

Minutes for Tarland Development Group Trustee Meeting

14th August 2023



1. Attendees and apologies

- a. Apologies – Sandra Van Heusden, Dave Muirhead, Karen Mcharg, Hayley Lockerbie, Anna PenValie

2. Matters Arising

- a. Request Community Insight Report from DTAS (NOT DISCUSSED)
- b. Supporting Bio-diversity on Council Land (NOT DISCUSSED)

3. Decisions made between meetings

None

4. Membership

None

5. Governance

None

6. Cromar Community Council

- a. Proposed bike rack .

Email from SW, to TDG, suggesting bike rack in front of hall (moveable) Not suitable immediately in front of hall, but to one side would be fine. Survey of square residents suggested. TWT offered to do this survey. Hall meeting on Wednesday and update will be given.

7. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

Figures shared by Dave.

8. Tarland Trails

Trails are being enjoyed by lots of people. T-shirts available of TT. Consider purchasing a petrol mower and share with TBG.

9. Cromar Food Waste Project

Quiet during summer, with three pop ups, one at the lego club which was very popular.

10. Tarland Wetlands

Kathy Dale attended the meeting and gave an update on the Tarland Burn project from the Wetlands Group. A second community drop-in event was held between 27 June and 2 July, which was well attended. The Senior Modeller from the consultants cbec attended the event on the first day and answered questions on the flood model. The detailed design modelling and flood risk assessment predict that there will be no additional flooding of Tarland village from the proposed scheme, but there will be additional and more frequent flooding of farmland. The final report from cbec is now available to view on the project webpage [Tarland Burn restoration design - Dee Catchment Partnership \(deepartnership.org\)](http://Tarland Burn restoration design - Dee Catchment Partnership (deepartnership.org)) The FAQs will be

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updated in due course. The Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) funded development phase of the project is now complete. The design that has been produced by cbec is not a final, fixed design but a starting point for community consultation and for developing the design further. The next phase of development will require additional funding. A meeting is being arranged soon with The MacRobert Trust as without their Directors approval the project cannot go ahead. Thanks to all the Trustees for their support for this project.

11. Paths and Access

Tarland Way has been cut by Jim Prince and the trail will be widened. Chris will seek a quote to widen the section with a digger.

12. Tarland Bee Group

It's been a busy summer and things are just starting to ease off a bit now. The beginners course is complete and we now have open hive sessions every two weeks at the apiary. These sessions have been well attended. Oliver Bilsby passed his Junior Beekeeper Certificate in July, many congratulations to Oliver. Yvonne Davidson is now qualified to Examine Beginners for the SBA and conducted her first exams at Peterhead Academy in July along with fellow SBA member Graham Torrie. The students were very well prepared, polite and friendly, they were a credit to their school. We had a group of 4 French guides visit us in July for 3 weeks. They camped locally and lent a hand to many of the TDG projects including the Bee Group. They were diligent, hard-working, fun and a pleasure to meet. Lizzy and Yvonne took part in a ZOOM meeting with Moray Estates as part of a fact finding evening for them regarding setting up a community apiary. Team Scotland did extremely well at IMYB Slovenia. 12th country overall out of 30 international teams. Findlay was 12th Individual overall out of 100 participants, and the youngest there too. Scotland got 1st prize for the best honey!! Harry was part of the international team who got 3rd place. We held a party at Oldtown to celebrate their success. All three young beekeepers, Findlay Taylor – Tarland, Morven Sim – Stonehaven, and Harry Hose – Ayrshire attend the party along with SBA members, Bron Wright, Michelle Berry and Jacqueline Ferguson, all adult participants of the Young Beekeepers team. We had a gorgeous sunny afternoon for the celebrations with lots of cake and some fizz. The Youngsters were presented with hive tools engraved with their names and IMYB Slovenia 2023 (courtesy of Inchmarlo Community Shed). Everyone was thanked for their involvement. The youngsters had plenty of stories to tell after their amazing experience, thanks to the SBA who select and fund Team Scotland every year, it's a fabulous opportunity for our young beekeepers.

13. Lego Club

Successful meeting in July with French guides and food pop up in attendance. Lower numbers but expected as it was the summer holiday (around 60 folks). New sets have been bought with funding from Marr Area and we're very popular. We took a break in August due to Tarland show/horticultural show, but are holding a pop up in Aboyne library later this week. We're also hosting an event at the F&M festival on the Sunday AM.



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14. Community Gardens

10 year anniversary. Open day was well attended and thanks to the members who baked lots of cake.

15. Food and Music Festival

All tickets on sale now, events will be released in succession.

16. Film Club

No report

17. AOB

a. Guides Visit debrief – Had a great time, report pending.

b. Set date for additional meeting to discuss CAP kick off. – 30th August. 7pm Strathweltie

c. Tarland Show/ Horticultural show debrief? Good to be back after Covid and both events well attended.

JB has calendar in hand and will be requesting entries for inclusion soon.

Karen McHarg has stepped down as a trustee, thanks were given for all her hard work.

Next meeting – AGM 27th September 7pm. Location to be confirmed. SVH to ask café.

Musical walk app, quote for new version.

8/10/23
Chris Richmond