



## TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity No.SCO41598. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

# Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

## 1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Lizzy Shepherd (LSh) - Chair, Simon Power (SP), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Chris Redmond (CRe), Dave Hirst (DHi), Annie McKee (AMcK), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Kathy Dale (KD) and Guy Haslam (GH).

Apologies: Kate Redpath (KR), Denise Hansford (DHa), and Jo Fraser (JF)

## 2. Matters Arising:

All the matters arising from the previous meeting were covered in the agenda.

## 3. Decisions between meetings

There were no decisions made since the last Trustees' meeting.

## 4. Membership

There were no new member applications.

## 5. Policies

The meeting reviewed the comments made on the draft policies (Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults, Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety). **GH agreed to update them and then issue them.**

GH explained that he was working on a Trustee Document which would cover induction, code of conduct, training etc. and that he would then start on the Volunteering Policy and then on a document on the selection and planning of projects etc.

KD had identified Child Protection training run by Aberdeenshire Council and it was agreed that anyone who wanted to should attend. The meeting suggested that **GH should attend a course if he could find a suitable date.**

## 6. Tarland Community Housing

SP stated that the Housing Development Officer had resigned and the reasons behind it. MAKAR were continuing to complete the feasibility study and then the project team would decide the next steps, including appointing a new Housing Development Officer. This would lead to around a six week extension to the project. **DHi/KR would contact DTAS and explain the situation and confirm if they would be happy to move the funding profile.**





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### 7. Tarland Trails 2

CRe gave an update on the Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) project. The project would now be considered at the Marr Area Planning meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August. CRe noted that the raptor survey had been completed and that he and GH had met the new Aberdeenshire Mountain Biking Development Officer. GH said that he had had four replies to his letter on the planning application which he had replied to: no-one had requested a follow up meeting.

CRe also explained that they were planning to bid to the Rural Initiative later in October when they had identified sufficient supporting funding.

There had been a maintenance day at Tarland Trails 1 (TT1) and the notice board had been updated.

### 8. Tarland Bee Group

YD updated the meeting on the Bee Groups activities. She thanked the MacRobert Trust (MRT) for agreeing to remove a dead hemlock tree and allowing the wood to be used and also outlined the success of the Queen Bee Rearing Programme (Tesco have asked the group to be part of a publicity drive for the scheme). The group have ordered 24,000 bulbs from the council. Four more members had passed Bee Keeping Exams. Finally, the Bee Group is due to host a visit from Peter Chapman MSP on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

LSh provided an update on the funding applications for the new Apiary and said that the crowd funding site would soon be set up. She was planning to meet with GH to identify the next steps.

### 9. Tapestry Group

LS brought along the Tapestry to show the progress (which the other Trustees were extremely impressed by) and also outlined their planned future activities including a coffee morning on 18<sup>th</sup> August for Hall Funds. They highlighted that there were new tapestry bags for sale in many of the local shops. The group had also been on the front cover of the Fountain magazine.

### 10. Food and Music Festival (28-30<sup>th</sup> September)

KD provided an update on the Festival programme. The leaflets and fliers were being printed and the programme was being finalised. There would be a meeting for volunteers on 24<sup>th</sup> September. **KD to confirm and advertise.**

DH explained that the Singing Land App would be launched at the weekend.



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### 11. DTAS conference (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

GH was planning to attend this. TDG would pay for the cost of any Trustees who wanted to attend.

### 12. Wetlands

KD outlined a potential wetland project around the Tarland Burn, possibly using flood protection community support. SP stated that MRT were already looking at this and it was agreed that KD and other interested parties would meet with SP to identify possible ways forward.

### 13. Accounts

YD confirmed that £385 had been paid in by the Bee Group.

### 14. 2018 AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on 11th Sept 2018 and that it would take place (if possible) in the Commercial Inn – **GH to set up**. The Trustees discussed the invitation and it was agreed that it would be on A4 paper and would include the TDG leaflet with GH adding in a projects update. **GH to finalise and get printed by 10<sup>th</sup> Aug**. They would be delivered by hand around the parish. **GH would put the notification in the Piper 14 days before the meeting. KD to notify members.**

It was agreed that there would be a meeting before the AGM – **GH to agree date with KR**

### 15. Any Other Business

- a. **Tarland Way** It had been brought to TDG's attention that there had been two occasions where people using the Tarland Way had been attacked by dogs and that there were other occasions where people had been chased by dogs. The Dog Warden had been contacted and it is understood that the Police had been informed. DHi had been told by the Dog Warden that no further action could be taken as the dogs were penned in when she visited. The Trustees agreed that this was extremely concerning and that **GH would contact the Dog Warden to identify the next steps.**
- b. GH outlined that he was looking for funding for both the new apiary and the bike trails and was concerned about conflicts. **CR agreed to send the TDG funding spreadsheet to GH and then GH would try and match the best fund for each project (complete).**
- c. **EDEN Creative Community Camp** The potential for someone from TDG to go to this was discussed. JF had expressed interest.



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- d. LSt explained that this was likely to be her last meeting. The Trustees thanked her for all her work for TDG and it was agreed that the **Trustees should organize a farewell meal (LSh).**

16. **Date of Next Meeting**      **Date to be agreed with KR and then GH to send out.**  
(After note – confirmed as Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept).