

Minutes of the Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 7.30pm
Online**

1. Attendees and apologies

Present (8): K Redpath (KR) (Chair), D Hirst (DH), E Shepherd, (ES), Y Davidson (YD), Annie McKee (AM), C Redmond (CR), K Dale (KD), Megan Albon (MA).

Apologies (2): A Pena del Valle (AP), Simon Power (SP).

2. Matters Arising:

- a. Mobile mast: KD submitted an official TDG consultation response to the planning authority on behalf of the Community Garden. The plans have been refused as the development would restrict visibility from the exit from the Village Farm development site.
- b. Drone strategy: KD is to speak to Richard Humpidge on Sunday 30th August to arrange a day in the following week to accompany him to carry out the drone flight around the sites identified on the map.
- c. Electric carshare scheme: the steering group will be speaking with Stuart Masson at 3pm on Monday 31st August.
- d. McAfee: In response to the autorenew notification received by the TDG email account Guy Haslam has confirmed that this subscription was linked to his credit card. He has cancelled the subscription and confirmed that he was refunded for last year's payment.

3. Decisions Between Meetings

There were no decisions between meetings.

4. Membership

There were no new membership applications.

5. Cromar Community Council, and Cromar Community Helpline (CCH)

The Helpline continues to deliver a small number of prescriptions. It may be suspended in a couple of weeks. The council is keen to keep a connection with the group in case of future lockdowns.

6. Tarland Community Housing

The last meeting of the Tarland Community Housing Project was held on Thursday 7th August. Simon Welfare attended as a community member interested in joining the new organisation. Sam showed the group a draft flyer to be distributed around the community. He is having positive



conversations across the community. Sam is now on holiday for three weeks. Rural Housing Scotland will submit their first invoice for Sam's work at the end of August.

7. **Tarland Wetlands Group**

KD, SP and MA, along with William Latimer and Ian Francis, carried out visits to wetlands sites and potential wetlands sites on 12th August. The next meeting will be on 18th September.

Several entries have been received for the Art Exhibition, and MA is working with Denise Hansford and Gillian Needham on the logistics of this event.

8. **Paths Group**

Volunteers have now cleared all of the paths, except for the Tomnaverie path. Gillian Needham has recruited a couple of further volunteers including Sandy and Liz Cooper. This creates a promising foundation for a formal paths volunteer squad. Liz Cooper has suggested several new paths, as has DH.

9. **Tarland Trails**

In response to concerns raised by a local resident, CR has been working with SP to reinforce Covid-responsible behaviour at TT1. This will include putting up a sign reminding riders to leave no trace and follow the Covid-19 protocol.

CR is also producing messaging to remind trail users not to stay overnight in the car park. As yet incidents have been few and without any significant repercussions. CR has asked SP for an official statement from The MacRobert Trust that he can share on Facebook.

Quotes have been obtained to complete the splay of TT2 in order to keep the planning permission active. MA is to meet CR and Chris Roper to discuss a match-funding plan for the project.

The TT Project Plan was approved.

10. **Food and Music Festival**

Shona Donaldson has been setting up the online platform for the 2020 festival. There will be a dry run the weekend before to make sure everything is working. Some events will be live and some prerecorded. Publicity will be sorted over the next couple of weeks. AM wondered whether the Seed Swap group might be able to include something in the programme, as another horticultural event would be welcome.

11. **Seed Swap**

There was nothing to report to the trustees.

12. **Tarland Bee Group**

Despite the lack of teaching YD and the Tarland Bee Group have been busy. The mentors are trouble shooting issues for beginners. A strimming party was held at the apiary to cut down the wildflower meadow. Steve MacCallum has kindly offered to try to go over it again with the mower. The Bee Group have quite a lot of honey at the moment and have sold a couple of stocks of bees. They plan to give a jar of honey to all of the neighbours at the apiary to thank them for their support. Lucy Taylor reported a swarm on Tarland Noticeboard that the group dealt with.

YD, LS and MA continue to make progress in the initiation of the Bee Shed build. They are at present resolving some questions relating to the compost toilet and the green roof.

13. **Apple Pressing**

YD and DH are to correspond over the installation of the orchard signs at Oldtown of Kinraigie.

This year seems to be a good apple year. A discussion took place on where to hold the apple pressing in the light of Covid restrictions. Several suggestions were made including the hall, the community garden, or to have individuals rent the press for use on their own properties. DH is to email around the apple pressing group members to gather their views.

14. **Accounts, grants, awards and funding**

MA received a call from the Pump House Trust indicating that they were going to make an award for the Bee Shed so she is following this up.

15. **Governance**

The AGM is to take place on the 15th September. KD is to email Zoom links to those who get in touch asking to attend.

16. **AOB**

CR wanted to know whether TDG had applied to Garfield Weston before. The Bee Group did apply to them, but the necessary time period between applications has elapsed.

17. **Date of next meeting**

The AGM will be on the 15th September, and the next trustee meeting will be held on the 21st October.