

The Garioch Partnership Members Meeting

Fly Cup, Inverurie 5th March 2025

Item Issue

1. Welcome & Apologies

John Chapman, Chairperson of The Garioch Partnership, welcomed all to the members meeting.

Attendees and apologies are listed in Appendix A.

2. <u>Meeting Content</u>

a) Chairman's Report

John informed the attendees that TGP, having had the core funding stopped in 2021, now found us with no office. We believe that, due to the imminent demolition of Gordon House and subsequent relocation of staff into many other council buildings, including The Wyness Hall, we were unofficially notified that the office in Wyness Hall, was being cleared of TGP desks and equipment.

John had tried, by email to contact Area Manager, Ann Overton to find out if this was correct and by when (we had) TGP had to vacate the premises. To date no reply has been received.

Several TGP trustees visited the offices and found all the donated computer desk, cabinets, chairs and other items missing. Personal staff files were removed and taken into safe keeping due to the nature of the sensitive material within.

Unfortunately, documentation on groups, including bank details, had to be removed and destroyed, as no immediate long-term storage solution had been identified. Digital contact details are still held.

An inventory will be compiled using TGP's asset register as a basis. Several groups had been contacted that weekend and assets distributed to them; this will also be recorded on the asset register.

John reminded the group of notification of changes of contact detail- the onus is on the group to update as described in the member application form. After Covid it is not apparent what groups are still functioning. From the invites to this General Meeting several new contacts had been identified and amended. Of the 232 emails sent, 47% had been opened.

TGP 2023/24 Annual Report had been submitted to OSCR. This was also on TGP website.

b) Treasurer's Report

To date contact had been made to the groups we held monies on behalf of the Community Action Plans. These had been distributed. Only Kingseat Community Association had not replied. This will be ongoing. There is still money in TGP bank account, which it was decided would be used in a single last "Community Fund Application" to members. No new memberships were to be accepted. The actual amount left would not be known until the invoice for the members meeting had been paid and funds would be needed to pay the accounts for this financial year, in preparation for the annual report to OSCR for 2024/25.

c) Board Members

All board members present confirmed they would stay on and see the final grants application completed. John Chapman, Nom Wright, Marion Chapman, Vaila Spencer, Jan Mathers, Heather Fulford would be asked by John, on her decision.

3. AOCB

During the break for refreshments members networked and discussed what to do with the monies left from TGP.

Members agreed on the grant application process. Discussion took place on what the application requests would be like. It was decided to keep similar to the past, and would be vetted by the board members, any board member would declare a conflict on interest if they were associated with the group applying's application.

4. Close of meeting

John thanked everyone for attending, especially when the weather was not the best. Wished everyone a safe journey home.

Appendix A: Attendees and Apologies

Attendees:

John ChapmanPhyllis GordonMarion ChapmanFrances CribbsNom WrightKatherine GerrardVaila SpencerIlene FyfeJan MathersSarah RobinsonKay DiackDawn BrownAngus CheyneLinda SingerArchie Peebles

Apologies received from:

Vivien Rae Louise Mitchell Heather Fullford TGP Anne Simpson

Reid Hutchieson Aberdeenshire Council Sue Wainman Greener Kemnay

Graham Geddes

Member Groups Represented:

Kintore Community Council Inverurie Hockey Club

St Andrew's Parish Church Garioch Youth Musical Society

Greener Kemnay Fintray Hall Association
Bennachie Leisure Centre Inverurie Rotary Club

Fly Cup Catering Ltd Inverurie Community Council

Inverurie Men's Shed Port Elphinstone Community House

Sunrise Partnership

13 member groups were represented: approximately 12.5% of our membership.