



Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

20 August 2025

MINUTES

1. **Attendees:** Chris Redmond (CR) (Chair), Sandra van Heusden (SvH), Sheila Williams (SW), Ken Webb (KW), Dave Hirst (DH), Jonquil Nicholl (JN), Simon Langan (SL), Dave Muirhead (DM), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes).

Apologies: Frank Paterson (FP).

2. **Matters Arising**

All matters have been discharged apart from two:

DH to talk to the designer about changing the walking map to show that the walks start at the TT2 car park rather than the square.

CR to speak to Glenlivet about their bike hire experience.

3. **Decisions made between meetings**

None.

4. **Membership**

No applications.

5. **Governance and Accounts**

Hayley Lockerbie has resigned as a Trustee. Thanks were expressed to her for all her energy, time and effort. The Lego Club will continue and JN will be the representative Trustee. A new Trustee is required for the Film Club. **CR to meet with HL to discuss the details.**

More Trustees are now needed. TDG needs to evolve. There could be an exploration of a more federal type of organisation perhaps, with more devolved responsibilities to the various sub-groups. Some advice on options from Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) would be appreciated. **DH and SL to investigate.**

Negativity on Facebook has been managed by turning comments off on TDG posts.

The AGM will be on 29 October in the evening with group stalls. It will be advertised four weeks beforehand. **SW and JN to arrange refreshments.**

The Auditor has done the OSCR report. It will be submitted after the AGM.



The accounts are now on the website. The balance will be shown in the minutes of every meeting. Significant income and expenditure will also be minuted. QR codes for donations will be used on advertising wherever possible. Cross fertilisation of projects will be considered according to the group's charitable aims and responsibilities. There is restricted funding and unrestricted funding. TDG also needs to have unallocated funds to pay for things like insurance etc. Decisions on spend will be agreed by the Trustees each time. Sub-groups will be encouraged to do their own financial planning.

Overall balance £91,964.88
Start of year balance £90,138.97

6. Paths

The MacRobert Trust (MRT) has been notified about the fallen tree that has damaged and blocked the Tarland Burn footbridge by Bridge Street, and asked if they could remove it.

The way marker posts ordered from Earth Anchors still haven't arrived.

Tarland Way diversion update. **CR to chase up NESTRANS.**

The Corrachree path needs clearing again. **KW to arrange.**

The Knappieround map board has disappeared. CR has the Tomnaverie map board. These will be replaced soon.

The Paths Working Group needs to be reinstated. Volunteers are required. **KW to ask on the Tarland Paths FB page. JN and SL have volunteered.**

7. Tarland Trails

A mower has been purchased.

There were no major issues with Storm Floris.

Balance bike trainer training sessions are to be held next week. Other events are planned.

DH sent round a Long Term Plan for the trails on 5th July. This is internal at the moment. **DH to recirculate to Trustees. Comments are required.**

8. Any other specific project updates

F&MF

The new Coordinator has started and everything is progressing well. More market stall holders are needed. The Volunteers Meeting will be on the Monday before the Festival. **KD to coordinate First Aiders.**



JN left the meeting.

Tarland Community Garden

Compost is available in the car park. Distribution could be a joint venture between the Community Garden and the Compost Group.

The pond has been planted up and is doing well, although there has been some storm damage to the plants.

There has been damage to the polytunnel from the recent thunderstorm.

Representatives from the European Rural Parliament are coming to the North East on 22 October and would like to look round the Community Garden. Volunteers will be required. **CR to ask if they would like to see TT2 aswell.**

Tarland Have Your Say Event

To come back to at another meeting. Early November was suggested. **SvH (Cromar Community Council (CCC)) is looking for TDG input.**

Apple Pressing

The first pressing will be soon but there has been some storm damage to apple trees.

Pavilion

A series of events are being held at the pavilion in order to gauge its potential use and revenue. In July the Pop-up Bike Shop was a great success, attracting at least 50 customers for repairs or to buy spares. In August there was a football tournament associated with the Tarland Show. There is a Repair Shop on Saturday 23 August. More details of these and more upcoming events are on the TDG Facebook page.

Food Waste

The monthly pop up will resume on Monday 25 August after a break in July. The last two pickups of food items from the Coop have been very poor. This source is declining. However, The MacRobert Trust has offered surplus fruit and veg, so we anticipate our successful food provision to continue.

From January to June 2025 we distributed food at an estimated value of £2,077 to a monthly average of 45 persons. The calculated total carbon saved is 22.55 tons.

9. AOB

MRT are having a meeting to discuss their new 10 year Strategic Plan. They are hosting a community drop-in in mid-September. **CR to meet MRT on Wednesday 10 September.**



CR attended the last CCC meeting.

An email regarding flooding has been received from Steve Redpath.

SL left the meeting.

The playpark zipline has been removed by the council as it was rotten.

The TDG noticeboard can't go on the wall between Tarland Tearooms and The Commercial, so the new one will be installed in the current location on the wall of the Pharmacy.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 9 October.