



Tomintoul & Glenlivet
Development Trust

TGDT Board Meeting

Date: 2nd August 2018

Tomintoul & Glenlivet Discovery Centre 5 – 7pm

Minutes

Present: Doug Nisbet (TGDT Director & Chair), Jennifer Stewart (TGDT Director), Malcolm MacGarvin (TGDT Director), David Toovey (TGDT Director), Tilly Smith (TGDT Director), John Polak (TGDT Director), Oli Giles (TGDT LDO), Rebecca Irons (TGDT Participation Manager).

Apologies: Liz Henderson (CNPA), Fiona Robb (HIE)

Actions carried over from 23/07/18 (updates in *italics*)

All actions for the 23rd July board meeting have been discharged

Minutes

<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>23rd July 2018 TGDT Board minutes approved.</p> <p>Proposed by Jennifer Stewart</p> <p>Seconded by Tilly Smith</p>	
<p>Charitable status and EGM</p>	<p>Karen Derrick will be approached re: company secretary position. The board agreed to discuss any cost implications next meeting.</p> <p>Doug advised he has advised Scott Ashworth the board are not progressing SCIO application. The objectors have requested an informal meeting with Fiona Robb prior to mediation taking place. Fiona has asked Murray Ferguson (CNP) to accompany her to this meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer Stewart suggested it would be useful to invest in some sessions with the community prior to an AGM. The board discussed this and set a date for Wednesday 26th September at the Discovery Centre with the AGM to be held on Wednesday 7th November at Glenlivet Hall.</p> <p>Doug asked board members to identify potential new board members. Oli suggested that the Community Plan could be given to prospective board members to provide information on what was involved. Doug</p>	<p>Action: RI to book Glenlivet Hall for AGM.</p>

	announced that Malcolm will not be seeking re-election and thanked him for his contribution.	
Finance Report	Oli outlined the TGDT and Tomintoul Hostel Limited finances presented to the board.	
Business Plan	Doug advised he has not been able to progress the business plan further and asked that it be considered in October.	
Project proposal – Memorial Wood	<p>Jennifer outlined a project proposal for a memorial stand of 100 trees commemorating the two World Wars. Jennifer has had exploratory discussions with CES identifying 3 possible sites: Military road; Jubilee Wood; and Drumin Castle. Jennifer advised that if the History Group were to put in a bid they would need to be backed by a formally constituted body i.e. the Development Trust.</p> <p>David asked whether it could be pushed through the Community Association. Doug agreed that such parties in addition to CNP could be involved.</p>	
Project updates	<p>Events</p> <p>Doug has spoken to Steve Smith informally re: a headline event such as a wildlife themed festival, for which the Landscape Partnership may be able to provide some resources. The event would potentially run in the October school holidays.</p> <p>The board discussed the possibility of employing an events graduate for next year.</p> <p>Tomintoul Hostel Ltd</p> <p>Oli advised that Callum Dingwall has resigned as a Director of the trading subsidiary board. The board also requires a chair. Given the constitution requires 2 members from the main board, it was proposed that Jenny Herschell be invited to join the TGDT board in order that the 2 boards could run together.</p> <p>In addition, Jennifer suggested Andy Wallace as a potential new board member.</p> <p>Discovery Centre</p> <p>Oli advised that Nicole will be leaving the Discovery Centre at the end of the month to return to university. Oli would prefer to fill the vacancy rather than stretch existing staff cover. Tilly asked if the opening hours could be reduced. Oli and Doug both felt that this should only be considered as a last option.</p> <p>Oli advised that visitor numbers remained good and had increased on previous months.</p> <p>Rebecca advised that volunteer availability had been reduced in July but appeared better for August.</p>	

AOB	<p>TGDT have been approached re: the lease of the Coffee Still Café at the Bike Trails which is available as of 1st November. Oli is waiting for Savilles to provide more information. Jennifer asked that Oli prepare a note for the next meeting. Doug underlined that the Trust would want to develop the cafe as an asset.</p> <p>Oli advised that he is meeting with Ronnie MacRae of Highland Small Communities Housing Trust regarding potential housing sites in the village.</p> <p>Oli confirmed that the First Minister is visiting the Discovery Centre on Monday 6th August to make an announcement about broadband. HIE have been asked to set up the visit as part of the First Minister's summer tour. Doug confirmed that he will not be able to attend the visit, Jennifer and Malcolm agreed to attend.</p> <p>Doug confirmed that the Ballater caravan site visit has been postponed</p> <p>The board approved new TGDT membership forms. Rebecca will advise new members of their approval by email. Existing members that resubmitted membership forms will be given the option of donating their membership fee or collecting it from the office at the CES.</p>	<p>Action: OG to provide further information at next meeting</p> <p>Action: RI & OG to present proposals for membership subscriptions at the next meeting.</p>
DONM	Thursday 12 th September 5pm at the Discovery Centre	