



Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.30pm
Linda Cunningham's House
Minutes**

1. Welcome and apologies
 1. Welcome to members: Sandra van Heusen and Karen McHarg to join the meeting
 2. Apologies: Julian, Ana, Dave M, Liz C

2. Matters arising
None

3. Decisions made between meetings
 1. Tarland School Application to MRT – Carried
 2. TDG Bag Design and purchase – Agreed.

4. Membership
No Applications for membership

5. Election of office bearers
 1. Chair – Chris Redmond
 2. Treasurer – David Hirst
 3. Secretary – Sandra Van Heusen – Proposed Dave H, Seconded Linda C
 4. Vice Chair (Optional) - Vacant

6. Project Proposal – Lego Club
Hayley detailed the plans as summarised on the TDG project proposal form circulated. Hayley sought advice from various trustees and Cat from Ballater Lego Club. Survey to be carried out and request to MRT for funding.

7. Tarland Calendar – Photos
Chris to send link to all photos. Julian to choose final 12/13 from TDG trustees suggestions.



8. Tarland Trails

Still awaiting news of further funding to be able to build all the trails as planned. The build is continuing with some challenging cost issues to deal with. Chris has been nominated for MTB awards at the upcoming Scottish MTB conference held in Aberdeen on 4th November.

9. Cromar Food Waste Project (Cromar Community Food)

Community Kitchen - This took place at the Tarland Food and Music Festival at the end of September. Despite a dearth of volunteers due to other commitments and a last minute rash of Covid cases, those who were still standing did a wonderful job of manning the food pop up and serving around 100 servings of soup and bread donated by the Community. We have been asked by Gillian M to come into the Guides to do a workshop in cooking with local produce, leftovers, surplus or waste – whatever we have on the day. We are now into our 2 weekly pop ups which are going well so far and we are still getting new people each time. We now have nearly as many customers in Logie Coldstone as we do in Tarland. We have given out some wood donated by local estates to a new log bank, chopped by Chris Lilburn, and free to those who need it. Chris R has kindly set up a facebook event page for our pop ups which will hopefully reach some more folk. With left over vegetables from our last pop up we will be making soup to serve at the Nescan Climate Action soup & pud event in the MacRobert Hall on 2nd November 6.30pm. All welcome.

10. Bee Group

Six of our members sat their Scottish Beekeepers Association – Basic Beekeepers Exam this summer. They received their certificates this week and have all passed with flying colours. Our youngest member, Imogen- Age 6, also sat a practical exam, over the hive this summer and received a well-earned distinction. Certificates will be awarded at our next meeting. We continue to prepare our bees for the winter with advice and practical beekeeping sessions open to our members. The steering group met last week and we are preparing a programme of Winter talks/workshops for our Members to take place at The Bee Bothy. They will commence in November and run monthly until April. Our AGM will be held on 3rd December 2022.

We received a very generous grant from The MacRobert Trust. The funds will be used for the following

- Building a lean-to shelter behind the bee bothy – primarily to store bee keeping equipment undercover and to give the apple pressing cover during poor weather. A large area, undercover, will be slabbed for the Apple Pressing and an exterior light installed.
- Honey Extraction Equipment
- Heaters for the bee bothy
- Book cupboards for the resource library.
- Outdoor seating
- Event Shelter

The Trustee Partners of the MacRobert Trust will attend the Bee Bothy during their Annual Visit. At the request of MRT we have arranged an Art Class for them which Lindsay Stewart has very kindly agreed to teach.

11. Food and Music Festival



Next years festival will be 23rd and 24th September and Shona will continue to organize / be employed. It was suggested that a survey could be created to gather feedback about the event.

12. Community Garden

The Community Garden's steering group has completed the revision TCG Rules to improve clarity, especially regarding bed allocation, member responsibilities, members' behaviour, and complaints procedure. The communication by email is currently carried out by Kate Redpath and she will keep monthly updates for members. The committee has spoken to various members about joining the committee. Mary Small has agreed to be co-opted now and will be invited to the next committee meeting. Anne Servantes has agreed to stand at the next AGM. Paul will speak to others who may be interested and a document outlining what is entailed in the role will be circulated to all members by email. Kate Redpath has very kindly agreed to take on the role of managing the TCG email until a Secretary can be appointed following the next AGM. Paul agreed to be acting Chair until the next AGM. The committee agreed to meet up every two months approx. and share the related minutes with all members by putting them on the noticeboard in the polytunnel and sending them around via email. A new community garden noticeboard has been made providing more space for updates, notices etc.

A plan for regular maintenance work parties, an events/activities programme and series of gardening workshops is being developed. The committee agreed that four work parties per year would be enough for keeping the CG in good order. Date for your diary: The next work party will be held on 26th November from 10-12 followed by soup and refreshments. The committee noted that lots of members already do various maintenance or other tasks that make the garden run smoothly. In order to get an understanding of who does what, a clipboard has been placed on the noticeboard and all members are asked to note down any tasks that they undertake either regularly or irregularly. This will help with future planning, for instance, if someone ceases to be a member. Finally, the Community Garden's participation in the Tarland Food & Music Festival was enjoyed by everyone. Our volunteer, Chris, prepared a Red Thai Curry and the Scottish Open Garden Scheme run in parallel to the other Festival events hosted at the Garden. One week before it, there was a call for a work party to tidy up the beds, planters, fruit cage and de-weeding common areas. Twelve CG members helped that morning enjoying, later on, a good chat with tea and cake.

13. Cromar Community Council

1. Community Action Plan
Chris has made a request to the CCC that TDG take the lead on the CAP.
2. Resilience Plan
Previous meeting in February with Hall committee. Hall are getting wiring in for a generator.
Chris discussed Aboyne resilience plan. Chris to send a copy to TDG / CCC.
3. Cycle Parking in The Square
Chris gave details to CCC about potential Cycle parking in the Square.

14. Wetlands Group

1. Next steering group meeting 4th Dec, 4pm

Money will be coming to TDG and not MRT. Account auditing costs will need to be met by project funding.

15. Paths and Access

1. Tarland Way – Chris to discuss in more detail with Liz first.

16. Composting

All going well - Chris spoke to Denise.

17. Governance – indemnity insurance, Sharepoint

Chris suggested google drive – Give it a test and see how things go / Chris to check with Dave M Insurance – Dave H to check for Lego Club

18. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

Accounts circulated on email.

Strengthening Communities money moved to TDG central pot.

19. AOB

1. Tarland Show – Potential new directors / committee coming forward. Watch this space.
2. Chair on tour – Chris would like to visit every project steering group at some point.
3. Noticeboard damage – Check with insurance.
4. Seed swap – 23rd Feb 2023
5. Film Club – Hayley may be interested in restarting.
6. Litter picking Station – Another Hayley idea.
7. Drama Club – Could be invited to become a TDG project
8. Away Day – Results – On Next Agenda
9. Creative Cromar – 3rd Dec 11-4pm. TDG to have a stall. Sell apple juice, bags, honey, Liz's cards and calendars.

20. Date of next meeting

1. Dec 7th at Linda Cunningham's house.

Chris Redmond
17/12/22