



Tomintoul & Glenlivet
Development Trust

TGDT Board Meeting

Date: 11th April 2018

Glenlivet Estate Office, Tomintoul – 5pm - 7pm

Minutes

Present: Doug Nisbet (TGDT Director & Chair), (TGDT Director), (TGDT Director), John Polak (TGDT Director), Jennifer Stewart (TGDT Director), Malcolm MacGarvin (TGDT Director), Tilly Smith (TGDT Director), Oli Giles (TGDT LDO), Rebecca Irons (TGDT PM), Liz Henderson (CNPA)

Apologies: Mark Finnie, David Toovey, Fiona Robb (HIE),

Actions carried over from 14/02/18 (updates in *italics*)

All actions for the 14th March board meeting have been discharged

Minutes

<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>14th March 2018 TGDT Board minutes approved. Proposed by Jennifer Stewart Seconded by Tilly Smith</p>	
<p>Matters Arising from previous Actions</p>	<p>Action 1: Doug explained the offer from the Dorenell communities to Liz Henderson and advised the board that the offer had been declined but we'd like to be considered for other opportunities that arise.</p> <p>Action 2: Meeting with Tom Richmond and Faye Gonzalez arranged</p> <p>Action 3: Action three has been overtaken by events – specifically the piece in the Toulter</p> <p>Action 4: Malcolm & Oli have finalised and circulated the paper to the Dorenell Communities</p>	
<p>Participation Project update</p>	<p>Rebecca updated the board on the Participation Project explaining that seven volunteers have been recruited and the first two evening talks have been confirmed. Training for volunteers has been arranged.</p>	

<p>Community Gatherings</p>	<p>Doug asked if the garden could be themed and Oli explained the plans for a sculpture trail.</p> <p>Jennifer asked about the gun in the garden and reminded Oli and Rebecca about the friends group and plaque at the Discovery Centre.</p> <p>Oli and Rebecca agreed the membership and friends scheme needed some attention</p> <p>RI raised the community gatherings proposal as an area she'd like some direction from the board</p> <p>Jennifer highlighted that there are other ways the community gets together but that we should make the most of our assets (Discovery Centre and Hostel) and use the events as an opportunity to reward our volunteers.</p> <p>Doug advised Rebecca that we should not be concerned about displacement from catering for a community event.</p>	<p>Action 1: OG and RI to come up with a proposal for the friends and membership.</p>
<p>Crown Estate Consultation</p>	<p>Oli advised the board that there is a consultation on a pilot management of Crown Estate Scotland assets. Oli & Doug have discussed with Andy Wells and agreed there's in limited value in the pilot for TGDT as the management requires the assets to be run as if CES managed and any surplus has to be returned to CES. Oli highlighted other opportunities for TGDT to be involved in lease or purchase of CES assets. It was agreed that TGDT would respond outlining the lack of incentive to become involved I the pilot.</p>	<p>Action 2: OG to respond to the CES community asset management consultation</p>
<p>Finance Report</p>	<p>OG outlined the TGDT, Landscape Partnership and Tomintoul Hostel Limited finances presented to the board.</p> <p>Oli advised that the 2015 – 2018 core grant has been completed and two claims are outstanding for the heating and last quarter core costs.</p> <p>Malcolm asked what is covered by Discovery Centre commissioning costs OG confirmed this covers stationary, the opening event, the new projector etc.</p>	
<p>Project updates</p>	<p>Marketing</p> <p>Doug updated the board on the Discover Tomintoul & Glenlivet brochure he's been working on. Jules Irvine is interested in helping which would help keep costs down. Doug felt the brochure could be self financing with some advertising.</p> <p>A discussion was held about production levels and Liz Henderson agreed to find out production levels for similar publications in other areas of the park.</p> <p>Charitable Status</p> <p>John updated the board on the progress of Charitable Status, Karen is preparing the paperwork for our application and we're waiting to receive the revised constitution. EGM to seek approval of members is likely to be May. Doug asked that the charitable aims be kept suitably broad to allow TGDT to respond to community priorities.</p> <p>Discovery Centre</p> <p>Oli updated the board with visitor numbers that stand at just over 1 000 for Easter. All agreed a Whisky themed exhibition should occupy the community space during the whisky festival.</p> <p>The Whisky memorabilia pop up shop donated by Aberlour Rotary was discussed and all agreed this was an excellent opportunity to raise some extra income.</p>	<p>Action 3: LH to investigate production levels and costs for similar publications.</p> <p>Action 4: MM to draft a response to the businesses.</p>

	<p>Events</p> <p>Doug presented a spreadsheet outlining the proposed events for the HLF Landscape Partnership which contained six big events in a format HLF could review and approve.</p> <p>Still discussion over what we can charge for and what the funding should cover.</p>	
AOB	<p>Tilly asked if Creative Cairngorms could be invited to exhibit at the Discovery Centre.</p> <p>Oli highlighted that the Aspiring Communities Fund has reopened and that we have been approached by Charles about hosting some equipment on the Discovery Centre to provide broadband to Strath A'an.</p>	
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	All present thanked the local Crown Estate Scotland Staff for making the meeting space available	