



Tomintoul and Glenlivet Development Trust

Annual General Meeting 2023

Election of Directors

Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust has had eight directors in the following roles

1. Tilly Smith - Chair
2. David Toovey – Treasurer and GICA Nominated Board Member
3. Alastair Sharp
4. Philip Rogers
5. Sam Robinson
6. Laurence Prime
7. Robert Mintram - Appointed under article 63 5th July 2023
8. Chloe Clay– Appointed under article 63 6th September 2023

The Memorandum of Association (MoA) which governs the working of The Trust requires that certain Member Directors shall retire from office at each AGM. Those retiring may seek re-election and shall be reappointed by a majority vote of the members present at the AGM.

Two Member Directors retired this year (Laurence Prime and Philip Rogers) and the board would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Five directors are retiring at the AGM, these are Tilly Smith, Alastair Sharp and Sam Robinson who are retiring under article 65b and Chloe Clay and Robert Mintram who are retiring under Article 65a. Tilly, Sam and Alastair are standing for re election under Article 67 and Chloe Clay and Robert Mintram are standing for re election under Article 65a.

The Trust is allowed a maximum of 10 directors, at least 8 of whom are to be Member Directors. This leaves vacancies for new Member Directors and the Trust has received two nominations from Elspeth Richardson and Linda Morris. A biography for the nominated directors and Robert Mintram and Chloe Clay are included below.



Supporting statements of each new member director seeking election

Robert Mintram –

My career falls into two parts. I spent the early years working as a computer software engineer helping to develop systems for the Civil Service and thereafter for GEC Marconi Aerospace. After this I returned to a university position as a Senior Research Fellow engaged in fundamental research into Artificial Intelligence. I am now retired but maintain an active interest in computer related developments.

During my career I have been involved with many collaborative activities and projects, both academic and administrative, and feel this experience would enable me to make a positive contribution as a of director of the TGDT.

Chloe Clay – As an enthusiastic, outgoing and creative urban designer with a background in architecture and experience in strategic planning and regeneration, I feel I have the right qualifications and background to help the Trust to develop and deliver projects that support the local economy, build social connections and community resilience. Professional experience supporting, managing and delivering all aspects of architecture, urban design and public realm projects across public and private sectors over the last 16 years have allowed me to develop a sound technical knowledge base that would help inform the Trusts development and planning remit. Working for both sectors has helped shape my commercial, social and cultural awareness in all stages of development, from scoping to implementation. My areas expertise include working in residential, commercial and mixed use developments, with an emphasis on townscape analysis, urban design and masterplanning, regeneration, heritage and conservation, planning policy, project management, highway design, capacity and feasibility studies, development briefs, funding bids and report writing. My softer skills include critical and strategic thinking, communication, relationship building, community engagement (consultations and design workshops), problem-solving and negotiating. I see both my technical and soft skills will help with the board projects and working with the community. I have a passion for working collaboratively to find solutions that deliver projects that benefit local communities. Having moved to the Glenlivet and Tomintoul area 2 years ago and seeing what projects have been delivered and are planned I am keen to get involved and contribute my skills and experience to benefit the wider community in which I live. I love being outdoors and getting my hands dirty. I am a keen cyclist and hill-walker and have a passion for arts and crafts, travel and music. To relax I play with clay, bake and garden. I enjoy learning and have an interest in urban ecology, food production and biodiversity. I have an outgoing, colourful personality with a positive, proactive and hands-on attitude. Whilst I have no previous Board experience I believe my extensive knowledge and understanding of planning,



working with local authorities and communities, as well as my soft skills and personality would benefit the Trust and wider community in achieving the delivery of development projects and ongoing initiatives.

Elspeth Richardson – I have had personal links to Tomintoul for nearly 30 years and moved into the village 3 years ago. Having been recently appointed as the Chair of the Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association (KaTCA), I am keen to work alongside the TGDT to drive enhancements across the local area. I have over 30 years experience in banking, with 20 of those directly involved in the delivery of group wide change, initially driving change in the roles of both Project and Programme Manager and then more specifically in the identification and management of risks associated with large scale change programmes. With these skills I hope to be able to support the TGDT in the delivery of their objectives.

Linda Morris - I moved permanently to the area seven years ago on retiring but had been a visitor for many years. My former role as Associate Dean of Learning and Teaching in Life Sciences at University of Dundee involved all aspects of the design, delivery and administration of teaching across all years to over 900 students. This role required many organisational and planning skills, IT skills, pastoral care and recruitment. Since moving to Glenlivet I have been involved in the committee of the Green Hall and currently am Chair of this committee. The aim of our hall is to provide a social hub for the community with a variety of events and also to host life events such as engagements, birthdays, weddings and funerals. The skills used in my professional role have been valuable in running events at the hall and in applying for grant funding to upgrade facilities at the Hall. I wish to put myself forward as a Director of TGDT not only as a representative of the Green Hall but also to be more involved in the development of the wider community and pursue the aims of the Green Hall which are to encourage local participation and involvement and develop a sense of community.

The Voting Process

The election is determined by a majority vote of those Members present at the AGM. A robust voting process will be in place for the meeting.