TGDT Board Meeting

Date: 7th December 2022

Online Meeting (5:00 - 7:00pm)

Minutes

Present: Tilly Smith (TS, TGDT Director & Chair), Sam Robinson (SR, TGDT Director), PR Rogers (PR, TGDT Director), David Toovey (DT, TGDT Director & Treasurer), Alastair Sharp (AS, TGDT Director),

Apologies: Laurence Prime (LP, TGDT Director), Lydia Fisher (LF, TGDT), Fiona Robb (FR, HIE), Fiona McInally (FM, CNPA),

In attendance: Oli Giles (OG, TGDT), Rebecca Irons (RI, TGDT)

Actions carried over from previous meeting (updates in *italics*)

Minutes		
Conflict of interest and governance	None	
Minutes of previous meeting	TGDT Board minutes from 9th November were approved. Proposed by PR Seconded by SR	
Matters arising from previous meeting	OG will to speak with Fiona McInally about possible rebrand funding for the hostel in the new year. Date will be arranged for a Hostel clear-up next year.	

Development Plan Projects	**Affordable Housing** Alpha have made good progress with the landscaping. There is a small sum remaining in the contract for completion in December. There is a snag relating to the warranties which have been quoted at a much higher sum (£31k) than that given in the tender (£10k).	

	It was agreed that TGDT will offer to underwrite £10k of additional funding to Alpha by the Scottish Government to cover their additional costs on the contract. Proposed by DT, seconded by SR. TS offered thanks to OG for his hard work on the affordable housing project. **Campsite** OG has received the planning design statement from Craig McKay for approval for submission with the planning application. No issues were raised at the members' meeting re: diversion of the path. OG has met with Jonny Willett from Strutt & Parker re: writing up the heads of terms for the lease. Jonny indicated a basic lease with a percentage of turnover is likely to be proposed. TGDT would look to negotiate on the percentage. In terms of timescales, ideally planning permission would be granted and the lease signed by February in order to go to funders. OG has completed an EOI for the SIS Challenge Fund, half grant/ half loan up to a maximum of £250k. OG has not received any feedback from the bowling club AGM and will make contact before planning is submitted. **Glenlivet Projects** **Braes Hall** Committee met with Tom the architect and Judith from Community Enterprise to discuss the proposed business model and capital cost plan. TS and SR were also present to represent the dark skies group. They are aiming to finalise the drafts before Christmas and have asked for any comment/ feedback by Monday 12th December. The hall committee need to progress their application for SCIO status asap and are to approach CES re: buying as opposed to leasing the site. The hall and observatory projects are more fundable as one project, more discussion is required between the Trust and Hall committee re: working arrangement. **Glenlivet Hall** Committee met this week – Hugh Monro and Jim Hogg are stepping down as chair and treasurer at the AGM on 15 December. RI feed back to the committee on the survey findings report which is now online in TGDT's downloads section. **Defibrillator** Registration with the ambulance service underway but not yet confirmed. This means ambulance dispatch won't be aware of the defibrillator yet. However, the cabinet is unlocked and does not have a code so could be accessed, if necessary, in an emergency. Community Awareness Training has been arranged for Monday 12th December at Glenlivet Hall at 7pm. **NEAT** Confirmed events are:	

	• Thrown, National Theatre Scotland @Glenlivet Hall, 14 July 2023 • Iona Lane, singer @ Glenlivet Hall Sunday 4th June 2023 NEAT are awaiting a funding result re: *The Village and the Road* (7 September). The performance would be £2000 without the funding, NEAT would not be prepared to commit to such a high fee. DT suggested subsidising the performance through a Dorenell microgrant. RI will discuss the options with NEAT. **Dorenell** OG has submitted an application to Dorenell Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to continue the Development Officer and Heritage Ranger posts. The Dorenell panel is due to meet on 7th February. **National Lottery Cost of Living Fund** OG has applied to the National Lottery Awards for All Cost of Living Fund for a £10k grant to distribute to those in most need in our area. A community insight profile was commissioned for both the Tomintoul and Glenlivet areas and indicates there are 85 people across the two areas in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit. If the funding application is successful, those on benefits would be the starting point for distributing the monies. OG has approached Dorenell to see if cost of living grants are something they had considered. **Post Office & Discovery Centre** Winter opening hours now in operation. Other than the official bank holidays the post office will be open as normal at Christmas. OG proposes that winter opening hours remain until around May. Another assistant could be employed late March/ early April to give time to get vetted/ trained. **Hostel** The cost of an exclusive night was reduced as part of a Black Friday deal, but there were no bookings. There is a exclusive booking for the new year. The heating is currently on at the moment, but otherwise the hostel is shut down.	
Finance	OG presented finance reports and statements for Tomintoul Hostel Limited and TGDT. An invoice to Alpha was approved for payment.	
AOB	TGDT Christmas meal Wednesday 21st December	
DONM	Wednesday 7th January 2023 at the Discovery Centre	