place on 7th September in Huntly.

Bulbs

DH and CR have been offered free bulbs from Aberdeenshire Council for community planting. TDG members are very happy to help with planting later in the year. JH to inform CCC. It was suggested that it should be publicised at the next Tarland Market.

Accounts

The balance is £11,137, which is sufficient to cover expenditure for current projects.

AOCB

PC pointed out that the off road extension to the Tarland Way would emerge at the Tony Reddy bridge, creating more pedestrian and cycling traffic. This adds more concerns to those already expressed (TDG Minutes May 2013). There is also an issue with safety with access to Burnside Road beside the Seivwright Dyke as there is no footpath.

Pc also raised awareness of issues with parking in the Square and wondered if additional parking might be considered elsewhere in Tarland.

NEXT MEETING

AGM followed by TDG Meeting

20th August

at 7.30 – Cromar Court.

