



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity No.SCO41598. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Tuesday 4th September 2018

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) – Chair, Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Denise Hansford (DHa), Annie McKee (AMcK), Kathy Dale (KD) and Guy Haslam (GH) - minutes.

Apologies: Simon Power (SP), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Chris Redmond (CR), Dave Hirst (DHi), and Jo Fraser (JF)

2. Matters Arising:

All the matters arising from the previous meeting were covered in the agenda with the exception of the dogs affecting the use of the Tarland Way.

GH had spoken to the Dog Warden who confirmed that she had visited the site and spoken to the owner of the dogs. As the dogs were in cages at the time of the visit the dog warden was unable to take any further action. GH had also spoken to the Police in Banchory who confirmed that the incident had been reported to them and that there was currently nothing else TDG could do at the moment.

The Trustees were still concerned as the dogs had been seen out of the cages on a number of occasions and the number of people using the paths has significantly reduced. It was decided that TDG would write to the three local councilors to see if there was anything else that could be done. **GH to draft up a note for KR to send.**

Any further attacks should be reported to the Police on the 101 number as soon as possible.

3. Decisions between meetings

It was agreed that the Bee Group would set up a separate web page, linked to the TDG page.

4. Membership

There were no new member applications.

5. Cromar Community Council

The draft minutes of the last CCC meeting were reviewed. KD and DH had attended the CCC AGM.

6. Policies

GH provided an update on progress and agreed to update the policies with the comments from the meeting. He would then put the Volunteering, Equal Opportunities, Children/Vulnerable



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Adults and Complaints policies and the Health and Safety Guidelines up on the website – noting that these are live documents that will be reviewed every year and updated as required. He explained that he was working on a Trustee Document which would cover induction, code of conduct, training and the selection and planning of projects etc. He was planning to get these out by the next Trustees meeting.

7. Tarland Community Housing

KD updated the meeting from an email from SP. The Group had had a useful meeting with Makar and the Council Planners on 20th August discussing options for a possible way forward which would reduce infrastructure costs, change the dominance of cars on the site, improve the “greenness” of the site and provide good quality, low energy housing – the mix of which is still to be decided. The planners were supportive of the overall objectives of the scheme but stated that anything bar minor variations would need a new application.

The feasibility study will be completed soon and the intention is to see if the momentum of the project can be maintained and in particular how the main current issue (the costs involved in a new planning application) can be resolved. The Steering Group will meet to discuss the outcome of the feasibility study when it is received. The Trust is also likely to meet with Makar to see how the project can be progressed.

The meeting proposed that when the Feasibility Study is completed there should be a separate Trustees meeting on the Housing Project, so all the Trustees were fully up to speed on the proposed plan.

8. Tarland Trails

The majority of replacement signs at TT1 have now been reinstalled and it is planned to hold a maintenance day in October. CR is also looking at improving the car park using funds raised from the donation post in the TT1 car park.

The Marr Area Committee reviewed the TT2 planning application on 21st August and conducted a site visit on 28th August. The final decision will be made at the next meeting on 11th September, which GH will attend.

9. Tarland Bee Group

LSh gave an update on the Bee Group’s activity. LSh and GH are continuing to apply for funding for the new apiary. LSh stated that they had received over £2,000 through their crowd funding site.

10. Food and Music Festival (28th - 30th September)



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AMcK and KD provided an update on the Festival. Tickets were selling well and the programme was in the process of being printed. KD stated that there would be a meeting for volunteers on 24th September (this has been advertised on the website).

13. Paths

KD stated that there was some maintenance needed on some of the paths but that it was hard to identify all the maintenance required. It was agreed that a post would be put up on Facebook to ask for volunteers to walk the paths and reports any damage/maintenance requirements.

13. Apple Pressing

DH stated that the apple pressing was going well. They had produced 99 bottles for sale so far.

13. Composting

This was ongoing, but it was identified that more volunteers were needed for the group.

13. Accounts / Funding

GH stated that he had compiled a list of recent grants and applications which he would send out to the Trustees to review/update.

11. DTAS conference (2nd - 3rd September)

GH gave a quick update on the DTAS conference which was attended by over 300 delegates. DTAS had explained that they would be asking for applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund around November, although the Government would not be able to confirm the overall level of funding until around Feb/Mar 2019. Current projects would be given priority.

14. 2018 AGM

The AGM would be held on 11th September 2018 in the Commercial Inn. GH would deliver as many of the leaflets this week as possible and would borrow the projector and screen from Peter Craig. KR requested all the Trustees to send photographs/updates for her review.

15. Any Other Business

TDG had received £41.54 from the sale of second hand books at Angie's Café.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 17th October.**