



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Tuesday 27th November 2018

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) – Chair, Kathy Dale (KD), Dave Hirst (DHi), Annie McKee (AMcK), Simon Power (SP), Chris Redmond (CR), Lizzy Shepherd (LS), Jo Fraser (JF) and Guy Haslam (GH).

Apologies: Yvonne Davidson (YD) and Denise Hansford (DHa).

2. Matters Arising:

GH provided an update on the TDG policies. They are now complete and are on the TDG website.

3. Decisions between meetings

There were no decisions between meetings.

4. Membership

There were two new member applications which were approved.

5. Cromar Community Council

The minutes of the last CCC meeting were reviewed. JF had attended the meeting and provided an update on the Housing Project Feasibility Study. The minutes included the various community activities planned for the Christmas period and the Trustees agreed that they would be able to help as required.

6. Tarland Community Housing

JF had been recruited as the Housing Development Officer and had attended a Social Enterprise course in November.

She updated the meeting on the Feasibility Study including a potential way forward in terms of managing the project through an umbrella company. The two main issues were to identify a structure to deliver the project and how this structure would be funded. The project team have set up a number of meetings with potential funding bodies in December to identify a way forward.



7. **Tarland Trails**

CR provided an update on Tarland Trails 2. A number of funding applications have been put in and the project team were waiting to hear if they had been successful. They were also in the process of applying to other potential funders, particularly a landfill fund. The group had been given a £600 mountain bike and other prizes by Cycle Highlands which they were intending to raffle.

CR agreed to send details for the lease to SP as soon as possible.

8. **Tarland Bee Group**

LS gave an update on the Bee Group's activities. The project team had decided to phase the New Apiary project into two phases:

- a. Phase 1 would involve the car park, paths and hive shelter and would cost around £25k. The group had raised £16k so far and had applications in for the remaining amount required. They would start the project as soon as the money was secured.
- b. Phase 2 was the main building which would be used for teaching etc. The Group would start fund raising for the £50k required for this as soon they had started on Phase 1.

The group continued to apply for funding and had been selected for the Tesco "Bags for Good" scheme in January and February 2019 in Banchory.

The group had also organised bulb planting at the site.

9. **Seed Swap and Potato Day**

LS updated the meeting on the Seed Swap and Potato Day which will take place on 24th February 2019. LS had ordered potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic.

10. **Wetlands**

KD and SP updated the meeting. The group were initially looking at a number of small projects and had another meeting planned.

13. **The Singing Land App**

DHi reported that the Singing Land App was now available on both Apple and Android devices. He had updated the website and was planning to put some brochures advertising the app on the Notice Board in the square.



14. **Tapestry Group (post-meeting note from Jan Healey via KD)**

The Tapestry is progressing well and the group has begun to stitch the images around the edges. Most of the major elements are now finished, but there is still a lot of background seeding to do.

Jan Healey is giving an illustrated talk to the Ladies Probus Group in Ballater on 10th December.

15. **Development Morning**

It was planned to hold a TDG development morning on a Sunday morning at Douneside in February. KD agreed to conduct a doodle poll to identify the best date. GH agreed to work with KR and then the Group's officers to produce the agenda for the morning. This would be funded by the DTAS training grant.

15. **Accounts / Funding**

DHi gave an overview on the state of TDG funds. He explained that the 2018 Food and Music Festival had made a surplus of £5600. This included a grant from the MacRobert Trust which will be £2000 less next year, and £2600 from the Development Officer funding which TDG may not get in 2019, but is enough to ensure that the festival can go ahead for the next two years at least.

17. **Any Other Community Business**

- It was agreed to put TDG leaflets in Angie's Café next to the collecting tin by the buy/swap second hand books.
- GH stated that he and JF were meeting a DTAS representative on 3rd December.

18. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd January in the MacRobert Hall.