

Agenda for Tarland Development Group Trustee Meeting

29th May 2024



Final Minutes

1. **Attendees:** S van Heusden, J Davies, D Muirhead, F Patterson, D Hirst, K Webb, C Redmond
Apologies: H Lockerbie
2. **Matters Arising**
 - a. TDG would provide First Aiders for Tarland Show
3. **Decisions made between meetings** - None
4. **Membership:** Charlie Ritchie Applied - Agreed.
5. **Cromar Community Council**
 - a. CCC - Would like minutes sooner. Delays due to volunteer capacity.
 - b. Composting Toilet Planning in and social media reactions discussed
 - c. Meeting DH/SvH/CR with Simon Welfare - Friday earlier in May re consultation event.
 - d. Community Consultation event - Leaflet. Deliveries have begun. Discussion on social media reactions and feelings.
6. **Tarland Trails**
 - a. Consultation on Hub Building
 - i. Leaflet created
 - b. General Updates
 - i. Deer Grid issues with horse riders - Landowner and DH met with a group to try and resolve. Problem solved by adapting the fencing around the grids.
 - ii. Marr Area Large Grant App - Drummy Woods Toilet - £3,500 secured for Planning permission application and parking meter.
 - iii. Mountain bike film event to be held on 12th October, the evening before the Enduro.
7. **Paths and Access**
 - a. Logie Coldstone - not going to proceed with path to Tarland. Consultation was done but the cost was too high.
 - b. Tarland Way Developments (C Redmond)

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- i. Diversion around landowner with dogs - Quote received from Gerry Robb Architects
- ii. Rock Crushing - Completed by ML Tree services. 50% of cost received from landowner and 25% received from farmer
- iii. Farmer fencing - Chris still to meet farmer
- iv. Further widening and repairs - Quote received
 1. Aboyne end
 2. Heughhead Bridge to Track
 3. Coull section - May be paid by forest management company

Obtaining Quotes for Fingerposts for Tarland Way: The quote from Woodsign Co. based at Carrbridge and that conformed to the CNPA requirements. It came in at £2,220, including VAT and delivery. Another from Signs for Scotland was not pursued because of carriage costs., The third quote from Earth Anchor Ltd. for finger posts made from recycled plastic came in at £1,663 including delivery. However, these could only be produced in black or brown, not green. The responses received from TDG board members were all in favour of Earth Anchor's, so we responded that we would be in a position once we had grant funding in place.

Coull Hall Trust Grant Application: An application for a grant of £1,800 to cover the cost of finger posts above has been submitted. The application has been acknowledged, but we are still waiting for their decision.

Path repairs:

- Photos and locations for a few small jobs that need doing on a couple of paths sent to Angus D, at MRT. But so far no action has been taken. More to send, but we are beginning to think it would be faster just to get on and do them ourselves with the help of volunteers. However, MRT should be pressed to take responsibility for some maintenance work.
- We had a report that the path branching from the path up to Pressendye to Pittenderich is a real mess, having been churned up by the people developing the trails. Perhaps we need to ask them to tidy this up and make it easier to walk up again.
- DH reported that the yellow path up to Knockargety is getting overgrown with broom and suggested we organise a working party to clear it. (Action to be taken)

Possible rerouting of Red Pittenderich Path

Part of the current route of the red Pittenderich path up past Ranna farm goes up a line of beech trees along what used to be a dyke to meet the path through the woods at the top of a field. This is very difficult to walk along and would be impossible for a horse. There is a dotted path going straight on from Rana farm that may have been a right of way, but is no longer accessible. Were it to be reestablished it

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would connect with a bridle path up through the woods that would be much easier to use. But, we would need to investigate that further and speak with the farmer. Plus, Angus D (MRT) is fussy about getting any rights of way set up with proper legal documents. So, there may be obstacles.

Map revisions - DH has coordinated a new version of the map to include the trails and walking routes. DH to arrange for a mock-up for the trails.

8. Food and Music Festival

Progressing. Steering Group meeting on the following Monday. All bands are booked. Food to be sorted. Applied for funding from the Coull Hall Trust.

9. Tarland Bee Group

Very busy with swarms and oil seed rape honey. Not had a steering group meeting lately.

10. Lego Club

May was our lowest attending month so far, with 46 folks. Given it was the first day of sunshine for what felt like years, we understood. An application was submitted to Coull hall fund for just shy of £2000 to pay for hall bookings, snacks, new Lego sets, and a coding Lego kit. Lead person has successfully been changed for Volunteer Scotland to HL, and PVG checks will be submitted shortly for HL and Duncan Lockerbie. This will enable a steering group of young people to be created, facilitated by HL and DL, allowing local young people (academy age) to lead on decision making for the club.

11. Film Club

Next film on Thursday - Caramel.

12. Composting

All going fine. The one big pile is causing a problem. Denise Hansford is getting in touch with the digger driver.

13. Community Gardens

Recent minutes shared. Work party and growing workshops coming up, reminders to members too.

14. Cromar Food Waste Project

The Cromar Food Waste has from April changed the food pop up schedule from fortnightly to monthly and restricted food to waste items only. During the month of April a total of 211 items were gathered from Aboyne Co-op, Aboyne Food Depot and donations from businesses and individuals. The total number of people visiting the Tarland and Logie Coldstone pop ups was 55. The age distribution was

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42% for 30 years old and under. 25% from 31 years to 60 and 33% for over 60 years. The set of painted slates with a climate change theme created by the Tarland Art Group are now on display at the pavilion. The Tarland Climate Crisis Group, with the Tarland Film Club and Cromar Future Group are hosting an afternoon of short climate and environment films (some made by local children) on Sunday 9th June at the MacRobert Hall.

15. Tarland Wetlands

Nothing to report.

16. Governance

- a. New Trustees - Jonquil Nicholl, Frank Patterson, Ken Webb

17. Accounts, grants, awards and funding

- a. Figures from DH shared
- b. Grant Considine to inspect accounts (no audit required this year)

18. AOB

- a. RGU Students reports on data storage available
- b. Calendar - pictures needed. Jamie Price to do social media post
- c. Jan Healey and Jonquil suggested a colour tea towel should be made of the tapestry. A photographer will try and take a picture in its frame.
- d. Litter Pickers: Jonquil applied for £1000 to Coull Hall Trust for a litter picking station (HL's original idea)

19. Next Meeting

- a. TT Hub Consultation Event - Mon 10th June - 7.30pm
- b. Next trustees meeting Wed 26th June - 7.30pm