

Minutes for meeting held in Tynron Parish Hall – 9 June, 2008

**Present:** George, Phil, Colin, Rona, Jane, Eunice, Sue;  
Cllr Andrew Wood;  
Police – Sgt. Bruce Robson.

Minutes of last meeting: approval proposed by Colin and seconded by Jane.

**Police Report:**

Bruce said offences had been low in the last few months with no repeat of the rash of thefts. However, he expected that rising fuel prices might trigger some, and suggested that people who have a store of diesel should be mindful of this; also, although it is summer, to be careful of leaving doors and windows open.

Jane and Dougie Parker-Clark complained about the speed of traffic on the Low Lann road, especially timber lorries and white vans. Bruce reminded us that we need names on vehicles and registration numbers if the police are to do anything about this.

**Matters arising:**

- Windfarm money: there is to be another meeting about how this is to be allocated on 19 June. Dalswinton windfarm is having an open day on 14 June.
- Gala: date changed from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August. £200 has been received from DGC in support of this.
- Kirk: The firm Todd Murray in Edinburgh haven been in touch with the owners who are keen for the kirk to be used but remain silent on the subject of dilapidations.
- Fundraising teas for the Hall: Margaret will do the first one (29 June) and they will continue through July as an experiment. Help is needed with the others: Rona and Jane Parker-Clark offered. Margaret and Linda will produce posters to advertise them.
- Telephone kiosk: Eunice noticed a closure order and George pre-empted it by phoning DGC and telling them it was needed. Christopher pointed out that delivery people use it when they lose their way, and that it is necessary because mobile phone coverage is poor in the area. Rona said it doesn't get cleaned.
- We have to be registered under the data protection act to keep TCC records: cost £35.
- Website: Moniaive are having a new one and have invited Tynron to join in with it.
- Timber extraction: Nick Dowdell of Scottish Woodlands will attend the next meeting to answer questions about timber lorries, timing of operations etc.
- Hydroenergy Open Evening: George will contact Moniaive, Penpont and Dunscore communities to invite them to attend this. Christopher suggested getting someone from the Carbon Centre in Dumfries on the same evening to talk about non-hydro alternative energy for households with no water resources: Sue to contact Carbon Centre.

The secretary not being present there was no secretary's report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- £200 towards Gala expenses has been received from DGC.
- The TCC paid the Hall's electricity bill of >£400 from money held on the Hall's behalf.
- We have £6231 in bank.

### **Hall Matters**

- Phil reported that the Hall had had no money to pay the last electricity bill, and that fundraising was necessary. A silent auction in October and a book sale in the spring are planned. Phil was considering raising the rental for the hall for outsiders but not for local regular activities, but doubted this would raise enough money. Christopher warned against allowing the Hall to subsidise local activities. Andrew and Mary pointed out that money is available from the DGC for structural repairs and especially green initiatives on a first come first served basis. Funding is also available from the Spanish company that now owns Scottish Power and from Kelloggs for physical activities targeting the under 25s. Christopher suggested a wood-burning stove in the Hall.
- Richard Drover, hydro and alternative energy engineer, had visited the hall with Phil and Sue and suggested roof insulation, low-energy light-bulbs and an air-to-air heat pump installation.
- Ian Cook, retired architect from Penpont, had been to measure for the planned extension.
- There had been a successful ceilidh. Mary said a band had been booked for any ceilidh that might happen at Hogmanay, and the same one for the Hallowe'en ceilidh.
- A seat is to be placed where the old one was, thanks to Terry, and Phil has prices for recycled benches if any others are required.

### **Councillor's Report:**

Andrew reported on the DGC's single outcome agreement, saying this will mean greater flexibility. DGOne has had some teething problems.

### **Other business:**

Linda said there was to be a celebration of the McCaws of Cormilligan promoted by the DGAA and the Homecoming Fund: a walk to Cormilligan followed by an event in the Hall with poetry and local musicians. It was not known whether any overseas McCaws were planning to visit the area in 2009, but one Mary Stewart from London will attend.

The next meeting will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

The meeting ended with coffee and biscuits.