



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm
Cromar Court, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome to Sarah Smith, Food and Music Festival Administrator.

Present: KR (Chair), KD (Minutes), DHi, SP, LSt, LSh, JH, YD, AMcK.

Apologies from CR and DHa.

2. Food and Music Festival

The Steering Group is on top of the workshops, with spoon whittling arranged, Bake Off contestants asked, and game preparation booked. A cake decorating workshop is being explored. They are working on the catering at the moment. Douneside House is still interested for Saturday dinner and there could be a gin tasting at Douneside in one of the lounges. Chef David Butters is also keen to do a cookery demonstration at Douneside. The marquee is booked. This may be used for apple pressing and honey pressing during the day, or this could be done at Strathweltie? A walking trail from the village square up to Strathweltie could be an option and there could be a beekeeping taster session there too. **ACTIONS: LSt and YD to get bee information to Sarah.** The music ideas are coming along, we just need to make decisions, some of which depend on finances as they are all expensive. **ACTION: AMcK to send round links to music for Trustees to watch to help make decisions.** The Future Group and the History Group are keen to be involved in the Festival again this year, and so are the Brownies and Paul Anderson. The Steering Group are looking at holding another debate,

possibly about landuse, local food security, or women in agriculture? The Community Garden needs advertising materials soon for Scotland's Open Gardens publicity, which starts early. The Ballater Pipe Band can play either Friday night or Saturday lunchtime. The Commercial will be involved in some way and the proprietors of other shops in the square will be asked if they also want to be involved. Sarah has had an idea for a school recipe book to involve the Primary School. The Young Farmers and Louise's Farm Kitchen are also keen to be involved in some way. The sponsorship is coming in, which is great.

Programming is next on the list for the meeting on Sunday 19 March. **ACTION: All to send ideas through Sarah from now on.**

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Decisions made between meetings

The Tapestry funding was approved, although the amount has changed and is covered under item 11 below.

5. Charity good practice (things we need to do)

There were a number of things raised at the Development Morning on 5 February that we need to address as good governance. **ACTION: KD to contact Aberdeen Voluntary Action.** It was agreed that we would discuss the proposed Code of Conduct at the next meeting. In order to have a safe repository for TDG files it was suggested that we could use Dropbox. **ACTION: KD to set up Dropbox.** CR has set up a Facebook page for TDG.

6. Membership

There have been no new applications for membership.

7. Cromar Community Council

Nothing to report. There has been no movement on a Community Action Plan (CAP) therefore we need to approach them and if they don't do it then we can, in partnership with others. The stakeholders would need to meet with Simon Welfare. **ACTION: KD to contact Simon Welfare to discuss the above approach to producing a CAP.**

8. Tarland Trails expansion

CR sent a report round in advance of the meeting. SP admitted that one of the farm tenants was not told of the plans in advance of the public consultation and

this was an unfortunate omission. CR is currently working on the report of the consultation. A visit to the Glenlivet trails and nearby Tomintoul, which are similar to what is proposed at Tarland, is planned for 1 April. This could be Trustees only or could be open to others by invitation. It was agreed that we should look again at other car parking options. **ACTION: DHi and CR to review the possible car parking locations in light of the consultation comments.**

The trails project needs to benefit the community. A token scheme was suggested but this was generally agreed to be too complicated. Does the Steering Group need to meet with the MacRobert Trust (MRT) again?

9. Seed Swap Group

The Seed Swap event on 25 February was a success, with 200 people attending and it made £1300. All the feedback was very positive. All the seeds went but not the potatoes. These are being given to schools and will be sold at markets.

ACTION: AMcK to go to Banchory Farmers Market on Saturday 18 March. To use up the potatoes there could be a growing project in the field next to the Community Garden. This would be a cooperative idea but people would have to pay for tubers and must be completely involved. **ACTION: KR to contact Tarland Community Garden (TCG) members to see if there is any interest.**

10. Spring Market

AMcK is currently chasing up the stall-holders, which should preferably be food or community related. A table for the tapestry tea towels is required. Posters will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.

11. Tapestry

The tea towel design looks fantastic. Approval was given for the workshop by Dorie Wilkie in May. She has volunteered her time and Andrew Crummy's light box and workshop for tracing on to the fabric. Costs were tabled by JH, which were approved. Photos of the whole 'journey' are being taken as a chronicle. Cards may be made of sections of the stitching for further income in the future.

12. Path network and Tarland Way

The new signboards are now all up. £1,000 needs to be paid to TDG from MRT. DHi is going to Strathdon to the Marr Area Partnership (MAP) Community Paths event on 25 March.

13. Bee Group

The Tesco fundraising is going well. There has been a talk on queen rearing and mating boxes have been purchased ready to start the project. Lizzie Bacon is going to mentor this year, as well as Martin Leahy (with his mother present), which is great. Membership of the Scottish Beekeeping Association (SBA) requires a small change to the Constitution. It was agreed that we would make these changes now and not delay the membership application any longer by waiting to decide on Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) membership, which also requires changes to the Constitution. **ACTION: KD to send SBA membership details to LSh.**

14. Composting

DHa submitted the following via email. The insurance is now sorted thanks to SP and MRT and there are six named drivers (SP needs the names of the drivers in due course). The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) exemption has now been reinstated, again thanks to SP for providing a map. Membership renewal invitation letters are prepared and will be delivered next week. The Risk Assessment document is in preparation. More volunteers are needed.

15. Community Garden

Nothing to report. There is a pot day on Sunday 19 March.

16. Website

Nothing to report.

17. Film Club

DHa submitted the following via email. The club continues to run smoothly with some 46 members and between 20 and 30 attending each meeting. DHa has had an informal approach for the reintroduction of youth films, with a volunteer to run the Youth Cinema again. This could be hosted as a project or it could join with the Film Club.

18. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

All OK.

19. AOCB

Derek Logie from Rural Housing Scotland (RHS) came to visit MRT to discuss Village Farm. AMcK joined the meeting as a board member of RHS. There is even more of a need for a CAP as a result of this meeting. The current planning permission runs out in May 2018. The plans may change following the

consultation (separate to CAP), which has already been held. The housing needs to meet the needs of the community and there needs to be an economic model for funding the building of smaller houses.

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) will do a good presentation to raise money for us. They have suggested interactive things for children on the Tarland walks as their aim for the money if they win £3k for TDG.

CR (via email) informed the meeting that the council has agreed to an additional bin at the Tarland Trails #1 car park.

Next meeting 2 May.