TGDT 2024-25 AGM Minutes DRAFT

23rd June 2026

Glenlivet Public Hall 7pm

Present: John Shewan, Morna Coutts, Sandra Johnston, Mark Johnston, Scott Ashforth, Buberick Elrick, Victoria Stewart, Ebeth Coutts, Tricia Lawson, Carole Stuart, Phil Rogers, Dru McPherson, Irene McPherson, Andrea Campbell, Louise Shearer, Tommy Carnegie, Jodie Mcpherson, Martin Richardson, Ian Hargreaves, Ellie Richardson, Kim Irvine, C.Harrison, Crystal Hill, Mike Woolvin, Chloe Sim, John McFall, David Gordon, Julie Rogers, Johnny Irvine, Raymond Irvine, Hunter Ashforth, Barry Payling, Tilly Smith (TS, Chair), David Toovey (Treasurer), Alastair Sharp, Sam Robinson, Claire Filer (TGDT Staff).

Apologies: Sandra Stubbs, Neil Buchanan, Fiona Toovey

1. Introduction and opening remarks

Tilly Smith (TS) introduced herself outlined the procedural nature of the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were given.

3. Minutes from the previous AGM

TS presented the minutes of the previous meeting and highlighted that they are a summary of what was said, not a word-by-word record. The minutes were proposed by Phil Rogers (PR) proposed and seconded by Dru McPherson (DM).

Ellie Richardson (ER) commented that the reason there were issues with the minutes were that they were factually incorrect.

4. Chairs Report

TS gave chairs report which can be read in the Directors Report.

There were no comments from members on the chair's report.

5. Presentation of annual accounts

The annual accounts were presented to the members.

PR commented that the turnover for the Discovery Centre was absent and it didn't show the hostel's costs or profit. They also critiqued that there was no record of the lease fee paid to TGDT from the hostel.

Barry Payling (BP) asked how many people attended the hostel in the reporting period David Toovey (DT) commented that we didn't have that information to hand but it took the action that this will be provided to members.

Members expressed concern that the figures don't compensate for the loss that the Discovery Centre makes.

ER expressed concern that not enough was being done to increase footfall in the discovery centre.

Craig? Expressed concern that the Smugglers Hostel was not doing well. ER added that figures appear good but that isn't the reality.

BP commented that the development trust will decline.

6. Election of Directors

During the election of directors Tilly Smith, Alastair Sharp and David Toovey were not re-elected.

The meeting was brought to a close as no further directors were nominated, pending a renewed call online for new directors to continue the Trust's existence.