



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP
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Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.30pm
The MacRobert Upper Hall, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) (Chair), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Simon Power (SP), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Chris Redmond (CR), Dave Hirst (DHi), Annie McKee (AMcK), Jo Fraser (JF), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes).

Apologies: Denise Hansford (DHa).

Guest: Angela Hart.

2. Matters arising

None.

3. Decisions made between meetings

None.

4. Membership

None.

5. Cromar Community Council

There will be a 'Have Your Say' event on Saturday 5 May 10-12 in the hall in connection with the Community Action Plan (CAP). The minutes of the last meeting on 21 March stated that 'after extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council should object to the Tarland Trails #2 application'. See items below.

6. Angie's Café

Angela Hart gave a presentation about her plans for the café in the square. The cafe will be open every day apart from Wednesdays but the opening hours will be flexible if there is demand. There

will be a 'pop up shop' (two options), a children's area, a coffee bar and 30 covers. It will not be a 'farm shop' but community apple juice and honey could be sold. One Wednesday per month will be dedicated to opening for people with dementia. There will also be opportunities for evening children's parties on any night apart from Wednesdays. The café will be family run with some additional staff. There will be three all-day menus of simple, traditional and healthy food, including afternoon teas, and there will also be a take-away using eco-friendly crockery. There will be no alcohol served. There will be free wi-fi and charging points. It will be walker and biker friendly but a decision has yet to be made on whether dogs will be welcome. There may be a shelter outside but the existing awning will be too expensive to replace. The café opening date will depend on when all the services are completed. There is a Facebook page, Angie's Café Tarland, which will be kept updated, so please feel free to like and share! The MacRobert Trust (MRT) have done an excellent job with the renovations. The café will be opening to take part in the Food and Music Festival (F&MF) at the end of September.

7. Development Officer

All applicants will have their application acknowledged by KD. Interview(s) will be held on Tuesday 8 May, Upper Hall, 7.30pm. KD to book the hall. The interview panel will be KR, CR and LSh.

8. Tarland Community Housing

An architect team has been appointed, Neil Sutherland, based in Inverness. The Scottish Government has awarded the project £10k but another £5k is needed. The Feasibility Study will be starting on 1 June. The group wants to apply to the Marr Area Committee (as a separate entity from TDG) or they could try MRT or receive a loan from TDG funds. They are also busy fundraising. This project would be part of the current CAP initiative for housing. They have been invited to the Marr Area Committee bi-annual joint meeting on 26 June. Interview(s) are to be arranged for Tuesday 8 May by JF. The interview panel will be JF, AMcK and SP. KD to provisionally book the hall for the afternoon.

9. Tarland Trails

The maintenance day on 7 April at TT1 was very successful. The planning application for TT2 is now closed for comments. 103 comments were received with 79% in support but there were more local objections than supporters (the other supporters were from further afield). The Community Council have objected. Not all the information was uploaded by the planner which was not a TDG omission, however, they maintained their objection. The minutes do not clarify the reasoning behind the decision. There are some conditions to some responses from statutory bodies which have been or will be addressed. CR has two weeks to respond to the planning officer's actions and once completed the application will go to the Planning Committee either on 12 June or after the

summer break. If planning permission is granted there are still other permissions to be obtained and funding to be secured before the project could go ahead.

10. Bee Group

The planning application for the apiary has been submitted but some additional information is required. The comments are mostly in support but one household has objected. Comments close on Thursday 3 May. There have been no comments from the Community Council so far but they have just had a meeting and minutes are awaited. Membership of the group is full with a waiting list. The cold spring has delayed bee activity.

TBG is absolutely delighted to announce that two young members, Martin Leahy and Sean Dinnie, as reserve, have been selected to represent Scotland at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers 2018. Martin will travel to Bordeaux in France, with two other Scottish competitors, to attend this year's international beekeeping competition. Sean will be held in reserve should anyone be unable to attend. The event involves four days of bee handling, equipment identification, questions about bee behaviour, bee anatomy and botany as well as disease identification and microscopic analysis. This is an amazing opportunity for international learning in the field of beekeeping where teams will be made up of individuals from different countries, encouraging international cooperation and learning. TBG are very proud that Martin and Sean will be representing them, and Scotland, at this international event.

11. Have Your Say event

This event will be held on Saturday 5 May 10-12 in the hall and TDG has a table. There will be more events and opportunities to comment in connection with the CAP to come. We need posters and things for the table and we need to re-visit the aspirations we had at our Development Morning over a year ago. The aim of the event is a listening exercise for new projects. Whatever projects get into the plan are likely to get funding. Ask general questions – what do you value in your community and what would you like to see improved?

12. Seed Swap

There will be a Seed Saving Workshop on 12 May, 2-4.30 in the hall. This will involve a talk and some practical demonstrations by Gill Butler-Orli. The cost will be £5 including refreshments.

13. Food and Music Festival

All is going well with the planning and Sarah is doing a great job as Festival Administrator. Lorna Gray has joined the Steering Group.

14. Paths and access

We need to make a list for SP of maintenance tasks. All to send in observations to KD and DHi. CR to ask for observations from the general public on Facebook. The Drove Road path is to be progressed by MRT. The Tarland Way is the responsibility of COAT.

15. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

We have been awarded £5k for the musical walk app from Aberdeenshire Council. Other funding applications are being made. The spreadsheet needs to be completed – a job for the new Development Officer!

16. Data protection

No comments were made on the Privacy Notice. KD to draft an email for circulation to members.

17. Use of OSCR logo

It was agreed that the darker version of the logo would be used as it is easier to read, especially when printed in black and white.

18. AOCB

None.

Next meeting 12 June. KD to book hall.