



Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Wednesday 23rd January 2019

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) – Chair, Kathy Dale (KD), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Jo Fraser (JF), Denise Hansford (DHa), David Hirst (DHi), Annie McKee (AMcK), Simon Power (SP), Chris Redmond (CR) and Guy Haslam (GH).

Guest: Ana Peña del Valle (APV).

Apologies: Lizzy Shepherd (LS).

2. Matters Arising:

CR had sent the information required for the TT2 lease to SP who agreed to come back to him.

3. Decisions Between Meetings

There were no decisions between meetings.

4. Membership

There was one new application which was approved.

5. Cromar Community Council

The minutes of the last CCC meeting were reviewed. They are looking to set up a meeting on the Community Action Plan in February 2019.

6. Tarland Community Housing

JF gave an update on the Housing Group. They have held meetings with a number of stakeholders (including the Scottish Land Fund (SLF), Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Aberdeenshire Council, Community Housing Scotland (CHS) and Grampian Housing Association (GHA)) which has identified the next steps for the Group. In particular, they have received a proposal from CHS which could potentially support the way forward. There will be a Group meeting on 31st January after which they plan to have a second meeting with CHS. The Group also plan to complete a new survey to update the Group's housing data. It is likely that the Group will request a separate TDG meeting in March to present their proposals to the Trustees.

SP, AM and JF are due to attend a housing conference in late February.



7. **Tarland Trails**

CR provided an update to the meeting.

- The trails at Drummy Wood continue to be well used.
- GH has put in seven funding applications for Tarland Trails 2, but unfortunately funders are not keen to fund the project at this early stage. However, the application for the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund has been selected for the second round of the process which has now been submitted. This is for the Small Burn Car Park as opposed to the wider TT2 project. CR has also organised a raffle which is ongoing.
- GH and CR will continue to apply for funds. GH stated that they are looking at phasing the project, with the initial phase focusing on the car park and the immediate trails (this would cost around £390,000).

8. **Tarland Bee Group**

YD gave an update on the Bee Group's activities. The group has now received enough funding for Phase 1 (the car park, paths and hive shelter) with grants from Awards for All and Tesco. The group has let contracts for the groundwork and the bee shelter. It is hoped that work will begin in late February and will last about two weeks. The group will then focus on fund raising for Phase 2 (the teaching shed).

YD and SP agreed to identify when the lease for the Strathweltie Steading and Bothy is required for the storage of beehives from the old Coull Estate.

The group has planted around 10,000 bulbs in the garden and on the market stance.

YD is running a beginners' course for 20 people starting in late February.

9. **Seed Swap and Potato Day**

The Seed Swap and Potato Day will take place on Saturday 23rd February. There will be a meeting on 29th January to discuss the final details. A local climate change group is planning on having people available to discuss how to address climate change in a nearby venue and asked if this could be advertised via the Seed Swap.

10. **Wetlands**

The Group has held a meeting with Hamish Moir. They are looking at a number of potential projects and the Group is planning to look for funding to enable them to complete a data gathering exercise and/or a feasibility study.



11. **Community Garden**

The annual renewal meeting is planned for 2nd February. There was a discussion about communication with the people who had plots. KR agreed to look into this.

12. **Food and Music Festival**

The group held its first planning meeting for the 2019 Festival on 21st January. It will take place on 20th-22nd September.

13. **Development Morning**

The TDG Development Morning will take place at Douneside on Sunday 3rd February from 09.30 to 14.00. KR has a meeting set up with Roisin Daly (from Marr Area Partnership (MAP)) who will act as a facilitator. After the meeting, she will send out the final details to all attendees. GH agreed to produce a summary of the 2017 Development Morning.

14. **Consultations**

The group agreed that they would respond to the consultation by Aberdeenshire Council on its Local Development Plan (LDP). GH agreed to collect all the comments from Trustees and pull together a draft reply by 4th April. GH also agreed to pull together a short procedure on how TDG would respond to consultations in general.

15. **Accounts / Funding**

DHi provided a short update on the accounts. The Bee Group has received a grant for £9,140 for the new Apiary project.

17. **Any Other Community Business**

- KD highlighted the Walkers Crisps Community Recycling Points and the Community Re-paint Scheme.
- KD reported that the Tapestry Project is progressing well and the Group are now stitching the edge panels.
- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) return for the Composting Group has been completed and the application for 2019 has been sent in.
- AMcK reported that the spring market will be on 27th April.
- KR asked if TDG had a list of assets. DHi reported that there would be some details in the insurance, although SP pointed out there would be a difference between insurance values and asset values. GH agreed to compile a list before the next meeting.

18. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th February in the MacRobert Trust's office.

