



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Wednesday 17th October 2018

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) – Chair, Kathy Dale (KD), Denise Hansford (DHa), Annie McKee (AMcK), Simon Power (SP), Lizzy Shepherd (LS), Linda and Peter Cunningham (guests) and Guy Haslam (GH).

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

2. Matters Arising:

GH provided an update on the TDG policies. He will put the Trustee document on the website and will complete the GDPR document this month.

3. Decisions between meetings

There were no decisions between meetings.

4. Membership

There were 7 new member applications from the AGM which were all approved.

5. Cromar Community Council

The minutes of the last CCC meetings were reviewed. GH had attended the last CCC meeting and provided an update on Tarland Trails and also on the Apiary and the Housing projects. He was able to provide answers to the points raised at the meeting after discussion with CR. JF is setting up a meeting with CCC to brief them on the status of the housing project.

Simon Welfare from CCC had sent KR an e-mail suggesting a meeting of key local groups in the New Year to discuss community engagement and options to take forward the Community Action Plan. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea.

6. Tarland Community Housing

SP updated the meeting on the project. The key points were:

- There will be a meeting at 7 pm on 6th November for MAKAR to update the trustees on the project. It was agreed that this would be held in the MacRobert Trust Offices.
- JF is meeting the Scottish Land Fund on 30th Oct to discuss an application for further feasibility work to explore options to support the development of the site. She has also been put in contact with the East Loch Lomond Development Group who have used SLF as part of a housing project using a similar model for development.



- JF will attend the Social Enterprise Academy course on the 23/24 Oct.
- JF requested if she could use some of the DTAS funded Housing Development hours. This was agreed and that JF would meet with KR and DHi. JF would have to step down as a trustee while she was doing this.

The trustees agreed that the feasibility study period would be extended, noting that the project will require a separate organisation to be set up to take the project forward.

7. **Tarland Trails**

The car park spaces at TT1 were now more clearly defined.

GH stated that the TT2 team had had a steering group meeting and that they were in the process of applying for grants for the project. The main current application was to the Rural Infra Structure project for the Small Burn car park.

The meeting discussed the main points raised at the CCC meeting:

- a. It was agreed that there would be no change to the current policy for dog walkers etc. using the Drummy Woods car park for free and that any new parking meter would be near the start of the trails. It was suggested that any machine should be able to accept QR codes.
- b. There was a risk that the group would get the council funding for the car park, but not be able to raise the funding for the trails themselves. CR had confirmed that the TT2 project would be responsible for maintaining the car park (which would be likely to be used less).
- c. It was agreed that someone from Tarland Trails would contact Mrs. Gardener and provide her with an update on the project.

8. **Tarland Bee Group**

LS gave an update on the Bee Group's activity. LS and GH are continuing to apply for funding for the new apiary and are planning to hold a meeting on 18th Oct as they had just been informed that their Garfield Weston Bid was not successful. One option would be to phase the project as one of the grants expires in March 19. The group had now received over £2,900 in crowd funding.

The group was also planning to run a beginners bee keeping course.

9. **Food and Music Festival**

The meeting agreed that the Festival had been a great success and congratulated the team behind it. There had been over 400 people at the market and the Saturday night concert was a



sell out. The festival had made a surplus of over £5,000 including grants and broke even without the grants. This money will be used to support next year's festival. Trustees were invited to send any feedback to KD.

It was planned that next year's festival would be on 20th-22th September and it was suggested that the market might be extended for another 30 mins as people were still arriving at the closing time and that there could be a leaflet drop in Tarland before the festival (this could tie in with the AGM leaflet).

It was also noted that the Singing Land App had been very successful.

10. **Paths**

KR said that the Councilors had replied on the issue of the aggressive dogs on the Tarland Way and it was agreed the group had done all that they could do for the moment. Any further incidents should be reported to the police on the 101 number.

KD reported that G Needham and David Currie had agreed to walk the paths once a year and report any damage/ areas that needed maintenance.

11. **Apple Pressing**

KD reported that over 640 bottles had been made this year and that the group was looking to buy a hydraulic press for next year. There were now over 63 people on the apple pressing mailing list. KR thanks DHi and KD for hosting the pressing in their garage and for all their support.

12. **Composting**

This will continue until the end of November. KR will update the rota. The group had been asked to meet with council representatives to see if this model could be used in other areas.

13. **Wetlands**

KD and SP had attended a meeting and it was planned to hold another meeting in November to plot the way ahead. It was still in very early stages.

14. **Development morning**

KR and GH outlined the potential of having a TDG development morning to step back and look at options for the group moving forward. It was agreed that it could be held in Feb 2019 in Douneside. GH was asked to identify a date and some proposals for an agenda including potentially getting visiting speakers. DTAS had suggested that we use the training budget to pay for the morning.



15. Accounts / Funding

KD gave an overview on the state of the TDG funds in the absence of DHi.

16. Feedback from the AGM

It was agreed that the AGM was very successful with an increased attendance. The trustees supported the idea of a mail drop prior to the 2019 AGM. GH and KR would finalise the draft minutes as soon as possible.

17. Any Other Community Business

The meeting discussed the best dates for the spring market in 2019 and it was agreed that AMcK would select the best date.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tues 27th November.**