TGDT AGM – Minutes
The Richmond Memorial Hall, Tomintoul
11th June 2025 7pm
Held in-person

Attending members: Tilly Smith (TGDT Director & Chair), Alastair Sharp (TGDT Director), David Toovey (TGDT Director), Ellie Richardson, Tony Birchall, Jamie White, Karen White, Robert Mintram, Julie Harris (Moray Council), Tricia Lawson, Morna Coutts, Ebeth Coutts, Ian Hargreaves, Fiona Toovey, Charles Stewart, Sandra Stubbs, Tommy Carnegie, Sandra Johnson, Sharon Hughes, Fiona Lonie, John Shewan, Allyson Shewan, Ellie Richardson, Dru Mcpherson, Gavin Shearer, Louise Shearer, Andrea Campbell, Mike Woolvin, Jodie Esson, Connor Mcpherson, Cllr Gordon (Moray Council), Charlotte Rogers, Phil Rogers, John Mcfail

Apologies: Sam Robinson (TGDT Director), Chloe Clay (TGDT Director), Oliver Giles (TGDT staff), Scott Ashforth, Crystal Hill

1. Introduction and opening remarks

Tilly Smith (TS) opened the meeting and gave introductions. TS apologised for the lateness of the AGM.

During the opening remarks the issues of member approval and onboarding were raised.

1. New members receiving confirmation of membership approval
2. Board process for onboarding new members

3. Minutes from the previous AGM

Members present raised questions on the accuracy of minute of the previous AGM and EGM and these were not approved by the members.

4. Chair's report

TS gave following chair's report.

Members questioned the accuracy of the annual report and variations between the version in the accounts and the version published on the website. Members also queried the outstanding performance of the Discovery Centre highlighting that this is factually incorrect. A discussion on what constitutes 'outstanding performance' ensued with no agreement reached.

1. **Operation Managers report**

TS read the operations managers report from the annual report

The Operations Manager report drew comments from members including

Discovery Centre entry costs considered to be too high and suggested move to donations

Discovery Centre and Post Office staffing is vulnerable to absence - suggested use of volunteers

Discovery Centre opening hours and evening opening to accommodate bus tours

Caption against the Scotch Mist band photo in the discovery centre display is incorrect

Disappointment among crafters at Discovery Centre footfall.

6. **Presentation of the annual accounts**

DT presented the audited company accounts and summarized the financial review

Members asked questions on the level of funding provided by Tomintoul Hostel Ltd to TGDT and the impact this has on the hostels ability to reinvest

Members asked if the hostel had been trading illegally as it had only one director between 14th May 2024 and 8th April 2025

Members present who reside at Auld School Close asked where the £30 pcm paid for maintenance is accounted. Residents also asked about the establishment of the Auld School Close management group and the status of the property factor.

The issues with EDF and metering at Auld School Close were raised.

Members raised questions over the accounting conventions used citing the write down of solar inverters as an example.

Members raised the boards liability for the snagging issues at Auld School Close.

The Chair apologised on behalf of the board for the distress caused to residents of the development.

7. **Election of directors**

AS informed members that no nominations for directors had been received and that three current directors were standing down but standing for re election. There were no objections to the re election of the board by members.

8. Closing remarks

TS gave the closing remarks and invited members to remain for an open meeting.

9. AOB

Tomintoul 250 celebrations were raised and the trust board were asked to attend the first meeting of the organisation group.

The AGM was followed by an open meeting