



## Tarland Bee Group – Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 4pm

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

**Apologies:** Marie Clark (MC)

### Agenda and minutes

#### 1. Matters arising from last meeting:

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

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

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

**AP:** LSh and SL to meet and work on a draft of Rules of Procedure. **(Complete)**

**AP:** YD and LSh to draft a report to members with a project update and finance report. **(Complete)**

**AP:** SL to contact Sandy Cooper to ask if TBG Steering Group Minutes can be added to the TDG website in the future. **(Done)**

**AP:** SL to provide instructions for members making their own sugar solution for the next newsletter **(Done – to be issued with next beekeeping notes)**

**AP:** LB to contact Tesco's/Co-op and see if TBG could get any sugar. **(In hand, registration required)**

**AP:** SL to email beginners about beginners classes and offer refunds **(Complete)**

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

#### 2. Apiary project update:

Education Facility at Oldtown of Kincaigie

- 23rd June - Small components for Natsol compost toilet delivered onsite . **Complete**
- 2nd July - Timber delivered by Craigievar timber onsite for construction of base . **Complete**
- 7 & 8th July - Base constructed onsite by Forest Log Cabins . **Complete**
- Week Commencing 19th July - Cabin delivered onsite by Forest Log Cabins ready for construction - **Complete**
- Week commencing 19th July - Castle Plant will excavate trench for the electricity supply - **Complete**
- Week commencing 19th July - Outdoor Electrician will provide a 'trades' board for connection - **Complete**
- 20th July - KNC Groundworks start groundworks on site for the cabin - **Complete**
- 20th July - Natsol deliver the compost toilet - **Complete**
- 26th July - Cabin construction begins - completion on Wednesday or Thursday of this week - **Complete**
- 26th July - Electricity cable will be laid by SSE - **Complete**
- 27th July - Electricity will be connected by SSE - **Complete**
- 27th July - Electrician will connect to trades board -**Complete**
- Week commencing 2nd August - A&B Buchan to install Green roof -**Waterproof membrane in place, the living roof to follow**

#### **Next steps for build:**

KNC groundworks to return to make disabled access paths to the building, install a soakaway, tidy around the carpark and make a bund which will be planted up.

A& B Buchan to install the 'green' component of the green roof.

Electric connection will be in place in the next 5-6 weeks and then the electrics, the kitchen and the plumbing can be completed.

#### **Work party**

A number of work parties have been held to get painting, gardening and general tidying done.

#### **Wooden Art Structure**

Progress underway

#### **Leaflets**

We have received a supply of leaflets from the Butterfly Conservation Society

### **Butterfly bank**

Recent application for funding was unsuccessful but other potential funders will be tried.

### **Resource Library**

A funding application has been made to the Peoples Postcode Trust for funding for a Resource Library

### **Wildflower meadow**

The meadow will have to be strimmed again this year but hopefully in future it can be scythed.

### **Application for internal fittings**

An application has been made to IKEA for a grant for internal furnishings and extraction equipment.

### **Benches**

A donation of 3 benches has been made for the new apiary.

## **3. Arrangements for members meeting**

The TBG members meeting/get together will be held on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, ahead of the TDG AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

Members will be invited for 4pm and neighbours for 5pm

## **4. AOB**

- **Sub-Committee Rules** – the re-drafted rules were agreed by TDG Trustees at their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July and as such are now adopted by TBG.
- **Insurance** – before external groups use the facilities, checks will be made with the SBA and TDG to make sure we are fully covered. (AP: YD & LSh to make checks)
- **Food & Music Festival** – 25<sup>th</sup> September – the apiary will be open to members of the public wishing to look around. TBG members will be on hand to answer any questions.
- **Next work party** – to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.