

Minutes for meeting held in Tynron Parish Hall – 31st March, 2008

Present: George Freeborn, Phil Armstrong, Jan Davies, Madge Rorison, Colin Forsyth, Rona Dent.

Junior member – Sophie Armstrong.

Police – Sgt. Bruce Robson.

Apologies: Sue King-Smith, Jane Blair and Councillor Gill Dykes.

Minutes of last meeting were approved by Rona Dent and seconded by Jan Davies.

Matters arising:

- Website: George has been in touch with Gordon Nielson, but they have not got any further with it yet.
- Water-trough: It has been noted that the water-trough has been returned and sited back in its rightful position.
- Strictly Cabaret: The Community Council has had a nice letter from Frances Forsyth thanking them for the sponsorship. They did well and got 3rd place and £3000.00 went to Save the Children. Over £30,000.00 was raised in total and split between all the various charities.
- Statistical Account: A hard copy of the Statistical Account is required and Mary Donaldson does not have one, however Christopher Craig thinks he has one on his computer. We should keep a copy of the disk for future reference. George also thanked Helen White in person since she was not at the meeting when thanks were given.

Police Matters

The main concern at the moment for rural areas is the theft of Plant and Machinery, ATV's etc. Sgt. Bruce Robson reminded everyone about keeping details of equipment and keep everything locked up. Take registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles and report to the police as soon as possible.

He also talked about bogus callers which have been working in the area and targeting the elderly. A vehicle has also been working in the Shawhead area and removing manhole covers.

There was also a discussion about a group of Irishmen going round the area trying to sell power tools and these had been in Tynron and after a call to the police they had been investigated and found to be within the law.

Appin Forest

Nick Dowdell, Scottish Woodlands, Appin. Logging is about to start until October and we can expect up to six lorries per day, travelling two together. They have been advised to avoid school bus times. Colin would like someone from Scottish Woodlands to come along to a meeting and talk to us.

Secretary's Report

A Health and Community Care Plan has been sent to Rona.

Details have been sent about a textile bank.

There is a meeting coming up for the Whiteside Wind Farm, which George is going to attend.

Letter from the S.W.R.I. thanking the Community Council for their contribution towards their 85th Birthday.

Letter from the Southern Upland Way inviting us to renew our interest in it – this is free.

Letter re the re-opening of Thornhill Railway Station.

A brochure for playground equipment.

Food train newsletter.

Hall Matters

Most clubs are now coming to the end of the season and the hall has been well used this winter.

The ceilidh club are planning to have a ceilidh on the 19th April.

Phil has some rents to be banked.

We were not successful for a grant from the Village Hall Scheme.

We have been awarded £200.00 grant from GaelForce for a ceilidh and the only proviso is to make the ticket price £6.50 and to include a buffet. Date to be decided.

Mr.Cook from Penpont is willing to come along and draw up some plans for improvements to the hall.

Gala Fun Day: A grant is being applied for. A date of 10th August was suggested but it was thought that it may coincide with a memorial function for Kevin Bailey, so George is going to have a word with Danny and Tom.

Spring Fling, 24 – 26 May: Judith Gregson will have her studio open and will be joined by Anna Wright.

The Garth Gardens will be open on Sunday 29th June.

Litter pick: This will take place on Sunday 13th April and helpers to meet at the hall at 11a.m.

Dalmakerran Brae: This is an on-going problem and is in hand. There was a discussion about the state of the roads in general.

Wind farms: George is to go to the meeting for the Whitehill Wind farm. Funds are split 60% to Community Councils and 40% to a central fund, which is Solway Heritage and they will give grants for environmental projects. We are eligible for monies from the Whitehill project.

Newsletter: Christopher requests contributions to the newsletter by the 15th April.

Kirk: George is still trying to find out who the owners are.

Accumulated Cash: We are waiting to see what will be required for the hall. Decided that any spare money would be best spent on the hall for the community.

The AGM will be Monday 28th April.

The meeting ended with coffee and biscuits.