

Minutes for Tynron Community Council meeting held in Tynron Parish Hall, 27 July, 2009.

Present: Phil (in the chair), Jane, Rona, Sue, Madge;

Apologies: George, Janet, Eunice, Andrew

Minutes of last meeting: approval to be carried over for next meeting

Matters arising:

1. Tynron Kirk: Redundant Churches asked for maintenance to be carried out on the kirk. The current owners, the solicitors Tods Murray, were unwilling to comply. They are said to want both Tynron and Keir churches returned to the Church of Scotland unless Redundant Churches will repair both of them, but Redundant Churches has insufficient funds for this. Tods Murray have therefore asked that the keys be returned to them.
2. Homecoming: this was an international event, with visitors from as far afield as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Dorset, etc. The event was well reported on the news, BBC radio, Border TV. All agreed Linda had done a great job of organising, with much help from all community. Thanks to a collection (£250) and a grant (£250), all expenses had been defrayed.

Hall matters:

1. No more has been heard of a charge for bin-emptying
2. Improvement scheme: applications for funding can be submitted until 1 September. Usually a percentage of what is asked for is granted, and must be spent within the year. Nobody has come forward to organise a fundraising sub-committee. Offers to help were heard from Mary, Sue and Rona.

Secretary's Report: In Jan's absence, Phil reported on some correspondence: a donation of £20 has been made to the Beekeepers' Association, and literature has been received from the Community And Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES): grants of up to £150k are available for technical assistance with matters such as feasibility studies, equipment, infrastructure. Applicants must be Scottish-based.

Treasurer's Report: balance stands at £5230.67 Christopher Craig has a cheque for £125 from the Philadelphia Horticultural Society which it has been suggested could fund another seat, perhaps a recycled one, at e.g. the end of the Shinnel Glen. It was noted that Alan Kerr's seat has still not got a plaque: Phil will chase this.

AOCB:

1. Margaret Irving's four "Teas in Tynron" in July made £428.
2. Trees need clearing round passingplace signs.
3. The drain coming off Stenhouse wood into Margmony needs clearing. Phil has cleared it 3 times.

4. There is a hole in the road near sewage manhole cover in the village which maybe a sign of subsidence. There is some dispute as to whether this is a road problem or a sewage problem: DGC is reluctant to accept responsibility. This raises the question of whether DGC should adopt the sewage system, involving extra rates. Colin suggested organising a meeting to discuss the issues.
5. Mimi asked about the state of play on the Hall extension. Phil said an estimate has been received to implement the plans that had been displayed in the hall, to roof in the part between the ladies' toilets and the back door of the kitchen, and to relocate and improve the toilets, giving disabled access. Mary feared those plans would not be eligible for Building Regulation approval, and suggested incorporating insulation into the hall at the same time as the other works. Phil will replace the plans on the wall, and pointed out need for applying for funding in a co-ordinated way. Mimi suggested employing someone to organise funding and co-ordinate the project. Mary will try and find out who would do it in DGC. Mary, Rona and Sue will do something, e.g. investigate possibility of project manager.

The next meeting will be on 28 September.