



## Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) – Chair, Kathy Dale (KD), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Denise Hansford (DH<sub>a</sub>), Ana Peña del Valle (APV), Lizzy Shepherd (LS), Megan Albon (MA) and Guy Haslam (GH).

Apologies: Jo Fraser (JF), David Hirst (DH<sub>i</sub>), Annie McKee (AMcK), Simon Power (SP) and Chris Redmond (CR).

### 2. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### 3. Decisions Between Meetings

There were no decisions between meetings.

### 4. Membership

There was one new application for membership which was approved.

### 5. Cromar Community Council

KD had not received any new minutes since the last meeting. **KD was asked to write to the Community Council to get an update on the plan for the Community Action Plan**, as TDG are keen to help with the process or have a representative on the Steering Group.

### 6. Tarland Community Housing

Community Housing Scotland (CHS) are a month into their study which they estimate will take around three months to complete. The next Housing Group meeting is planned for early May. JF and MA are planning to visit Huntly Development Trust on 15<sup>th</sup> April to look at their community car share scheme as a potential option that could be sited on the Village Farm. DH<sub>a</sub> asked to be informed about the car share scheme as she is looking at the potential of having an electric car point/scheme in Tarland.

### 7. Tarland Trails

GH provided an update on the TT2 Project. The application to the Rural Infrastructure Fund for the Smallburn car park had not been successful, however CR has identified some new potential grant opportunities (Opportunity North East and EB Scotland) which he plans to follow up.

Seventeen people attended a successful maintenance day at TT1 on 7<sup>th</sup> April.





## 8. **Tarland Bee Group**

YD gave an update on the Bee Group's activities. Work has started at the new apiary site and the bee shelter is due to be installed on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April. MA is applying for funding for Phase 2 (the teaching shed).

YD is organising the movement of a number of old hives and beekeeping equipment to the new site on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April – some of which will be used as raised flower beds.

The Beginners' Beekeeping Course is continuing with two practical sessions still to be completed. Twenty-one people have attended the course to date.

YD and three others from the group have joined the Scottish Native Bee Group, increasing the profile of the Bee Group.

## 9. **Wetlands**

KD gave an update on the Wetlands project. It has received £2,000 of funding to complete a data collation exercise which is currently ongoing and should be completed in May. The group will hold another meeting following its completion.

## 10. **Composting Group**

The Composting Group celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 28<sup>th</sup> March at The Commercial Hotel where three new volunteers were recruited. The first collection in 2019 will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## 11. **Spring Market**

The Spring Market will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. All the stalls have been sold. KR issued posters to be put up in the local area.

## 12. **Paths**

Two TDG Members (Gillian Needham and David Currie) walked the Tarland path network in January 2019 and identified no major issues. Some roundels and arrows need replacing, which DHi is progressing. The MacRobert Trust have repaired a number of gates etc. on the paths. The Trustees thanked Gillian, David and the Trust for their help in maintaining the paths.

## 13. **Food and Music Festival**

Plans for the 2019 Festival are progressing well. In addition, APV and JF are looking at a family orientated community kitchen which would be held once a month aimed at people of all ages.

#### 14. **DTAS/New Development Officer**

The Group has applied to DTAS for three months interim funding for the Development Officer position before applying for funding for the position for the rest of the 2019/2020 financial year. MA had already accepted this role as GH had had to step down due to other commitments. MA will now be responsible for the TDG e-mail account.

#### 15. **Accounts/Funding**

KR provided an update on the Group's financial situation.

#### 16. **Any Other Business**

- **MA will update the Asset Register.**
- **MA will follow up on the e-mails from TDG Members regarding the TDG leaflets and booklets and identify the best location for them to be stored.**
- GH has updated the Trustees Guidance Document on sub-groups. **MA will update this section with the comments from the meeting** (each group having a lead Trustee(s), a steering group and highlighting the TDG complaints procedure). It was also suggested that the individual groups should provide their members/stakeholders with an annual update on their finances.
- The Apple Pressing Group are looking at buying a hydraulic press for the 2019 season.
- LS reported that the Seed Swap Group has identified three dates for Seed Saving Network Workshops in 2019.
- KD reported an update on the Tapestry from Jan Healey. It is still being worked on at home by one or more stitchers each week. The biggest bit of news is that Lindsay Stewart has all but completed the soldier on the war memorial after hours and hours of work and he is very impressive.

#### 17. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the MacRobert Trust Offices.

#### 18. **Presentation**

The Group thanked GH for his work over the last nine months and gave him a present and a card.