

TBG Steering Group

Meeting - Sunday 7th December 2025, 1.00 pm - Bee Bothy

1. Attendance: Yvonne Davidson (YD), Lindsay Stewart (LS), Sarah Leahy (SL), Ken Johnson (KJ) Dave Muirhead (DM)

Apologies: Marlize Taylor (MT), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Marie Clark (MC)

2. AP's from last meeting: 6th May 2025:

- Booking system for the 3 user groups of the Bee Bothy, centralisation of TDG administration, GDPR compliance etc. all ongoing with TDG Trustees AP:DM
- Honey extraction procedure and borrowing guidelines underway.
 AP:YD
- Library book plates: these have now been printed and need to be affixed.
- Art installation in Apiary Garden agreed to look for possible Arts Grant to enable the completion of the garden arts installation. **AP:YD**
- 3. **Finance update:** Bank balance stands at £6157.60. Agreed to have a separate finance meeting to establish an annual budget and agree contingency funding levels.
- 4. **Membership:** A new form is being produced to enable members to submit annual membership forms electronically. **AP:DM**
- **5. Succession planning for TBG committee roles:** Agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss.
- 6. **Beginners:** Agreed no beginners class to run in 2026.
- 7. **Review of teaching and hive management 2025:** Agreed to run a similar programme in 2026.

8. Winter talks/workshops/members annual meeting:

2 potential speakers to be approached (AP:YD)

Agreed to hold member sessions to; affix library book plates, prepare nucs and apideas for next season.

Agreed to hold Annual Members Meeting on Saturday 7th March 2026.

9. Christmas festival -20/12: arrangements to decorate the tree are in hand.

10.AOB:

- Alford Garden Club have requested a visit.
- Agreed not to be involved in Food & Music Festival in 2026 as numbers visiting the apiary did not justify the Trustee time involved.
- Agreed to get quotes for 2 fan heaters for the Bee Bothy. (AP:SL)
- 11. Date of next meeting: Saturday 31st January 1pm— special meeting to discuss succession planning and finance planning.