

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2011 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Peter Craig, Jan Healey, Lizzy Shepherd, Denise Hansford, Jane Palmer, Kate Redpath. Gillian Masson.

Apologies

Mike Powell.

Youth Project

ES reported that:

- Regular meetings are taking place with the young people regarding the cinema. It is envisaged that the start will be May/June.
- More adult volunteers are needed.
- Quotes for the Assault course / zip wire are coming in. The accounting arrangements have yet to be finalised. Kathy Ader has volunteered to keep track of finances.
- There will be some money available next year from planning gain.

Marr Area Partnership

- Ward forums will be focusing on health needs in Marr, encouraging people's involvement in community groups, and issues around disseminating Community Council minutes. There will be a presentation from NHS Grampian. For further information contact Lizzie Shepherd.

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Community Composting and hanging baskets

- The first pick up took place on 16th April. The sieve was tried out and the hired shredder was found to be not as powerful as required. KR will approach SP re the possibility of using the more powerful one belonging to McRT.

Action KR

- Fifty six people have signed up to the scheme, ten less than last year. More volunteers would be welcome.
- The calendar for the 2011 season will be delivered to households, displayed on village notice boards and on the website. KR will email a copy to JH.

Action KR

- The scheme will be highlighted at Tarland School's Eco Day on May 9th
- Financial balance stands at £ 715 pounds less £40 to the Church for the advertisement in the magazine and less £40 for the hire of the shredder.
- KR will arrange for the compost to be turned later in the summer.

Action KR

- LS will contact Simon Welfare to discuss the watering of the hanging baskets. KR will try to enlist volunteers from parents at the school Eco Day and from members of the Horticultural Society.

Action LS KR

Cycle Route and paths

- PC reported that the work is moving forward. There have been discussions with Murray Swap re the management of finances. PC will look further into the legalities and insurances which, may affect TDG before the final procedures are agreed.

Action PC

- The Scottish Climate Challenge grant allows for the funding of an opening event and advertising of the cycle route.
- Completion is predicted for April 2012.
- COAT is responsible for ongoing maintenance and road signage.
- PC with John and Denise Hansford has been checking signage on the existing Tarland paths network. COAT and McRT have a budget for maintenance.
- A new Leader Grant application has been submitted on behalf of Aberdeenshire to cover the cost of fencing the path against cattle on the Tomnaverie path. TDG should know by June whether or not this application has been successful.

Local Market

- The proceeds of the market (£80) were donated to the Youth Cinema.
- The date of the next Market will be September. The change should be beneficial to the stallholders particularly those bringing produce. It also fits in with Hall bookings and the timing of the next auction.
- It was suggested that a Community Stall should be included for local people with surplus produce. KR will discuss this idea with Katy Price.

Action KR

Community Council proposal for another 'Tarland - Have your say' Event

- The date of this event is to be May 21st.
- The focus will be on employment
- TDG will be represented in the same way as at the Local market.

Proposal to form a liaison group

- LS will meet with Mike Powell (TWT) and Simon Welfare (CCC)

Action LS

Squirrel Bridge

- The rope is ordered.

Action WH

Community Garden

- A meeting on 5th May has been arranged to discuss the project. It will include a DVD provided by JP that contains relevant ideas from various other communities.
- Visits to other Community Gardens are planned.
- The project will be represented at the 'Tarland have your say 2' event.

Archaeology Walk

- Nothing to report. One walk will be offered. The timing and the details are in hand.

Action JH

Website

- The TDG statement will be updated. People who no longer attend meetings will be asked if they wish to continue their involvement and the members list amended accordingly.

Action JH LS

AOCB

DH expressed concern re the spray painted arrows still on telegraph posts etc . after two years. They are remnants of the signage from the Tarland Hill Race. PC agreed to bring it to the attention of the organisers and also to suggest that non permanent marking could be used in future.

KR suggested that a tea towel could be produced featuring illustrated local Doric sayings. LS will give some thought to producing line drawings.

Next meeting 31st May 2011 at Cromar Court 19.30