

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2012 at Cromar Court

Present

Lindsay Stewart, Jan Healey, Kate Redpath, Peter Craig, Mike Powell, Denise Hansford.

Apologies

Lizzy Shepherd, Gillian Masson.

Youth Project

- There will be a Young Peoples' meeting on 16th April.
- The grant application to MRT has been successful and up £20,000 may be awarded. LS to write a letter of thanks.
- KR reported that LSh has accompanied the Young People on a Youth Scotland Involvement Training (IT) Weekend. A very busy weekend and her commitment is much appreciated.

Community Garden / Allotments

- The Steering Committee will meet at the beginning of March to set Aims and Objectives.
- KR and others involved in the Project plan to give a presentation to the Horticultural Society.
- KR is in the process of arranging a visit to the successful Fairlie Community Garden Project in Ayrshire. This should provide a good example of best practice.

Community Composting Project

- The Rota for the new season is ready to go.
- There are 39 members, 4 new members.
- John H will sort the map.
- There are 50 bags of compost to be delivered. PC and MP offered to do this on 21st April.
- KR will publish a reminder in The Piper and a further invitation to join the scheme.
- Visitors from Kincardine O'Neil, Birse and Old Meldrum who wish to visit will be invited to come along on an occasion when KR is rostered.
- KR has applied to the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum for funding linked to sustainability. There has been no response yet.

Cycle Route

The Grand Opening of the Tarland Way is planned for 23rd June. A Sub Group is to be formed to make the arrangements. Tasks so far:

- Book McRobert Hall (since the meeting Hall booked (MP) from 11.00 to 4.00pm).
- Arrange teas, contact Rhoda Ross (LS)
- Contact Ballater Cycle Shop (LS)
- Finish leaflet and Booklet (PC + JH)
- Chase road crossing signs (MH) (since the meeting MH has been in touch with Aberdeenshire Council)

- Arrange Tarland Art Class Exhibition to take place at the same time in the hall. (LS)
- Recruit volunteers for the day, who will be willing to give info along the way e.g. History, Geology.
- Extra info for booklet, advertising local facilities, taxis, bus times.

Tarland paths network.

- Volunteers would be welcome to help remove 'tree tubes' that are no longer serving their purpose along many of the paths.
- TDG has permission to go ahead and improve the Craiglich Path by cutting back vegetation.

Wetland

Nothing to report

Marr Area Partnership

- MH reported that there is to be an inaugural meeting and consultation for The Aboyne Wheelers a group developing a Skatepark. They are formally part of MDL (Mid Deeside Limited).

TDG Membership

- Members of the Logie Coldstone community expressed an interest in TDG and were invited via CCC to attend this meeting. No-one was able to attend but any interested party would be welcome on any other occasion.

Tarland Market

- Postponed until Autumn as the Hall will not be ready for the Market in April.

Diamond Jubilee

- There has been official confirmation of the closure of Tarland Square from 00.30 for 24hrs on 2nd July.
- LS has been in touch with the Jubilee Committee and on behalf of the Youth Cinema for TDG, has offered a film showing on the day.

AOCB

The Olympic torch will pass through Dinnit and Aboyne at 15.30 on 11th June

Next meeting 1st May 2012 at Cromar Court 19.30

