

Tarland Development Group Minutes Tuesday 28th February 2012

Apologies: Jan, Mike P, Simon P, Gillian.

Youth Cinema: LSh reported that the decision re. MacRobert Trust funding for the park project would be announced mid March. The park consultation will be delayed until mid April. Youth project group are meeting Monday 5th to discuss.

The Cinema Group went to a Ward Forum in Aboyne and the young people talked about their work.

Four members of the group are going to attend an Involvement Training weekend. LSh will accompany. They will plan a project - probably the relaunch of the Youth Cinema in the refurbished Mac Robert hall.

The Youth project will join Youth Scotland.

Community Garden: KR attended the Vodafone World of Difference induction day at Newbury - an inspiring meeting of likeminded people. KR will now work part time for Tarland Development Group, funded by Vodafone, to research into setting up a community garden. Steering Group, LS, LSh, DH, JP and KR to meet Friday pm to detail Action Plan for KR. LS will check with Gillian that the money from Vodafone has arrived in the TDG account. LS and KR signed copies of a work contract for KR. Gillian will write a cheque for KR at the start of each month.

Composting: PC, MP and KR had a meeting with Simon Power at the MacRobert Trust to discuss cost of tractor hire. It was agreed to halve the cost, meaning that the project can become sustainable. Digger and driver costs (turning) will increase in line with inflation. KR has written renewal letters for 2012. DH volunteered JHa to deliver them all. KR to contact volunteers to see if they are still ok for this year. Info will be passed to JH so the rota can be made up. JHa to do the map.

Cycle Route/Paths: PC has spoken with Liz Calder and Fiona Brown regarding a seat to commemorate Albert Calder. A site has been identified - LSh to find out who owns the land. Liz has granite available to build a permanent seat.

PC is continuing to find out about permission to clear the Craiglich footpath to increase accessibility, on land owned by Mr Davie from Glenmillan House in Lumphanan.

PC and JH are working on a booklet for the new cycle route from Tarland to Aboyne, to be called The Tarland Way. A third booklet covering the history of the area will be produced by the History Group. PC has contacted Harry, producer of the Tarland Walks booklet, and PC and JH will meet him to discuss the new books planned.

Gillian is to invoice COAT for the £2040.00 available to produce the booklets. The money will be paid into the TDG account.

Murray Swap reports via PC that money is available for the final stretch of the cycle path, and that work has already commenced.

PC is to put up a comments box on the cycle route.

The opening event needs planning. PC to email everyone originally contacted regarding potential use of the route to ask for offers of help and ideas. DH suggested contacting

Alford Transport museum, as they have a cycle event coming up. Dale Kitching of Aboyne Wheelers could be contacted, plus Ballater bike shop, walking to health group, Aboyne walking group, Deeside runners.

Viewfield Wetland.

LS to contact Tarland Primary School to see if they are using the site.

Marr Area Partnership.

KR to ask Natasha to include www.tarland.org in their newsletter.

TDG membership. A few people from Logie Coldstone have expressed interest in the group, and a discussion was held regarding TDG membership. LS to contact them and invite them to next meeting. LSh to circulate Logie Newsletter (electronic).

Market: Pam Blackhall from Tarland Welfare Trust has warned that the hall may not be ready for the TDG spring market. There will be an update early April. LS will let Gillian and Pam know that TDG will defer till October if May date not available.

Diamond Jubilee:

LS has been asked what contribution TDG could make. It was felt that everyone is busy with current projects at the moment, and unable to commit to more. LSh suggested that the Youth Project could show a film.

Bird Hide: DH reported on improvements since last TDG meeting, but that bits of broken tree tube amounting to litter are evident - a problem elsewhere on the footpath network. LS to contact SP to ask permission to help clear up tubes.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th March 7.30pm at Cromar Court