



**TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

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## **Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7.30pm  
The MacRobert Trust Office, Tarland**

### **1. Attendees and apologies**

Present (8): K Redpath (KR) (Chair), K Dale (KD), D Hirst (DH*i*), S Power (SP), C Redmond (CR), E Shepherd, (ES), Y Davidson (YD), M Albon (MA)

Apologies (4): A Pena del Valle (APV), D Hansford (DH*a*), J Fraser (JF), A McKee (AM*ck*)

### **2. Matters Arising:**

**MA to update asset register, and research potential locations for leaflet storage.**

### **3. Decisions Between Meetings**

It was decided that, as there is a surplus of Tarland Way booklets, and they should be distributed before becoming out of date, they should be given out free of charge.

### **4. Membership**

Two new members, of the same address, applied for membership and were approved.

### **5. Cromar Community Council**

Nothing to report.

### **6. Tarland Community Housing**

SP reported on the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May with Jo Gribben of Community Housing Scotland (CHS). CHS are currently in the process of producing a business plan that is likely to be completed by the end of June. The plan will build on the work which has already been carried out by MAKAR by taking account of the cost of electricity connection, and incorporating available grant funding.

MA reported on the meeting with Huntly Development Trust (HDT) on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. HDT currently run an electric car scheme through the franchise Co-Wheels. However, due to the limited number of users and the cost of leasing a car from the franchise, the scheme is heavily subsidised. HDT have purchased a number of electric bikes which are largely used for leisure and health through social prescribing.

The trustees discussed the potential for a community run electric car scheme in Tarland. The potential for this is to be explored in conjunction with the application for funding from DTAS.



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Due to family commitments, Jo Fraser has decided to step down from the position of Housing Officer for TDG. She will still be involved in the project but on a voluntary basis. It may be possible to transfer some of her hours to MA.

### **7. Tarland Trails**

CR provided an update on Tarland Trails 1 and 2. He replaced a leaflet holder at TT1 but found another one broken. He has ordered a batch of five for future maintenance.

A raffle was held for TT2 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes have been claimed. As a year-long licence was required from the council to hold the raffle, other TDG projects were invited to hold raffles on this licence before it expires in February 2020.

A grant has been secured from Shell, although due to a typo on the grant offer it is not yet clear how much has been awarded. A fundraiser is planned at the Tarland Food and Music Festival (F&MF).

### **8. Tarland Bee Group**

ES gave an update on the Tarland Bee Group's (TBG) activities.

TBG was honoured to receive a visit from HRH The Prince of Wales, who appeared to be delighted with the work at the new community apiary at the Oldtown walled garden. He was presented with a TDG hamper including honey, apple juice, a Tarland Tapestry tea towel and some locally saved seed.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May a work party was held at the garden with over 25 members including two youngsters. A representative from Tesco Bags for Life grant scheme joined the work party to present a cheque to the group, a photograph of which will be submitted to the Deeside Piper.

TBG are extremely thankful to Craigievar Timber and Francis Anderson, who donated materials for the construction of a new shed at the walled garden.

TBG gave talks to Torphins Cub Group and have since been asked to give a talk at Kincardine O' Neil primary school.

A plaque has been ordered to commemorate Ronnie Greenlaw and has been warmly approved by his widow Marion.

Three grants have been applied for to enable Phase 2 of the community apiary (the education facility).

ES sought the views of the Trustees over how to minimise the risk to the public from bee stings in the walled garden. At present there is a 6ft green mesh barrier around the apiary to force bees to



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fly up above the heads of any members of the public; this will be supplemented by a hedge to be planted adjacent to the mesh. There will be an information board outside the garden making it clear to the public that there is a potential risk of bee stings; describing how to avoid aggravating the bees, giving details of the nearest medical centre, and suggesting that anyone with an allergy to bee stings should consider not entering the garden. TBG to look in to the provisions of their insurance through the Scottish Beekeepers Association (SBA), to check if both the apiary and the rest of the walled garden (where there will be public access) will be covered by public liability insurance. TDG to also check insurance. **YD and DHi to contact both insurance providers to discuss what is covered by the policies.**

### 9. Wetlands

KD reported on the activities of the Wetlands group. The draft data collation report will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Once the report is finalised the group will meet to discuss the report findings.

### 10. Community Garden

The Community Garden raised £350 through two plant sales.

### 11. Composting

Tarland Composting Scheme and the Trustees were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Steve Roberts. Steve was a fantastic volunteer across a number of TDG projects including the Composting Scheme, Tarland Trails and the toilet twinning project at the Tarland Community Garden (TCG). He will be much missed. **KD to send condolences card to his family.**

### 12. Paths

**CR to count arrows to see if any are missing and DHi to order replacements if needs be.** TDG encourages any path users to report any issues so that the Paths group volunteers can address them quickly.

### 13. Food and Music Festival

KD reported on the progress of the F&MF group. The concerts at the festival will be included in the Aboyne and Deeside Festival programme and tickets will be on sale in about four weeks' time.

JF and APV were unfortunately unsuccessful in their recent grant application for the Community Kitchen project.



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#### 14. **Website and social media**

MA is now an administrator on the TDG Facebook page. **KD and MA will look at whether the website needs to be updated.**

#### 15. **Accounts, grants, awards and (DTAS) funding**

TBG have applied to Vattenfall Unlock our Future, the Levensat Trust, and the Marr Area Committee Large Projects Grant Scheme. They should find out by the end of June whether their applications have been successful.

There will be a meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the TDG application for further funding from DTAS, for the continuation of the Development Officer and for project specific funding.

#### 16. **Governance**

MA presented an updated version of the sub-group policy and received comments from the Trustees. **MA will produce another draft incorporating these comments and send around the Trustees for further consideration.** It was decided that the sub-group policy should be available on the website as a standalone document as well as being included in the Trustee Handbook so it is easily accessible to the public.

#### 17. **AOB**

MA reported on a meeting she attended with FairShare on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May in Aberdeen. FairShare is a national charity that redistributes waste food from major supermarkets for social good. They are looking for community groups who could partner with them in this work. **MA to contact APV and JF to see whether the Community Kitchen would be interested in working with FairShare.**

ES reported on Gone to Seed (GTS). On 12<sup>th</sup> May they held their first workshop of the year at TCG. There were about 15 participants who have signed up to save vegetable seed for the 2020 Seed Swap and Potato Day. ES has been asked to give a workshop to the Glasgow Food Network. GTS have installed raised beds at the community apiary, made from recycled bee hives, where plants will be grown for seed saving.

#### 18. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the MacRobert Trust Offices.