



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30pm
Cromar Court, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) (Chair), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes), Dave Hirst (DHi), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Jan Healey (JH), Denise Hansford (DHa), Chris Redmond (CR), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Simon Power (SP), Annie McKee (AMK) (from item 4 onwards).

Apologies: None.

2. Matters arising

Due to a number of Trustees being unable to make the previous meeting on 8 December, a meeting was held on 17 January specifically to discuss the Tarland Trails 2 Feasibility Study and the forthcoming consultation.

3. Membership

The application from Snorri Rasmussen was approved.

4. Cromar Community Council (CCC)

There were no comments on the Minutes of 7 December 2016.

Dave Souter has contacted Landscape Services to say that he doesn't want to take the Bowling Green project forward any more. Landscape Services will develop a list of actions to take it forward as public open space and will be consulting CCC in due course.

5. TDG facilitated brainstorming meeting

This meeting is to be called the Development Morning. A further office bearers meeting was held on 15 January with AMcK and Mike Powell, the Facilitator, to plan the meeting. **ACTION: KD to send out the details to Trustees on 27 January.**

6. Tarland Trails expansion

A Tarland Trails 1 (TT1) summary was tabled. Two sets of 10mph/single track road signs (a set for each end of the track) at a total cost of £150 was agreed, with the donations post money to be used to purchase them. A Maintenance Day is planned on Sunday 2nd April from 10am to 3pm. Short cuts are to be addressed. Tarmacking of the track is scheduled for mid February, weather permitting. A toilets and refreshments sign is now up. **ACTION: CR and SP to discuss car parking issues.** A preliminary plan has already been discussed with Ian Ross. The ditch may need to be piped to allow more space.

The Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) consultation leaflet has been completed and is being distributed within the CCC boundary. Artist's impressions are being discussed with Ellie. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a Trustees site visit before the consultation. **ACTION: CR to arrange a site visit for Trustees.** Car parking and access is being discussed with Chris Rogerson, the contractor from the Feasibility Study team. An environmental report will be needed in due course but no tree survey is required as a recent one exists. At the consultation on 20 February, people outwith the area won't be able to vote. The Steering Group will pull the consultation results together, with an external review, to make sure it is a fair representation of views. The conclusions must be open and transparent, referencing quantitative and qualitative data in the responses. The results must also be representative of the community so the participation percentage is important. The majority of people may have no strong opinions. Advertising is vital. **ACTION: CR to ask Caroldsons to set up a coffee bar.**

7. Food and Music Festival

Decision made between meetings – it was unanimously agreed that funding for five years should be applied for from the MacRobert Trust (MRT). This includes funding for a paid administrator. The application has now been submitted. The first Steering Group meeting has been held – at the moment the group consists of AMcK, DHi and KD, with KR representing the Tarland Community

Garden (TCG). Three job applications have been received so far for the Administrator post. **ACTION: DHi to set a closing date and put up a last chance advert.** The Steering Group is currently thinking about good bands for both nights - all ideas welcome. Representatives from partner groups will also be involved at Steering Group meetings in due course. The next meeting is on 5 February, 8pm at Strathweltie.

8. Seed Swap Group

Boxes, envelopes, leaflets and flyers for the seed swap on 25 February are to be distributed this weekend around 13 venues in Aberdeenshire, including the Post Office and TCG in Tarland. There will be a Steering Group meeting on Thursday 26 January and a labelling day on Friday 27 January at 2pm at LSh's house.

9. Spring Market

The date for the market this year is 29 April. Organisation is in progress. All ideas welcome. Help will be required putting up posters soon.

10. Path network and Tarland Way

DHi spoke to Murray Swapp of COAT about the safety of the bridges for toddlers and he will inspect them at some point soon. The offroad section of the Tarland Way isn't signed and the sign by the junction is falling down so new signs are being considered. The Logie Coldstone path has been abandoned due to landownership issues. New signs have been put on the board in the square and the other signs are ready to be put in. Some minor problems with printing are to be addressed. There are lots of free leaflets available. The walking routes map is on the website but the route descriptions need some work. The remaining money from Paths For All is to come this month, as well as other funds from MRT. The Old Drove Road path is to be cleared this year. There will be a Paths Maintenance Day this summer – Community Payback can help.

11. Bee Group

There is now a Core Group as well as a Steering Group to divide up tasks. The high number of new members requires lots of mentors, so they are now in streamed groups for progression. Strathdon groups are interested. There is to be a queen rearing project this spring. Equipment purchases are required and the group is looking for premises. The public toilets in Tarland may be suitable, with

the best option being a long lease with the Council. The building would require a re-fit but it would also serve for apple pressing. Need to think about parking.

12. Composting

ACTION: KR to take over the rota. KR has handed over to DHa for everything else. There are 60-70 households registered. The start date this year is 22 April, which is the same week as the recycling. It isn't possible to avoid some clashes with some local events. Insurance issues are to be sorted out by MRT for driving the tractor. **ACTIONS: DHa to refresh the Risk Assessment and training, send out renewal and membership forms in mid-March with a return date of the end of March, compile a new map, order more bags and organize a weeding party.** The track needs some attention and MRT will be responsible for the works. Commercial waste cannot be dumped as it is not approved - a SEPA exemption applies.

13. Community Garden

The Membership Day is on 4 February. Two people have given up their beds but there is still a short waiting list.

14. Website

Nothing to report. CCC have paid their contribution.

15. Tapestry

The almost completed sketch was tabled by LSt, which looks fantastic. Huge thanks were expressed to LSt, JH and the rest of the Steering Group. The next stage is inking up and copying, then LSt will paint it for colour selection.

16. Film Club

There are now 45 members and the average attendance is 25-30 monthly.

17. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

CR has put together a spreadsheet, available on Google docs. Money is still to come in for the TT2 Feasibility Study and for TT1 tarmacking, as well as some other things.

KD tabled a leaflet about Scottish Natural Heritage funding for Green Infrastructure (GI). It was considered that this could be applied for for the Viewfield Wetland or the toilet block, if it is leased.

18. AOCB

LSt has had an approach from someone who would like her to go and talk to people in Midmar about setting up a similar group to TDG. KR has agreed to go with her.

The History Group want to take over doing an archaeology leaflet. This offer was gratefully accepted. MRT would like to be consulted on the content.

MRT approached by The Woodland Trust for a World War 1 wood. JH is to pass on the details to the History Group.

ACTION: SP to investigate why the apple trees were cut down at Alastrean.

An area for fruit tree planting has been identified with other tree planting in the Howe.

Date of next meetings 28 February 7.30 TT2 and 14 March TDG 7.30. Both meetings at Cromar Court.