

Tarland Development Group

Minutes of meeting held on 30th June 2010 at Cromar Court

Apologies

Mike Powell, Simon Power, Lindsay Stewart, Fiona Brown, Albert Calder, Kate Redpath

Present

Peter Craig, Jan Healey, Jane Palmer, Gillian Masson, Denise Hansford, Lizzy Shepherd and Jonathan Harston

Matters arising

Community Composting Project

- The project is going well – sixty nine members
- The heap has been turned

Accounts and Charitable Status

- The discussion between TDG and OSCAR re the Local Market and how it fits into the requirements for charitable status is resolved. Charitable status is to be granted providing there is no change in the scale of the Local Market and the management of it.
- Within six months the choice of status will be formalized.
- Documentation and accounts will need to be standardized for ease of presentation.
- GM reported that the TDG financial situation is healthy with a balance of £2500.51. This figure includes the grant for the Compost Project. Invoices are out re the Compost Project and receipts are required.

AGM

- The AGM will be held on 24th August 2010 and will be conducted according to the TDG Constitution.
- KR has produced a poster that, with additional information, will advertise the proposed Photograph Competition 'Tarland Through the Seasons'. Hopefully this will encourage the submission of photographs from the community, twelve will be selected from these to feature in a TDG calendar for 2011.
- PC will contact the Piper and the P&J
- PC will print all images received – postcard size.
- Jan H will speak to Ingrid to ask if we might use her window as a display space for the photographs.
- PC will contact the people that were suggested as judges at the meeting, to ask if they would be willing to oblige.
- The twelve photographs selected for the calendar will be printed in a larger size to be displayed at the AGM.
- JH offered to receive the photographs in digital form. Photographs would need to be received by 1st August. The email address to use is:
photos@mdfs.net
PC will receive paper photographs at Cranbrook for scanning.
- Jan H will book the common Room at Cromar Court for 24th August.

- As many members as possible will be required to help with mounting the photographs.
- GM will co-ordinate the display.
- Jan H will put the information re the AGM and the photograph competition on the website and on Facebook.
- Places suggested for posters – Caravan site, local shops, village notice boards.

Archaeology Trail

- JH floated the idea that we should consider an Archaeology Collection rather than a Trail with CHG at their meeting on 24th June. No decision was taken at this stage. It was also decided at this meeting that the 'Archaeology Walk' planned for SAM should be divided into two walks offered on two different dates.
- JH will explore the points of interest on the Moor and The Crofts of Drummie with Lizzie Bacon on 22nd July (any one wanting to join us would be most welcome).
- PC will approach Vic Smith re access to Drummie Moor.
- There are still concerns over fencing between walkers and cattle on the Tomnaverie route.

Natural Burial Site

- Nothing to report.

Paths and maintenance

- PC received a communication from Dave Vardy re an unsafe bridge on a path that he thought was maintained by TDG. This was incorrect; PC has informed DV and it has been reported to the McRobert Trust. The bridge has now been repaired.
- Any problems relating to paths should be reported to TDG and PC will liaise with McRobert Trust and Stephen McCallum.

Mountain Bike Trail

- Ian Mackenzie, Lizzy Shepherd and Simon Power are proceeding with this project.
- They feel it is important to involve members of the Youth Club in the design and planning stages.
- Tarland School has been approached and pupils will be encouraged to contribute to the design. It is agreed that pupils will take home information about the proposed trail.
- A feasibility study has been carried out by a consultant that will be shared with the Youth Club at a meeting scheduled for 13th September. Other interested parties would also be very welcome.
- LS will contact Aboyne Academy and the Youth Worker at Aboyne to encourage their interest and involvement.
- The proposed trail is intended to be suitable for all ages and will be designed for various abilities.

Website

- JanH proposes to distribute a poster to try to raise the profile of the website.
- There have been problems responding to webmail but this is now resolved. The main queries have been regarding Tarland Show and Ian has made the Tarland Show information a feature of the Home Page.

AOCB

- LS highlighted the benefits to TDG of inclusion in the Marr Community Planning Group. Ward Forums are held every three months. The next Forum will be held in Tarland on 25th August. TDG will receive an invitation to attend and be placed on the mailing list.
- LS talked about the Green Dog Walking Scheme, an initiative of Aberdeenshire Council, to encourage dog walkers to take responsibility for the faeces deposited by their dog and to persuade other dog owners to do likewise.
- GM reported that Tarland Old Peoples' Association is to hold a coffee morning with stalls on 24th July. This will be an event similar to the Local Market.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 17th August June 2010
19.30 at Cromar Court