



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Charity No.SCO41598. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm
The MacRobert Trust Office, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kate Redpath (KR) (Chair), Simon Power (SP), Lizzy Shepherd (LS), Dave Hirst (DH), Ana Pena del Valle (APV), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes).

Apologies: Annie McKee (AMcK), Chris Redmond (CR).

2. Matters arising

None.

3. Decisions made between meetings (Electric Car Scheme)

TDG approved the decision to put in an application to Transport Scotland through the Energy Saving Trust for one year. This has now been submitted.

4. Membership

There were four applications and these were all approved.

5. Cromar Community Council (CCC)

An application has been made to Aberdeenshire Council for an electric car charging point in Tarland. The next meeting is on 2 October (see Wetlands item below).

6. Feedback from the AGM

There was positive feedback from a number of people on TDG projects. It was suggested that the presentation on housing by AMcK and SP could be filmed and put out on social media. **ACTION: AMcK and SP.**

7. Tarland Community Housing

An additional TDG Trustees meeting was held on 8 August to discuss the way forward on the housing project. The Business Plan is complete. The application to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) has been submitted. There is a meeting on 15 October in Edinburgh for Community Housing Scotland (CHS) to meet with the MacRobert Trust (MRT) Estate Community Trustees. It is possible that the SLF will have made their decision by this time. There is a meeting to discuss the

creation of the new housing group on 13 September with Nick Mardall of Marr Area Partnership (MAP). LS will attend this meeting aswell.

8. Bee Group

The annual party was held at Michael and Susan Zappert's house on 7 September. YD is putting together a bee group web page. This year's talks and beginners classes are set up. The group is currently fundraising for Phase 2 of the apiary to match fund the Vattenfall money. The hedge is about to go in and when it is in place the bees can be moved.

9. Wetlands

The final Tarland Wetland Study (TWS) report has been issued to the Dee Catchment Partnership (DCP). KD has arranged to meet with Kirsty Blackstock of the James Hutton Institute (JHI) on 26 September, with a view to organizing a community consultation event, provisionally set for early December. In the meantime KD will continue to fill in any gaps in the TWS consultation. **ACTION: KD to attend the next CCC meeting on 2 October to introduce the project to them.**

10. Food and Music Festival

The festival dates are 20-22 September. The programme is now online. The Community Kitchen launch is planned for this weekend. Food donations are welcome and pick up points will be advertised. A date for the volunteers' meeting for the festival has been set for 16 September. Willing volunteers are encouraged to attend this meeting.

11. Apple Pressing

This started on 8 September but there are not many apples this year. The new hydraulic press works well and there is now an additional pasteurizer. The next pressing is on 12 September.

ACTION: DH to advertise the pressings more widely.

12. Composting

KR is the Trustee and DHa will continue her work on the group as a Member.

13. Film Club

A new Trustee is required to take over from DHa, even though she is carrying on as a Member.

There is only one meeting per year. **ACTION: KD to circulate list of Members to approach as a Trustee, especially those on Film Club, otherwise it won't continue. ACTION: All to consider potential new Trustees as there are three vacancies.**

14. Sub-group Policy

The final policy was approved. Trustees and all group members should be aware of the policy and adhere to it. **ACTION: KD to ask Sandy Cooper to put it on the website.**

15. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

DH gave an update. We still haven't heard about the continuation of the DTAS funding so DH will chase this up. **ACTION: DH.** It is supposed to start on 1 October for a duration of 18 months. It

will be backdated if the award is late. The vacant Housing Officer post is to be advertised subject to funding as the Development Officer is overworked. **ACTION: Housing Group.**

16. Governance

The Declaration of Interests (DoI) forms are to be completed by Trustees and returned to KD.

ACTION: All.

17. AOB

SP told the Trustees that Matt Hare of JHI has made an application to the Macaulay Development Trust (MDT) for funding for "An Online Community Open Science Data Hub for Community Climate Change Action". He has asked for funding for three years amounting to £41.5k and the work will take place in Tarland/The Howe. He won't know whether he has been successful or not for a while.

18. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm in the MRT office.

