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MINUTES OF TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 28/07/08

Present: George Freeborn, Philip Armstrong, Rona Dent, Colin Forsyth, Madge Rorison.

Apologies: Eunice Laidlaw, Sue King-Smith

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: proposed by Philip Armstrong and seconded by Colin Forsyth.

Item 4 from the Agenda. Nick Dowdell, Forest Manager, Scottish Woodlands, spoke about Scottish Woodlands' operations at the top of Tynron Glen. These are subject to a 20 year "forest plan" agreed in 2002 by Tilhill Forestry, the previous owners. The current owners, an Irish pension fund, bought the forest in 2006. Scottish Woodlands manage the forest on behalf of the current owners. Scottish Woodlands agreed the following conditions with D & G Council:

- Timber can be hauled down the Tynron glen road between April and October
- A maximum of 6 lorry loads per day
- On weekdays only
- No lorries before 9.00a.m.
- Lorries can travel in tandem.

Nick Dowdell reported that in fact the total number of lorry loads per year were far lower than anticipated as the Roads Dept. had insisted that they should further reduce the numbers of loads in wet weather so as to limit damage to the road.

In the ensuing discussion it was proposed that Scottish Woodlands and Tynron Community Council should both separately put pressure on D & G Council to upgrade the road by improving/increasing the passing places.

Comment from the floor that lorry drivers sometimes drive too fast for road conditions, even though they may be within the legal speed limit of 60 mph. We were advised to note the number plate, name of lorry owner and time and date and make complaint to the company.

Matters arising:

1. Whiteside Windfarm Communities Fund: Tynron has been granted £1,500 p.a. for 25 years. The windfarm company want to know how we intend to use this money each year.
2. Tynron Kirk: George has made contact with the owners through Tods Murray, their solicitors. The owners have offered to give the church to the community of

Tynron. There followed a discussion regarding bodies which could be approached for financial assistance and possible potential uses of the church. Christopher Craig offered to assist if needed in putting in applications for funding.

3. **Website:** Moniaive has offered Tynron 2 pages on their website. Linda McDonald offered to liaise with Moniaive on behalf of TCC.
4. **Hydro-energy open evening:** planned for 22 September. Gavin King-Smith to talk, and someone recommended by the Carbon Centre in Dumfries.
5. **Gala Fun Day:** 17 August. Planning meeting arranged for 7.30 pm on Monday 11 August in the Hall. Suggested activities: Bouncy Castle, pony rides and usual games, races and competitions. The Hall to be open for toilets, teas etc.
6. **Secretary:** no report
7. **Treasurer:** no report.
8. **Hall Matters:** Philip Armstrong reported successful results of afternoon teas in the Hall on the 4 Sundays in July, raising funds for the Hall. D & G Council have given £175 towards the Hallowe'en Ceilidh 25/10/08: a balance of £25 will come when the paperwork has been submitted. A bench in memory of Alan Kerr is now fixed outside the Hall. Phil reported on the discovery of dry rot in the Hall.

AOB Colin reported that there had been a smell of drains in the gardens running down to the burn. In discussion it was suggested that this could be a result of no rain and therefore very low water level in the Shinnel.

Next meeting: 29/09/08