

Tarland Development Group Trustee Meeting

4th September 2024



Final Minutes

1. **Attendees:** C Redmond, S van Heusden, F Patterson, D Hirst, K Dale (Wetlands - Until 8.15pm), K Webb, S Williams (TCG Chairperson)
Apologies: D Muirhead, H Lockerbie, J Nicholl (Attended for 10 mins)
2. **Matters Arising**
 - a. Minutes 29th May and 26th June / 1st July 2024 - Remain incomplete
 - b. Kathy Dale - Willing to be a paid minute secretary (to check constitution if this is possible)
3. **Decisions made between meetings:** Tarland Way Fix and fencing agreed.
4. **Tarland Trails**
 - a. Business Meeting
 - i. Minutes shared with businesses
 - ii. One business to date is interested in bike locks.
 - iii. Quick wins progressing
 - b. Potential Hub Buildings
 - i. TDG / CCC reports published
 - ii. Meeting with MRT on Tuesday 10th September TBC
 - c. Drummy Woods Planning application
 - i. CR to send supporting info to council
 - d. Tarland Trails - general discussion on use.
5. **Paths and Access**
 - a. Tarland Way Developments (CR)
 - i. Diversion around landowner with dogs - No further progress. Funding required to design and apply for funding.
 - ii. Farmer fencing - repaired
 - iii. Heughhead Bridge to Track (repaired but additional material required)
 - b. Path Maintenance & Repairs (KW):
 - i. Tarland Way Fingerposts: still waiting funding grant from Coull Hall Trust
Organising work parties to clear growth on paths has proved difficult to achieve. KW & DH did some work on the yellow path up to Knockargarty in July. But the grass on the upper Corrachree section of the path needs

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strimming and bushes cut back. The trustees agreed to contract the work out.

- ii. Gates & Stiles: There are a number of gates that need to be repaired. And some gates cannot be opened, but have to be climbed over. These are the responsibility of MRT. KW to discuss with Alison at MRT
- iii. Way-marker posts and discs: So far KW has identified 14 posts that have fallen, some could do with some weather proofing, and a few have been obscured by vegetation. KW suggested that we need to purchase sufficient posts to have a stock to use for any that need replacing in future. It was agreed that we should purchase 50 and the 'rabbit ears' tools to dig holes for them. CR said it would be worth asking Alison at MRT if they would consider purchasing replacement way marker posts as part of their community work, since it was they who funded the posts when they were first erected. KW said a number of way-marking arrow discs need to be replaced as well, since the colours have faded.

c. Actions:

- i. Purchase 50 waymarkers - Discuss with MRT re plastic or wooden —KW
- ii. Enable KW to have access to TDG Paths email —DH to arrange
- iii. KW to arrange a meeting with Alison at MRT to discuss maintenance issues and purchase of new way markers and discs.
- iv. KW will represent TDG paths at Marr Paths Forum meeting on 11/09/24
- v. KW to purchase 'rabbit ears' tools.

6. Food and Music Festival

Meeting tomorrow. Tickets selling very well. First Aid training completed and licensing tests done.

7. Apple Pressing

Begins again on Saturday 14th September. Social media post by Jamie. Equipment check to be carried out - Monday 9th. Frank to look at fixing lawnmower.

8. Tarland Bee Group

No report. Yvonne was talking to a Bee group in Elgin - How you build an apiary. Radio Scotland interview too.

9. **Lego Club**: Summer break. All good.

10. **Film Club** - All good, Next film tomorrow night.

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11. Composting:

Still going fine. Compost pile disappearing at gardens. Keen for sieving and bagging. DH to explore getting bags to seal compost. Ask community payback to help with sieving - CR.

12. Community Gardens

Wheelchair access to wheelchair beds discussed. SW has taken on Chair for community garden from Ana. Still repairing some of the beds.

13. Cromar Food Waste Project

The Food Waste Project resumed in August after the July break and continued restricting food items to waste, and distribution on a monthly basis. During the month of August a total of 247 items were gathered from Aboyne Co-op, Aboyne Food Depot with donations from businesses and individuals. An increase of 6% since June. The total number of people visiting the Tarland and Logie Coldstone pop ups was 49; an increase of by 25% from June.

Going forward.

A Community Kitchen (with pop-up) is to be held for the Saturday afternoon of the Food and Music Festival, 21st September. There will be Music, family activities food (Soup, ice cream) served. Music and festivities will be from 11am to 3:30pm with food served 12pm to 1pm. Food waste items will be available for collection.

Vandalism at the pavilion discussed. Slates attached more securely. Just Transition fund....to get water and some heat. Frank considered bidding for funding and speaking to the council. Discussion about could TDG take it on?

14. Tarland Wetlands

Kathy shared the groups update. Viewfield wetland to be dredged by MRT. WWT wetland (By bird hide) - Group met Scottish Water, short film to be made. Scottish water will use their own contractors to cut wetland once a year. Agreement to be reached. Ordie wetland - new scrape. Future of the group following Tarland Burn Consultation discussed and how that interlinks with flood group. Encourage group to promote the other things the wetlands does via Jamie/social media for next 6 months and see where we are at.

15. Tarland Calendar

- a. Closing date has passed for entries.

16. Seed Swap, Tapestry Tea towel, (Jonquils update)

Tea Towel update - cost of production £466.80 - for 100 and we can easily order more. One free tea towel to the photographer and a bottle of wine. Seed saving workshop has been organised for Sunday 24th November 2-4pm in the Bee Bothy - will send out information to the seed saving group only - not the wider group. Seed Swap and potato day will be held on Saturday 22nd February 2025 .

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Hall booking will take place soon and for the evening before for set up. JN will contract JP shortly for posters etc. Social media info can go direct to Jamie. CR to share his email. Jonquil showed the Brownies around the community garden last week - a good time was had by all - they nibbled on loads of things and we talked about reduced food miles!

17. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

- a. Figures from DH shared
- b. Registered for 1% for the planet

18. Cromar Community Council

- a. Bike rack - It's in and being used.
- b. Elections ongoing at the minute

19. AOB

- a. Linda gift - HL gave to linda.

20. Next Meeting

- a. AGM - 9th October - 7.30pm
 - i. The Commercial or Tea rooms
 - ii. Ordinary Meeting - Wed 30th October, Small Hall