



## TBG Steering Group

### Meeting – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 pm - Bee Bothy

1. **Attendance:** Marie Clark (MC), Yvonne Davidson (YD), Lindsay Stewart (LS), Dave Muirhead (DM), Sarah Leahy (SL), Marlize Taylor (MT)

**Apologies:** Ken Johnson (KJ), Lizzie Bacon (LB), Lizzy Shepherd (LSH)

#### 2. **AP's from last meeting (25<sup>th</sup> November 2023)**

a. Booking system for the 3 user groups of the Bee Bothy DM

TDG work ongoing to centralise administration, GDPR compliance etc. **AP: DM** to follow up with TDG Trustees on progress.

b. Policy for extraction equipment usage / honey press YD

A second-hand heather press has been acquired and will be trialled for 2024.

Honey extraction procedure and borrowing guidelines underway. **AP:YD**

c. Library book plates to be affixed DW

No progress to date. **AP:SL** to check status with DW

d. Pollinator signs YD

Tarland Primary School have decorated the pollinator signs beautifully. They will now be lacquered to provide weather protection.

#### 3. **Finance & committee update**

LB has stepped down as a member of the Steering Group, all members present expressed their grateful thanks for all LB has done for TBG since its inception.

YD has stepped down as a Trustee from TDG. It was agreed DM will take over as the Trustee to represent TBG at TDG meetings.

Detailed Income and Expenditure reports are required to allow the Steering Group to make informed decisions and ensure good governance. These are not currently available. **AP:DM** to follow up with TDG to establish financial procedures.

#### 4. **Apiary / bee bothy maintenance**

Gardener to resume in April and work April – September, 4 hours per month.

Slabs have been placed under all hives on the pathway

Quotes are being gathered for the slabbing of the pathway

## 5. Library update

MT taking over the library from LB.

## 6. Beginners 2024

Interest was below the agreed minimum to hold the course, so no beginners classes will run in 2024.

## 7. Membership forms 2024

**AP:DM** to email Steering Group forms for checking before sending out to current members.

## 8. Lease hives 2024

To go out to current members

## 9. Teaching and hive management 2024

Agreed to establish a rota system for summer teaching/management.

**AP:SL** – email those with enough experience to help and establish a WhatsApp Group of those willing to help.

## 10. Future swarm collection

Agreed to hold talk for those interested in swarm collection to ensure good practice is being followed. Only those attending the course will be on swarm collection list. **AP: SL** – email members for 24/25 and organise course.

## 11. Summer talks/workshops

Apideas – YD

Nuc Preparation – All

Queenlessness – SL

Swarm Collection - SL

## 12. External events

Helpers will be required for:

Alford SWRI – to visit apiary on 9/5/24 and 6.30pm

Tarland Show – stand at show on 10/8/24 – help will be needed for full day

Tarland Food & Music Festival – agreed to accommodate visitors 11am – 1pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**13.AOB**

**Nothing**

**14.Date of next meeting**

Agreed to hold before/after one of upcoming workshops