

Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust Board Meeting



DATE: 7th June 2017

VENUE: Glenlivet Estate Office, Tomintoul

Attendees

Mark Finnie (Chair, TGDT), David Toovey (Director TGDT), Mary Williams Edgar (Director, TGDT), Doug Nisbet (Director, TGDT), Jennifer Stewart (Director TGDT), Dr Malcolm MacGarvin (Director, TGDT), Oliver Giles (Local Development Officer, TGDT)

Apologies:

Lee Haxton (CNPA), Fiona Robb (HIE)

Previous Minutes	ACTION
<p>Proposed Mark Finnie</p> <p>Seconded Doug Nisbet</p>	
Matters arising	
<p>Tilly asked about the future of HIE funding following the report that Fiona Robb had sent round and whether this is a worry for TGDT. Oli outlined the key findings of the report and described how they could apply to TGDT. Mary raised the possibility of seeing an LDO as a marketable asset with expertise that could be hired out.</p> <p>Mark updated the board on the Snow Roads sculpture safety issue raised at the last meeting, Ron Hughes and KATCA had been invited to write to CNPA expressing safety concerns. Jennifer advised that she had also written to CNPA raising the issue of safety but has yet to receive a substantive response.</p> <p>All thanked The Crown Estate Scotland for making the meeting room available for the board meeting.</p> <p>Oli advised the board that CNPA Community Support Manager Lee Haxton and Head of Conservation and Visitor Experience Hamish Trench are leaving in the coming months. The board thanked both for their support and hard work in supporting the work of Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust and wished them well in their new roles.</p>	

Conference update	
<p>Doug referred the board to the Community Land Scotland conference report that was distributed with the papers. Doug highlighted the 10 year journey some west coast, croft owning communities have taken to sustainability usually with the support of income from renewables. Doug and Oli also outlined two key new areas for inclusion in our community plan 1. Affordable housing which is a high priority in the new CNPA partnership plan and could help spread the financial costs and risk associated with other developments, 2. Forestry Forestry Commission are seeking to dispose of woodland to community use. The strategy working group will look at how these two areas can be integrated in to the plan.</p> <p>Mary highlighted the forthcoming HIE webinar from Big Lottery, HIE Community Assets team and Scottish Land Fund, the current consultation on Guidance on engaging communities in decisions relating to land http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/03/9042 and highlighted the DTAS conference on the 3rd & 4th September 2017.</p> <p>Oli & Jennifer gave a brief verbal report on today's XPO North event – Oli met members of the HIE digital team to discuss an application to the HIE Digital Heritage Adoption Scheme which provides grants of up to £25k for innovative digital presentation of our heritage. Jennifer met Ailsa Macfarlane from Resourcing Scotland's Heritage and described the innovative work TGDT are doing on Oral History and in the Discovery Centre http://www.resourcingscotlandsheritage.org/about-us/</p>	
Community Plan & 5 Year Strategy	
<p>Doug updated the board with the proposal for community engagement with TGDT's 5 year strategy highlighting that this is a critical path item in the programme. The board agreed that a catch all invitation should be sent to members and that sessions should follow a structured format asking the same questions. Working Group to develop the format for the sessions and advise board members of dates.</p>	WG
Project updates	
<p>HLF</p> <p>Discovery Centre</p> <p>Andersons building works contract continues to run smoothly and is ahead of programme and on budget. Roof works are complete, first floor offices are complete apart from electrical second fix and the museum objects have been moved to allow the museum space to be completed.</p> <p>The fit out contract paperwork is being developed and a Prior Information Notice will be published shortly.</p> <p>Oral History</p>	OG

Whisky themed memory day held at Glenlivet Distillery on 27th May. Approximately 170 people in attendance. Communications included half page article in the P & J and the event was picked up by Scotchwhisky.com. Jennifer thanked Chivas Brothers for their generosity and is considering how to capture the substantial in kind support gifted to TGDT. Jennifer also highlighted that Glenlivet Distillery are keen to support events and that between this and Skerryvore we have established ourselves as a competent body.

Recruitment

Oli provided an update on the two Landscape Partnership posts TGDT are employing. Oli thanks Mary and Jennifer for chairing the interview panels and confirmed preferred candidates for both posts had been identified. Awaiting Landscape Partnership grant offers before making the appointments.

Broadband

Malcolm referred to the report sent out in advance of the meeting and informed the board that a critical point has been reached. Decision sought on which way we go with broadband and several options were outlined

1. Escalate our concerns
2. Talk to other Community Associations and find out what their view is
3. Accept that we've tried our best on behalf of our communities to influence the outcome but we'll have to wait until the next review.

The board were wary of any actions that could be construed as TGDT preventing other communities from getting the connection they've been promised. In addition the board agreed to be realistic about what can be achieved and to stay in touch with the CCB project and CBS. A clear and simple communication summarising the current position and circumstances that have led to it should be prepared, agreed and circulated to members and the wider communities of Tomintoul & Glenlivet.

MM & OG

Events

The board recognised the need to develop our plan for Landscape Partnership events and celebration project. The board discussed the current priorities and agreed LDO resource should be deployed on the Discovery Centre, 5 Year Strategy and maximising income from the Smugglers Hostel. Mary, Tilly and Jennifer agreed to set up a working group to identify support for a Festival of Food and Farming in 2018

MWE, TS, JS

A Landscape Partnership open day was also discussed and this will be added to the working group discussions.

The board agreed the events should be volunteer led and sustainable beyond the life of the Landscape Partnership.

The board agreed to invite Jackie Webley and Steve Smith to the next board meeting

OG

Finance report	
<p>Oli presented the finance report including the Landscape Partnership account. There was some discussion on the buffer we have in the LP account and of the tax implications of the asset transfer. Oli has sought the advice of HIEZ who are providing some expertise FOC – report to follow.</p>	OG
AOB	
<p>Mark asked if the board would consider meeting at 3.30 while Oli gets Toil under control. Mary mentioned the Scottish Futures Trust Braes 4G Pilot. Jennifer congratulated Oli on securing a place at the World Social Enterprise Forum in October.</p>	
Date of next meeting	
12 th July 3.30pm Crown Office	