



Tomintoul & Glenlivet  
Development Trust

**TGDT Board Meeting**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Glenlivet Estate Office, Tomintoul – 5pm - 7pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:**, Jennifer Stewart (TGDT Director – Acting Chair), Malcolm MacGarvin (TGDT Director), John Polak (TGDT Director), David Toovey (TGDT Director), Tilly Smith (TGDT Director), Oli Giles (TGDT LDO), Fiona Robb (HIE), Liz Henderson (CNPA) Part Meeting – Simon Ovenden (Crown Estate Scotland)

**Apologies:**, Doug Nisbet (TGDT Director & Chair), Mark Finnie (TGDT Director)

<b>Minutes</b>		
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 TGDT Board minutes approved.</p> <p>Proposed by David Toovey Seconded by Malcolm MacGarvin</p>	
	<p>Doug informed the board of a heated telephone conversation between Mark Finnie and Scot Ashforth during which Mark is alleged to have made threatening remarks.</p> <p>All agreed that Mark was not acting with the authority of the board and that the comments had brought the trust into disrepute. Jennifer Stewart agreed to prepare a short statement.</p> <p>All agreed Mark had done an excellent job on the board of TGDT and as Chair of Tomintoul Hostel Ltd and accepted his resignation which had been received earlier in the day.</p> <p>John Polak asked how this could be resolved satisfactorily and suggested brining in a mediator to set out the issues and help us come to an agreement.</p> <p>Doug suggested dealing with the revision to the constitution and charitable status at the AGM in November.</p> <p>Doug informed the board of a complaint received from a former employee who alleges slanderous comments were made about them in meetings with the business community.</p>	<p><b>Action JS to prepare a short statement</b></p>
<b>Charitable Status &amp; EGM</b>	<p>Directors agreed to spread the word about the EGM and encourage proxy voting if members are unable to attend.</p>	

<b>Finance Report</b>	<p>Oli outlined the TGDT and Landscape Partnership finances presented to the board.</p> <p>Jennifer Stewart asked if a small temporary group could be set up to review Discovery Centre income and expenditure.</p>	<p>Action: Small group to be established to review DC income and expenditure John Polak, Jeff Clare, Oliver Giles</p>
<b>Strategic Planning</b>	<p>Jennifer tabled an item on the Business Plan and suggested that the big portfolio of projects need reviewing and that we need a reporting structure to demonstrate our impact. Fiona offered support from HIE who have a contract to support groups demonstrate their impact</p>	<p>Action: Business Plan group to meet – Doug, Oli, Malcolm, David, Liz H</p>
<b>Project updates</b>	<p><b>Participation Project</b> The board agreed that this project was delivering some excellent outcomes including the recent Discover events, the community stars event and the ongoing engagement and support offered to our volunteers. The board expressed their support for Rebecca's role and thanked her for her hard work.</p> <p><b>Discovery Centre</b> Oli updated the board with visitor numbers currently standing at just under 4,000 all agreed a social media campaign celebrating 4000 visitors was a good idea. The finance report for the DC was reviewed and all agreed there was work required to meet the business plan targets.</p> <p><b>Broadband</b> Malcolm reported that the A'side mast is not transmitting and that business skills are required to take a broadband project forward.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Oli raised the CNPA Partnership Agreement for the Discovery Centre and directors felt that some financial support in the form of advertising could be sought.</p> <p>The Crown Estate Scotland sale of part of the Fochabers estate was raised and the CES commissioners visit to the estate in November was also raised.</p>	
<b>DONM</b>	<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 5pm Glenlivet Estate Office</p>	
	<p>All present thanked the local Crown Estate Scotland Staff for making the meeting space available.</p>	