



Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 7.30pm
The Shop, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) (Chair), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes), Jo Fraser (JF) (Invited Guest), Simon Power (SP), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Annie McKee (AMcK), Chris Redmond (CR) (arrived during item 12).

Apologies: David Hirst (DH*i*), Denise Hansford (DH*a*), Yvonne Davidson (YD).

2. Matters arising

There was an extra meeting held on 5 September to discuss two specific items. As this meeting was not a regular Trustees meeting, no formal minutes were taken. It was agreed that Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) would go to planning and that Tarland Community Housing (TCH) would be a sub-group of TDG to get it off the ground.

3. Decisions made between meetings

None.

4. Membership

Gillian Needham (GN) and JF were accepted as members of TDG.

5. DTAS articles

AMcK to write an article on the Food and Music Festival (F&MF).

6. Cromar Community Council

The Community Action Plan (CAP) has been delayed. The MacRobert Trust (MRT) are planting an avenue of oak on 11 November.

7. Tarland Community Housing

TCH was started in June. A housing needs survey has been carried out and there were 50 replies with 25 needing housing. The Steering Group of six people met last week. An application for funding is being made to cover the costs of the Feasibility Study. TCH are

getting help from Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (AVA) on how the group will be set up. There is a meeting with Grampian Housing Association (GHA) on Friday. Derek Logie of Rural Housing Scotland (RHS) will also be there, with SP and Chris Hockley of MRT. LSh has asked Lucy Styles, Marr Community Planning Officer, and Janelle Clark, the Marr Area Manager, if Lucy could sit as a co-opted member of the project steering group, to offer support and advice. They are happy for her to do that and so if TCH think this is acceptable, please let LSh know and she will put her in touch. It was agreed that JF would come to TDG meetings or would send a short report to keep Trustees updated. TCH will be first item on the agenda.

8. Apple pressing

There have been three presses so far with over 150 bottles sold. The Seed Box are using the press today with their young people.

9. Seed Swap Group

The group has held a couple of workshops recently. One harvesting and cooking potatoes from the Glentinar demo plot and the other collecting and cooking edible fungi. There will be no seed saving workshop this autumn. The next seed swap and potato day is being planned and there is a committee meeting next week to start the process in earnest. The available funds from 2017 should be sufficient to cover the costs of running the event in 2018 (likely to be 24 February), so there is no need to apply for additional funds. A researcher from the James Hutton Institute (JHI) is coming to talk about the project as part of a strategic research programme on the value chain in a couple of weeks.

10. Tapestry

It is a slow process but it is coming on. Cards are being made. Stitchers can now stitch the tapestry in their own home with agreement from others in the group. Tea towel sales are doing well.

11. Food and Music Festival

DHa via email: Congratulations to all involved in the F&MF which was a great success. Sarah was a great find, it was a great effort by all, everything went well and the weather was great.

The dates for next year are 28-30 September. We are not certain if we can use the shop as a venue next year so we may be looking for other venues. KR will reply to Scotland's Gardens and confirm the date. Any volunteers for the Steering Group are welcome.

There is a volunteers' feedback meeting tomorrow.

12. Path network and Tarland Way

CR arrived. The Drove Road path is being worked on. GN is to paint the black markers soon. There is some work for MRT to do.

13. Bee Group

The Walled Garden project has some comments from the Council. It was agreed that the group should get the officers out on site for a meeting. Passing places on the road are an issue so MRT could discuss this with their tenants. There are also questions about the water. Drawings are required so it was suggested that Gerry Robb be contacted to provide these. The Council is minded to grant planning permission. The next Steering Group meeting is on 18 October.

Ronnie Greenlaw's business is believed to have been sold. He will also have 50-60 hives for sale in the spring. It would be nice for these to remain in the area but there are probably too many for the group.

14. Composting

DHa via email: The composting is going well. Thanks to MRT for fixing the track. We still need material collected earlier in the year moving up the whinrow - can SP update? Gary is now turning the heaps every four weeks. Three more collections are scheduled for this season. Two new members have joined.

15. Community Garden

The date for the Open Garden next year has been decided (29 September, see item 11 above). The garden is ticking along very nicely.

16. Website updates

CR to be the new contact. Crowd funding can be added. BT giving takes no percentage. KD and KR to do project updates.

17. Film Club

DHa via email: The Film Club has restarted and is doing fine with similar numbers to last year.

18. Tarland Trails

We have been asked if Tarland Trails 1 (TT1) could be used to host an event on 19 November. The organiser has done all the work for a youth mountain bike (MTB) race. MRT need insurance and a risk assessment. There is a Cluster Meeting on 8 November (all working together, with NETCO). The maintenance day last Sunday had 10 people. Chris Roper was there and will apply for membership. Unfortunately some walking route signs have been vandalised and will cost nearly £500 to replace. The trails builder would like to put in some sponsorship in return for advertising signs.

TT2 tenders have gone out for the required ecological studies. DHi has a declaration of interest so cannot take part in the assessment of tenders. There is a crowd funding

campaign for the planning application costs ready to go. Alexander Fyfe has put this together. CR has met with Gerry Robb and Pauline Thompson for the design for the track and the car park. Speed limit signs have been discussed.

19. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

CR to re-send spreadsheet. DHi has applied for Comic Relief core funding. LSt has applied for Coop funding.

20. Charity good practice (things we need to do) – safeguarding young people policy, code

of conduct, logo, declaration of interests form, consult solicitor on policy for paying Trustees, training plan, criteria for projects, sub-group make-up and responsibilities
LSh thought that the safeguarding young people policy is overkill and could AVA find something more suitable. The declaration of interests form is fine.

SP to ask MRT for their policy on paying Trustees as an example.

It was agreed that the other items would be deferred to the next meetings, with the documents sent out beforehand. LSh thought all the other documents were fine.

KD will send the Dropbox link round again and offer help!

21. AOCB

Date of next meeting 5 December. KD to book Upper Hall.