

Tarland Development Group Trustee Meeting

26th June 2024 / 1st July 2024



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Final Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Trustees S van Heusden, D Muirhead, D Hirst, K Webb, C Redmond, H Lockerbie, J Nicholl (Arrived 7.15pm). Others Simon Welfare(CCC), AJ Fyfe (TT Steering Group), Will Clarke(NEAT)

Apologies: F Paterson

2. **Matters Arising:** None

3. **Decisions made between meetings** - None

4. **Membership:** Alec McVean applied for membership which was accepted.

5. **Cromar Community Council**

- a. Simon Welfare shared his summary of the TT Consultation event.
 - i. Simon read from his 17 page summary document.
 - ii. To be shared to TDG when Simon has reviewed.

6. **Gillian Masson**

- a. Discussion was held with Gillian about how she felt TDG / Tarland Trails could work better for businesses and the community.

7. **Calendar**

Info from J Davies via SvH. Same price as previously for 100. QR code to TDG to be added? Chris/Jamie to advise about calendar with deadline - 1st Oct.

8. **Consultation - What are we going to do now?**

- a. What/how will the CCC share a summary report? (Q for CCC)
 - i. We would prefer to add a one page summary
 - ii. Add in a line about the percentage (12%) return(85) and number of leaflets(700) sent out. And breakdown of comments (F / F+R / A / U) 84 attended..
 - iii. Share our summary with CCC before posting.
- b. What are we going to ask MRT to consider?
 - i. At this moment we want to move forward with based on the consultation:
 - ii. Bike shop / Bike Hire / Visitor Centre, Workshop + warm space with vending machine (3 buildings)

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- iii. Not the cafe (on the concept plan - if later it becomes clear that there is a benefit community to have a cafe then additional consultation would take place)
 - iv. If MRT agree then a full business plan to be created, operational plan and how it all fits with TDG.
 - v. We want to realise the financial community benefit as well as the jobs, support for businesses etc.
- c. Business Gathering
- i. To chat and discuss ideas how the Cromar businesses can benefit more widely from the MTB community.
 - ii. Invite businesses in Cromar. (HL draft letter/Agenda - DH take letters round)
 - iii. Potential Date = Wed 21st August - 7.30pm - Drinks and Nibbles - In the MacRobert Hall.

A discussion was held around the learning from the wetlands consultations and how engaging around any future development could be improved.

9. Tarland Trails

- a. Drummy Woods Composting Toilet Application
- b. Drainage bumps installed on track

10. Paths and Access

- a. Tarland Way Developments (CR)
 - i. Farmer fencing - Chris meet farmer
 - ii. Quote for repairs and fencing, posts - £2,000
- b. KW's Report

1. Grant Funding: I still have not heard any more from the Coull Hall Trust regarding our application for a grant for the finger posts. Hence, I have not yet put an order in for any from Earth Anchors.

2. Marr Paths Forum: I attended the meeting of the Marr Paths Forum on 12th June. The following two matters concern us:

a. Aboyne Games: I agreed to help set the gazebo up for the Aboyne Games on 3rd August. We have been asked to supply 2 X A3 posters or 4 X A4 laminated posters, one poster to explain general background about the group and one poster to explain current and future project activities and about 100 of our paths leaflets.

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b. Locked Gate on Lumphanan – Tarland right of way McRT and the local farmer had all advised that they had not bolted the gate and the matter will also be reported to Aberdeenshire South local access officer Fiona Chapman.

3. Path maintenance: Corrachree path surveyed. The section above the woods next to Corrachree house is difficult to walk due to the high grass cover and encroachment by bushes. DH alerted me to the fact that broom bushes are encroaching the extension of the path up to Knockarty wood and fort.

4. Actions Pending:

a. Organise a work party to cut back the grass and bushes obstructing the Corrachree Path.

b. Contact Catriona Lovey re. Logie Coldstone—Tarland Path

c. Assess the number of way marker posts that need to be replaced.

d. Contact NEAT re. Applying for further funding for way marker posts and Logie Coldstone—Tarland Path.

e. Deal with minor repairs that have been highlighted in Hamish's report on the Black route. (Volunteers)

11. Food and Music Festival

Organising progressing.

12. Film Club

Break for the summer - Re-convene in September.

13. Cromar Food Waste Project

Report for May:

The pop-ups continued with restricting food items to waste, and distribution on a monthly basis.

During the month of May a total of 207 items were gathered from Aboyne Co-op and Aboyne Food Depot with donations from businesses and individuals. A drop of only 2% since April.

The total number of people visiting the Tarland and Logie Coldstone pop ups was 42; a reduction by 24% from April.

The age distribution was 52% for ages '30 years old and under'. 19% for '31 years to 60' and 29% for over 60 years.

The age distribution had the same pattern as April, i.e. a heavy bias to under 30 years, with a 10% increase for the '30 year and under' demographic.

Report for June

The Tarland Climate Crisis Group, with the Tarland Film Club and Cromar Future Group successfully hosted an afternoon of short climate and environment films (some made by local

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children) on Sunday 9th June at the MacRobert Hall.

Teas, cakes and ice cream was very much appreciated by the audience, with light discussion on the issues of climate change and it's relevance to Cromar.

Cromar Future Group provided a comprehensive display on the science behind Climate Change.

Regarding food-waste; this month we collected and distributed 13% more food items than we did in May.

The number of persons in total was 40. A slight drop of 5%. However the proportion of individuals in the 31-60 years group increased. Nobody in the 51 to 60 age band attended. A very similar pattern to April and May.

Going forward there will be no pop-up events in July with the next planned for 26th and 27th August. The focus will continue to be on food waste.

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.

14. Governance

Julian - Stepped down - To remain on groups and keen to continue to do calendar

15. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

a. End of the financial year - Susan Zappart to inspect accounts.

16. AOB

a. Registered with volunteer Scotland.

17. Next Meeting

Wed 21st August