



Tarland Bee Group – Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 2nd July 2021 9.30am

Present: Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Marie Clark (MC), Lizzie Bacon (LB), Lindsay Stewart (LSt), Sarah Leahy (SL)

Apologies: None

Agenda and minutes

1. Apiary project update:

23rd June - Small components for Natsol compost toilet delivered onsite

2nd July - Timber delivered by Craigievar timber onsite for construction of base

7 & 8th July - Base constructed onsite by Forest Log Cabins

Week Commencing 19th July - Cabin delivered onsite by Forest Log Cabins ready for construction

Week commencing 19th July - Castle Plant will excavate trench for the electricity supply

Week commencing 19th July - Outdoor Electrician will provide a 'trades' board for connection

20th July - KNC Groundworks start groundworks on site for the cabin

20th July - Natsol deliver the compost toilet

26th July - Cabin Construction begins - completion on Wednesday or Thursday of this week

26th July - Electricity cable will be laid by SSE

27th July - Electricity will be connected by SSE

27th July - Electrician will connect to trades board

Week commencing 2nd July - A&B Buchan to install Green roof. TBC

Indoor trades (plumbing & electricity) advised of timeline and will be kept updated.

Ed Smith - Outdoor plumbing. Timings TBC

AP: LB to look at grass and wild flower seed varieties which could be sown in any ground disturbed by building works.

AP: YD to provide LSt with the shelter paint colour and LSt to purchase for the new buildings.

AP: All - Agreed to try scything the grass in September, rather than using strimmer's. Work party to be arranged.

2. Structure of TBG going forward:

- TBG is a sub-group of TDG and it was agreed that adopting Sub-Committee Rules of Procedure would be sensible moving forward.
AP: LSh and SL to meet and work on a draft of Rules of Procedure.
- Given the lack of enthusiasm for a members zoom meeting it was decided to host a member's apiary open event when works are complete, subject to any Covid restrictions.
AP: YD and LSh to draft a report to members with a project update and finance report.
AP: SL to contact Sandy Cooper to ask if TBG Steering Group Minutes can be added to the TDG website in the future.
- TBG members purchase a large number of plastic drums for Ambrosia and the environmental impact of this is concerning. Tesco's are known to make damaged bags of sugar available to bee groups which could be used to make ambrosia for the TBG bees.
AP: SL to provide instructions for members making their own for the next newsletter
AP: LB to contact Tesco's/Co-op and see if TBG could get any sugar.

3. Dates for 2021/2022 Beginners (to enable hall booking)

Due to ongoing Covid issues, concerns were expressed about a large meeting in the hall for winter talks. Decided to draw a line under the last group of beginners who were only able to complete part of the course and offer to make refunds.

AP: SL to email beginners

AP: All – agreed to dedicate a future meeting to consider the structure of TBG's beginners courses going forward.

4. Arrangements for sorting old bee equipment in storage.

Decided to leave the equipment in storage until the new apiary build is complete. Consideration will be given to selling off excess items, along with a general outdoor equipment sale in the Autumn, to raise funds for the group.

5. AOB

Nothing noted