

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2011 at Cromar Court

Present

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

Apologies

Gillian Masson, Mike Powell

Newsletter

- Two hundred copies of the 'The Howe' are ready for a delivery. By volunteers. Another two hundred will be printed bringing the cost to £160. It was decided to seek a contribution of £32 from other contributing groups.
- A suggestion from the Chairperson of the CCC that the web site should be rebranded 'The Howe' to team with the newsletter was discussed but the feeling among TDG is that 'Tarland' is a better focus.
- Feedback via the website and email will be in place for future editions.

Youth Project

- Films will be shown every two weeks after Christmas.
- Involvement Training with Youth Scotland is underway.
- There are some issues with equipment between the Youth Project and the Tarland Welfare Trust which can be resolved. It may be that some surplus equipment may be sold and the proceeds contributed to Hall funds.
- It was felt that a reward for the young organisers would carry a very positive message. This may need some sponsorship.

Assault Course and zip-wire:

- Further consultation will take place in March to determine the specific choices of the young people.
 - There is some doubt as to whether the money from Planning Gain can be spent in time.

Community Composting Project

- Closed for the Winter.
- Leaflets will be distributed re the start of the Project in the Spring
- Tarpaulin to be bought – needed for the sieving process.
- Concerns were raised again re the justification of the level of charges for the community tractor. Present charges could jeopardise the sustainability of the project now that initial grants have run out.
- TDG has been awarded Green Butterfly Award for the project. DH and PG attended the event for TDG. (This is our second Green Butterfly Award, The first was for the Viewfield Wetlands Project.) It was suggested that the awards might be displayed in the Hall at some stage.

Community Garden / Allotments

- An application has been made to Vodaphone to fund set up costs. KR to take part in a telephone interview imminently.

Cycle Route and paths

- For safety reasons the official launch will take place after the signage, particularly at the point where the path crosses the Aboyne road, is complete.
- User numbers will be monitored by a counter box and feed back will be encouraged, possibly by means of a log book, at a bridge on route.
- TDG will actively promote and publicise use of the path. PC is working on a leaflet.
- PC is keen to see a bike rack fitted to the Village Hopper bus service for one way journeys for shopping etc.
- The path is crossed, at one point by a very muddy section, used by cattle. An alternative, possibly raised, surface might improve things. PC to discuss with Murray Swap (COAT).
- The path ends very abruptly due to the unfinished area around the Kemsley Green development. It may be that completion will have to wait until that development is finished.
- The Tomnaverie Circular Route is to be discussed with Murray Swap, PC, MRT and the farmer to determine the final details of the fencing against cattle.

Marr Area Partnership

Nothing to report.

Cards / Calendars

- Most are sold, we are on track for a profit.

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There was no other business.

Next meeting 24th January 2012 at Cromar Court 19.30