

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2013 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Kathy Dale, Annie McKee, Simon Power, Iain Mackenzie

Apologies

Mike Powell, Donna Speed, Denise Hansford, Lizzy Shepherd, David Hirst, Chris Redmond.

Welcome to Iain Mackenzie

Tarland Way

- JH brought a draft of the Young Person's Guide. The graphics and the text are nearing completion - at the 'tweaking' stage. We are hoping that it will be ready to go to the printer before the end of March. A print run of 3,000 is envisaged. There was a discussion re price and £2 to retailers was suggested. Money from this project will help to fund future publications or reprints. Distribution will use the same network as the Tarland Way Book.
- It is possible that the off road section of the Tarland Way will be extended in the future.

Community Garden

- The Climate Challenge Fund grant to finance a development worker has been accepted. KR as Coordinator of the project can be paid.
- A lease for the land is in the process of being drawn up with MRT and a solicitor has agreed to assist TDG where required.
- All is ready to begin and the site has pegs marking the boundaries.
- The steering Group plan to meet every two weeks.

Paths Network

- As the data base is not yet complete there is nothing to report. The next meeting is 19th March PC to check the date.
- PC expressed concern re the condition of the original walking routes in Drummy as they are much damaged and also affected by the very wet weather. SP is aware and it is intended to make improvements when it is dry enough for vehicles to work without causing further damage.
- Damage by horses is a problem in some places. SP to be kept informed if the problem continues or worsens.

Mountain Biking

- Iain Mackenzie is in contact with the owners of Overton Garage who also own land at the top of Pittenderich.
- MRT have no objections in principle but are aware of the consideration due to shooting users.

Youth Cinema

- Numbers among members have been disappointing recently and ideas are needed to revitalise the project. The young organisers are still keen and their continued involvement is a valuable contribution towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and CVs.

Film Club

- Forty two members have joined and it is going well. 'Argo' is the next film on March 7th.

Community Composting Project

- Restart Mid April.
- An advertisement will be placed in the church magazines as before.
- Stephen McCallum to be approached to advise on the new trailer.
- Gary Coutts will turn the compost.
- More sieving is needed – dates to follow.
- An earthing peg is needed for the generator.

Marr Area Partnership

- Nothing to report

Jubilee Wood

- The land for the wood is fenced and some Oak including a Royal Oak and some Cherry trees have been planted. Five to six hundred trees are to be planted in total. People from the village will be invited to help with planting. The probable date is 13th April. MRT will publicise the event.

Craft and Produce Fair

- Date is 27th April 10.00am to 12.00. and the teas are organised.
- AMcK will check how many stalls there can be.

Accounts

- The balance is healthy

AOCB

JH talked to Harry Scott of Pica Design re a TDG banner bearing our logo. He is able to carry out the work and LS will contact him with the specific requirements.

Next Meeting

2nd April at 7.30 – Cromar Court.

Subsequent meetings

14th May

25th June

