



TBG Steering Group

Meeting Minutes – Sunday 9th August 2026, 5.00 pm - Bee Bothy

- 1. Attendance:** Yvonne Davidson (YD), Sarah Leahy (SL), Dave Croll (DC), Dave Muirhead (DM) Ken Johnson (KJ)

Apologies: Marie Clark (MC), Andrew Bruce (AB), Marlize Taylor (MT)

2. AP's from last Meeting:

- Current Risk assessments were updated and are currently being reviewed by TDG.
- PVG checks for additional helpers- YD has contacted the SBA for advice. Disclosure Scotland to be contacted for additional clarification **(AP:DC)**
- SL has written to members not signed up to BeeBase to encourage them to sign up.
- SL has written to members re bee allergies.
- Member payments vs forms completed have been reconciled by SL. Members have been contacted re outstanding payments or incomplete forms.
- New signage "Caution Bees at Work" have been purchased and are sited in both apiaries. Still need What3words signage and anaphylactic poster/leaflet. **(AP:SL)**

- 3. Finance update:** Monthly report has been circulated. Reminder sent re lease hive fees.

4. **Membership update:** 1 new member. DM to follow up on members who did not complete membership forms to enable Membership database to be completed.
5. **Lease hive update:** Agreed a fire beater and small fire extinguisher would be useful at the lease hive apiary. **(AP:KJ)** to check availability and prices.
6. **2026 hive management:** Weekly rota is working well but bees are not doing well; mating is very poor.
7. **Upcoming events:** No upcoming events but recent visit to Crathie School and visit by Douneside House Guests both went very well.
8. **Garden and buildings update:** The hedge in front of the hives can be cut back now, suggested it is cut lower than last year as its great height may be affecting queen mating. **(AP:LS to ask Findlay)** Climbers also need to be cut back and/or trained to not hang in front of the hives
9. **AOB:**

First Aid Sticker: to be applied to cupboard door in bothy **(AP:DC)**

Second hand Hives: to be advertised to members **(AP:SL)**

Winter talk/workshop: suggested we follow up on bee inspectors visit with a further workshop on recycling out old frames and disinfecting equipment.
10. **Date of next meeting: Sunday 11th October 3pm**