



TARLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity No.SCO41598. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm
Cromar Court, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Lindsay Stewart (LSt) (Chair), Kathy Dale (KD) (Minutes), David Hirst (DHi), Chris Redmond (CR), Annie McKee (AMcK), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Denise Hansford (DHa) and Jan Healey (JH).

Apologies: Kate Redpath (KR).

2. Due to lack of time at the Trustees' meeting on 12 January, this meeting was convened specifically to discuss whether TDG should be a member of the Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS). The discussion is summarized below:

To be a member of DTAS we need to increase our number of members and define our geographic area. The geographic area of benefit is currently Tarland and the Howe of Cromar, therefore the membership area should be the same.

Are we willing to change the way we do things at the moment to fit with DTAS requirements? If so, the benefits have to outweigh the disbenefits.

DTAS has a slightly different emphasis to TDG – it is more concerned with social enterprise. A Development Trust has a responsibility to deliver for the community whereas TDG has a more *ad hoc* approach.

Most Development Trusts have employees.

DTAS are well funded and Government promoted.

Is TDG too cliquy? Would we be committed to delivering projects that we had no interest in and no expertise in? Is there a middle ground?

We need to find out more about what people want – our decision might be led by the results.

We would need more members as we are not currently representing the community. The Constitution would also need to be amended. Membership is fundamental. There is a formal procedure. Would members of the various sub-groups of TDG automatically be members of TDG?

The Tarland Community Garden (TCG) is the most advanced sub-group and all members of the TCG follow the TDG Constitution.

Could we co-opt members from outwith the area?

The legislation and policy is not very flexible.

We could talk about all of these issues at the Open Day.

3. The discussion then led on to the Open Day:

There is Community Action Plan (CAP) overlap. The CAP needs to be further on but it is 'on the back burner' at the moment.

We should encourage membership of TDG at the Open Day and in general but we need to set our geographical area first.

We need to liaise with the Cromar Community Council (CCC) about the Open Day and the CAP. The Open Day is not intended to be a CAP. **ACTION: LSt to contact CCC in case they have any concerns about inviting suggestions from the public about possible future projects at the Open Day with regard to the CAP consultations.**

30 April was decided for the date for the Open Day to coincide with the Spring Market. An alternative date of 14 May was suggested if more space is needed.

Flyers for TDG will be required. **ACTION: LSt to coordinate.**

John Paul could also do posters etc. and perhaps design a flyer from the new website.

We need to advertise TDG and address the issue of people not knowing who we are and what we do.

It was agreed that Tarland and the Howe of Cromar would be the geographical area, which is the same as CCC's geographical area. This includes Logie Coldstone.

DTAS haven't got back to us about our provisional membership application yet.

ACTION: DHi to chase.

Check whether there would be any showstoppers for full membership of DTAS.

ACTION: LSh to contact DTAS about our discussions and the issue of membership and geographical area.

Sub-group (project) members can be members of TDG if they are eligible and if they want to take a more active role, be kept up to date and vote at the AGM.

They don't have to come to meetings and are not liable for anything. They would be helpful to TDG and would be able to influence what went on in Tarland.

ACTION: CR to e-mail the Tarland Trails (TT) volunteers.

ACTION: KR to e-mail the compost volunteers.

ACTION: YD to e-mail the Bee Group members.

ACTION: John Dempster to e-mail the Film Club members.

The content of the e-mail should include the phrase: *TDG is moving towards the possibility of DTAS membership.*

Date of next meeting is as follows:

TDG Trustees meeting: 23 February