



Tarland Development Group Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30pm
Cromar Court, Tarland**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Lindsay Stewart (LSt) (Chair), Lizzy Shepherd (LSh), Yvonne Davidson (YD), David Hirst (DHi), Denise Hansford (DHa), Jan Healey (JH), Chris Redmond (CR), Peter Craig (PC), Kathy Dale (KD)
(Minutes)

Apologies: Simon Power (SP), Annie McKee (AMcK), Kate Redpath (KR)

2. Matters arising

TDG is now a provisional member of the Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) and is receiving correspondence via DHi.

3. Spring Market

Posters are being distributed to advertise the event, which is to be held in the hall on 30 April, 10am to 12pm. Tables are being allocated. We still need a fish producer to confirm. All other jobs are in hand. Set up on Friday night 7pm and open hall at 8.30am on Saturday.

4. Community Groups Event

Sixteen groups have responded positively and wish to participate in the event, which is to be held on 14 May. As well as the main hall, the upstairs hall will be needed so has been booked. A name for the event was agreed: Tarland Open Day. The publicity materials have been drafted but the quotes to produce it are high. It was agreed that fliers are not required and we can do the advertising posters ourselves. **ACTION: LSh to design and send round draft poster. ACTION: JH to send round TDG logo as one image to everyone. ACTION: LSt to send full project list to LSh.** Project posters will be at A3 and tri-fold leaflets and a vinyl banner will also be required. We can use laptops to demonstrate the website and put it up on a large screen at the front on the stage if possible. TDG will allocate tables. Set up on Friday night 7pm and open hall at 8.30am on Saturday.

ACTION: LSt to send article to Deeside Piper

5. Food and Music Festival

The arrangements for this event, to be held on 23 to 25 September, are progressing well. There are lots of interesting items planned. The next sub-group meeting is on Monday 11 April at Strathweltie. The Square businesses and residents have been leafleted. Two businesses have some concerns so these will be addressed. Licences are currently being investigated.

6. Membership

Lizzy Bacon's application has been approved. **ACTION: KD to check previous minutes for procedure for emailing members of sub-groups to encourage them to become members of TDG and inform Trustees, and LSt to draft an email.**

7. Tarland Trails

The trails are open again after remedial work. Lots of people helped out and Ian Ross has been extremely helpful. There have been donations of materials. The MacRobert Trust (MRT) has also been heavily involved. The car park has been extended and the signs and donation post have been moved. Fencing has been erected and this addresses the Cromar Community Council (CCC) issue with safety. CR to meet with SP to discuss the damage. Was it a failure in design or extreme weather? All the walking trails will be re-surfaced in due course. Chris Rogerson has offered to come back to complete the drainage work (one free day). Finzean Community Association has donated £1,000. Overall, it's better to have a natural trail as it doesn't crumb. The designer Paul has visited once and approved the works. A gift will be presented to Ian Ross as a thank-you. **ACTION: DHi to purchase a gift voucher from Ronnie Greenlaw.** A £1 donation is now asked for for use of the car park for the trails. Tarmac quotes are in for tarmac the track to the car park, which is around £12,000. TDG would pay 50% and the Estate would pay 50%. Further money may be applied for from MRT and other sources. TDG has approval to apply to LEADER for funding for Tarland Trails 2 (TT2) but no further progress has been made on the application

8. Bee Group

There has been a successful series of talks, with the last talk coming up soon. There will be a skep making workshop on 22 May. A Steering Group has been formed. Bark has been laid at the apiary. One hive has been lost out of seven at the apiary. The crocuses are out on Market Stance. Membership forms have been distributed for the coming year.

9. Future Group

The last talk was well attended and overall the group is covering its costs. A Steering Group has been set up but DHi and CR missed the first meeting. TDG will discuss the future of the group at the end of the talks season.

10. Community Garden

The MRT have installed the French drain across the top of the site and made good the car park. Many thanks to SP and the Trust. The storm damaged paths have new material on, although they could benefit from the whacker plate going over to compact the surface. Ian Ross may be able to arrange this. **ACTION: CR to ask Ian Ross.** New barrows will be purchased and the trails barrow will be stored at the garden. The garden gate keeps being left unlocked – there was a discussion about a remedy for this but no additional measures were deemed to be required. The rent has been paid for this year.

11. Composting

The membership renewal letters have been delivered. Thanks to the Hansfords. KR will make this year's list up. **ACTION: DHa to ask John if he is willing to do the map again.** KR to arrange for the finished compost at Alastrean to be weeded before asking if they can move it down to the garden site. She will also ask Gary Coutts if he will turn the heaps again this year. The rota will be sent out tomorrow by JH.

12. Path network and Tarland Way

There are now maps for the website but no access to the website yet. This will be done before the Open Day. We need the original Harveys map otherwise we will have to go through Harry Scott. MRT want to do a leaflet for the Estate so they may purchase it anyway. **ACTION: DHi to speak to SP.** Much of the flood damage has now been repaired. The gates are still a bit of a problem. PC checked the loggers on the Tarland Way and the batteries were flat so there is no data. The questionnaire responses are generally good but fencing is needed on the bridges to prevent toddlers falling through the lowest railings. Fly tipping is still a problem at the layby but PC will contact the police and then clear it up.

13. Website

There is still no date for the switchover from the old website to the new one. A small group of people that are password protected is needed to edit it. There is a Steering Group.

14. Tapestry

The sub-group is going to look at the Great Scottish Tapestry again in Dundee for ideas and information.

15. Information board

The quotation has been reduced to £227 for the two panels. The south side will be done soon. The map on the north side needs further work to bring it up to date. If TDG wins the Paths For All grant then this can be used. Allow £500 all in – this must be matched with either funding or volunteer time. **ACTION: CR to do Paths For All grant application.**

16. Accounts

Looking healthy. **ACTION: DHi to repay £7k to MRT.**

17. AOCB

LSH has another project idea – a seed and seed potato swap to be held in February each year. This will need a speaker in the early summer to explain the system. A Steering Group has been set up. This was approved.

CCC asked if we looked after the flower tubs and the answer is no we don't. CCC paid Megan to water everything and the school to plant them. The hanging baskets are stored in the hall but no one has overall responsibility. The tub by the information board is broken.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10 May 2016.