



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.30pm
The MacRobert Upper Hall, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) (Chair), Annie McKee (AMcK), Lindsay Stewart (LSt),
Chris Redmond (CR), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Denise
Hansford (DHa), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes)

Apologies: Simon Power (SP), David Hirst (DHi)

2. Matters arising

Tarland Housing Group (THG) need to update us on how they are set up. AMcK
to find out. JF to provide update.

3. Decisions made between meetings

Tarland Development Group (TDG) has now joined Aberdeenshire Voluntary
Action (AVA). This was approved by only four Trustees as the Secretary was on
holiday. No objections were made.

4. Membership

Chris Roper has been approved as a member.

KD to send Matt Hare a membership form.

5. Cromar Community Council

There is a proposal to twin Tarland with Stanardsville, USA, which stems from
Paul Anderson's recent visit. This would be a low key virtual link-up. TDG has no
objections in principle to links to our sub-groups.

There is to be a Community Action Plan (CAP) 'have your say day' in Tarland in the New Year.

6. Tarland Community Housing

The group can now apply for Feasibility Funding. Also other grants can be applied for. They are meeting the Findhorn Foundation, which is funded from the Scottish Community Alliance. Sub-committee meetings are on weekday mornings but SP can usually attend. They are getting advice from AVA. The minutes are on the website. The Feasibility Study is going well. JF is getting advice from Derek Logie. A constitution is not required as they are covered under the TDG constitution. KD to check sub-committee procedure with JF.

7. Apple pressing

This has now finished for the year and the account is now in profit. The remaining bottles are to be sold on Saturday at the Bee Group coffee morning.

8. Seed Swap Group

The next Seed Swap will be on 24 February. John-Paul Sherriff has done the publicity but still need to make an event on Facebook. John Marshall will be doing two sessions on potatoes. Trellis (a therapeutic gardening association) is to support a seed saving workshop in March.

9. Tapestry

It is now too cold to work in the shop so the plan is to move into the hall kitchen after Christmas. The blackboard is missing so we need to buy another one. The stitchers are making good progress and there are still lots of people popping in. Tea towels will be sold on Saturday. Jan Healey did a talk at a recent Scottish Womens Institute (SWI) open evening.

10. Food and Music Festival

No work on this at the moment. Will start planning in the New Year.

11. Path network and Tarland Way

New leaflets produced with A3 map.

12. Bee Group

YD and Martin Leahy sat their biology exam. YD has passed a course on Teaching Beekeeping, which was very useful. The group are holding a coffee morning on Saturday with a colouring competition for school children. They will be fumigating the hives soon to get rid of varroa. Money is needed for book

purchase for further studying – this was approved. Good links are being made through studying and events. Ronnie Greenlaw's business has been taken over by Colin Devine at Dess who is offering the same services. Peter Cunningham has made a book using beeswax for the binding.

The apiary planning application will go in in the next couple of weeks. There will be a two phase approach. The car park quote is quite high so we need to look for other quotes. There are restrictions on Marr Area Committee (MAC) funding that may cause problems but we need to get funding so that the planning permission, if we get it, doesn't lapse. The apiary needs to move if Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) goes ahead, which has a similar planning timescale. LSh to ask MAC what the longest timescale would be to utilise the funding. It was agreed that we should go ahead and take the risk.

13. Composting

This is now finished for the year. The heaps are being turned regularly. Last year's heap wasn't moved so it needs to be reincorporated. Some large clippings are not rotting down – is this from fly tipping? There will be new guidance for members next year. The group is short of volunteers so there will be a recruitment evening in spring next year before the rota starts again. Financially fine.

14. Community Garden

Booked with Scotland's Gardens for the Food and Music Festival (F&MF). There will be a painted chair project.

15. Website

The feedback is good – it is better than it used to be! KR and KD to update the project list from the poster text.

16. Film Club

This group is making a lot of money. It was suggested that this could be put back in to the community by doing public showings, documentaries, events for children etc., and using the money to buy the relevant licences. These events could then advertise the group and hopefully get more members. There could also be films at the F&MF. Alternatively the excess monies could be donated to general TDG funds but this would have to be agreed with film club members.

17. Tarland Trails

Detailed notes were tabled. CR to agree the route of competitive riding for events to avoid damage to walking paths. EnviroCentre has started the environmental walkover survey work for TT2. The fund raising is going well.

18. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

Covered above.

19. 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

TDG needs more policies and this will get restrictive if we want to apply for funds and we don't have them. We need a volunteering policy and a risk assessment policy. These would be instead of the safeguarding young people policy. LSh is working on these with AVA and has asked for simple templates.

The office bearers will meet to discuss other items on 6 February at Strathweltie.

20. AOCB

Matt Hare is keen to do something regarding a local food initiative.

The MacRobert Trust (MRT) shop is for let. We need to get an update from SP as to the plans as this might affect community use of the building.

Date of next meeting is 23 January in the Upper Hall. YD to book it.