



Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.30pm
Strathweltie**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Lizzy Shepherd (LS), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes), Dave Hirst (DH), Chris Redmond (CR), Simon Power (SP), Liz Cooper (LzC), Linda Cunningham (LiC), Yvonne Davidson (YD).

Apologies: Julian Davies (JD), Kate Redpath (KR), Ana Pena del Valle (AP).

2. Matters arising

Governance Day – a potential facilitator has been approached, LS to progress arrangements, KD to send out previous notes, all to think of agenda items.

The Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) sub-group will consist of DH, LS, LiC, AP and LzC.

There have been a few takers for the First Aid training.

Someone has been approached to run the Film Club and he is thinking about it. DH to approach Tarland Welfare Trust (TWT) to take over the project.

3. Decisions made between meetings

None.

4. Membership

One new Member was approved.

5. Governance

DH is still working on Sharepoint.

LS to request help from Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) about insurance.

[SP joined the meeting on the telephone at this point.]

6. Tarland Trails

TT1 – there is a Steering Group meeting next Wednesday, options have been prepared with cost and time estimates regarding long term proposals to attempt to resolve residents' concerns, in 2021 £1,400 has been raised from the donations post and PayPal.

Scottish Government Storm Arwen funding may be available to match Sport Scotland funding for TT2. CR to share the planning link with Trustees and schedule a meeting next week for further discussion.

7. Cromar Food Waste Project

Food Pop-ups

There were pop-ups in Tarland and Logie Coldstone on 20th and 21st December, which included an extra offering of non-alcoholic mulled wine, and Celebrations for the kids. The next pop-ups are on Monday 31st January in Tarland and Tuesday 1st February in Logie Coldstone.

Future events

At the end of January we hope to do our first pickup from Aboyne Co-op of non-ambient food and, depending on what we get, freeze and cook, cook and serve, or cook, freeze and serve, all in the MacRobert Hall. This will be a training session and a precursor for another event in February/March.

Brownies

Gillian Masson is keen for us to come into Brownies this session, and once she is sure of COVID rules we will decide what form this will take.

Pavilion Asset Transfer

Craigie Levie (architect) has agreed to draw a visual image of what a future pavilion might look like with some outdoor covered space in order to help engagement in the community for the asset transfer.

8. Tarland Wetlands

An interpretive sign for the Viewfield wetland is being progressed. Kathy Dale and William Latimer attended a meeting with Susan Cooksley from the Dee Catchment Partnership (DCP) and Oli Hands representing Coull Woodlands about riparian natural flood management in Coull on Monday 13 December. Ian Francis has produced a management plan for the wetland at Ordie, which includes scrapes and mounds and some scrub removal. The work will be carried out by the MacRobert Trust. Funding options continue to be investigated for the re-meandering of the Tarland Burn.

9. Paths and Access

Paths maintenance

Thanks to The MacRobert Trust (MRT) for clearing trees across the path network after Storm Arwen. Saturday work parties will start again in April and will run monthly. We will be aiming to finish collecting the degraded plastic tree tubes that spoil the paths, as well as to start strimming the paths earlier in the season. Aboyne Paths have been approached by the Men's Shed in Aboyne; they would like to take responsibility for part of the Tarland Way. The Tuesday 'Tramps' continue to check routes and carry out minor maintenance tasks. We have discussed walking some of the Rights of Way this summer, which would fit in with the joint project between ScotWays and the National Library of Scotland to map historic routes.

Future projects

LzC will be meeting with SP from MRT at the end of the month to discuss next steps for new paths and for the repairs to the Black drove road.

Fundraising

The cards have sold well and there are only a few left. Thanks to Tarland Toy Shop and Tarland Tearoom for selling them.

10. Tarland Bee Group

The bees have been fed and treated once and fed again this past weekend - all doing well. An outdoor work party was held at Oldtown to tidy up in preparation for the builder. SP at MRT has donated timber and aggregate for the disabled access and for edging the carpark, which is much appreciated. Quotes for the construction of the disabled access should be in this week. We will have a beginner's class this Spring but, to mitigate against Covid, it will be a small class and held outdoors at Oldtown, hands on with the bees, and not a classroom class. Our books have mostly arrived and we should have enough funds to purchase a bookcase to house them. Finally, YD passed her final exam with distinction and congratulations were expressed.

11. Seed Swap

Planning for the Seed Swap is in hand. The potatoes etc. will be delivered and stored in the hall on Friday 25th February, the orders will be packaged up on the afternoon of the 26th, and will be collected from the hall and paid for (by cash or cheque) on Sunday 27th between 10am and 4pm. Seeds will also be available for free. We have had 52 orders so far. A Covid Risk Assessment will be done to ensure social distancing on the 27th.

12. Herbaceous Perennial Project

Aberdeenshire Council's Greenspace Project is looking to support more planting of herbaceous perennials in place of annual bedding. This could be in tubs, beds, containers, baskets, etc. They are looking for groups that are interested in seeing this change too, and for plans that can be implemented in 2022. It was agreed that this opportunity would be passed on to AP at the Community Garden, then on to Cromar Community Council (CCC).

13. Cromar Community Council

Nothing to report.

14. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

The Paths Project is applying for funds from North East Scotland Climate Action Network (NESCAN) and the Food and Music Festival Project is applying for funds from the William Syson Foundation. Our regular income from Johnston Oils appears to have stopped so DH will contact them.

15. AOB

We need to check with Annie McKee if she is still doing the Spring Market and whether it could be a TWT project from now on as she is no longer a TDG Trustee.

Gillian Needham will attend the NESCAN mapping meeting on 5 February and will provide outline information on TDG projects that have a climate change aspect.

The MacRobert Hall has become a venue for Scotland on Tour, a Creative Scotland initiative. The Food and Music Festival may be part of this.

It was agreed that we should organise another community event to showcase what we do, along with other community groups in the village.

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 2 March at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.