



## **Tarland Bee Group – Steering Group Meeting**

**Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 - 3pm**

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

**Apologies:** Dave Muirhead (DM), Dave Woods (DW)

**Agenda and minutes:**

### **1. Oldtown - progress and tasks to complete incl - Resource library and Art work**

- All building works are now complete. Building warrant has been granted.
- To accommodate the commencement of the Tarland Trials II project the bees were moved from Smallburn. Unfortunately, the early in the season move resulted in the loss of 3 strong stocks.
- 2 work parties are scheduled to complete outstanding work.
- Library – additional books have been sourced by LB and will be purchased once outstanding bills have been paid.
- Aboyne Academy to be asked to design a book plate.
- An online lending facility to be set up – LB to liaise with Hayley Lockerbie who has kindly offered to help TBG.
- Artwork – LS has artwork from Tarland Art Group, to be hung
- Butterfly slates to be hung
- 5 tapestries have been completed by the Tapestry Group
- Educational posters to be put up in the library corner.
- Once all electrical equipment has been purchased PAT testing will be organised.
- Light bulbs to be purchased – LSh
- New funders board to be organised – YD/LSh

### **2. Lease hive apiary move - progress and tasks to complete**

- The shed and gate at Smallburn to be moved this week

### **3. Oldtown Opening Event**

- A provisional date was set for set for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May (6pm – 8pm).
- Outside catering agreed – LS to get prices

- All funders, those who have helped make the project a success and members to be invited.

#### **4. Beginners classes**

- YD & SL to complete hive inspections on remaining colonies before the first beginners class.

#### **5. Membership**

- Membership forms to be issued asap – SL
- Lease hive forms – to be issued - SL

#### **6. Finances**

- 2 invoices from the build have yet to be received. Once paid the remaining library books can be purchased.
- Further grants will then be applied for to purchase extraction equipment etc (see equipment list).
- Hives lost in the move mean nucs the group had hoped to sell will now be used to repopulate hives required for teaching.

#### **7. AOB**

- Old beekeeping equipment in storage – to be left until Autumn
- Dave Woods has joined the Steering Group.

#### *Action points from last meeting:*

- Health & Safety Procedures – to be drawn up (LB)
- Trees from the Woodland Trust – never received – wrongly delivered
- Ikea grant for furniture – not successful
- New funding application for IT equipment to be made by DM

#### **Equipment wish list:**

- Extraction equipment – YD to circulate list, all to comment
- Seating for library area
- Nest of tables
- Oil filled electric heater
- Fire blanket
- Picnic tables for outside

#### **Donations:**

LS has kindly donated tables, chairs, a kettle & projection screen.