

Minutes for Tynron Community Council meeting held in Tynron Parish Hall, 28 September, 2009.

Present: George, Jan, Eunice, Sue, Madge, Rona, Jane, Colin, Phil

Apologies: Andrew

Minutes of last meetings: 27 July approval proposed by Rona, seconded by Jane;
8 June approval proposed by Jan seconded by Jane.

Matters arising:

1. Tynron Kirk: in July Reynard Nominees had a mason to the kirk who did a minimum of patching and mended roof with waterproof sheeting. Tods Murray want to return Keir and Tynron churches to the Church of Scotland, and the keys sent to Mr Hogg the interim minister. During renovation a key to the kirk will be available. George will stay in touch with Victoria Collinson-Owen of the Redundant Churches Trust. Colin asked what will happen to the church and this is not known. Jane asked why they want to give it back. Colin thanked George for persuading Tods Murray to the church wind- and water-tight.
2. Village sewage: the problem was solved by Scottish Water who however are not obliged to maintain the system since it is the village's responsibility, although it seems the discharge is registered and Scottish Water is obliged to carry out repairs if there is a risk to public health. Phil confirmed that the Hall septic tank is not big enough to take the village's sewage, and Jan suggested that new residents be told of the situation so that they don't use unsuitable cleaning fluids.
3. Hall extension: Phil has submitted an application for £10,000 (£20,000 is needed) to DGC's Village Hall improvement scheme, although he is uncertain of its chances as he had fewer than the requested number of estimates and no fire certificates. If unsuccessful, other funders will be tried; some such as the Robertson Trust may be willing to match funding that has already been promised. Future applications would be stronger if we could identify more positive benefits to the community. George thanked Phil for his efforts.
4. The Fun Day had been successful with a reasonable turnout and good weather.

Elections: Jane and Phil are standing down; George is standing down as Chairman, having completed two 3-year sessions.

Hallowe'en ceilidh: Colin's recommendation is a for a children and family party followed by a ceilidh on Saturday 30 October (after consultation with Penpont School).

Christmas lights: 6 December. Madge will ensure there are enough torches.

Hall matters: all regular weekly activities have started again (Tai-Chi will vary between Mon and Wednesday; Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are now free). Phil has been investigating air-to-air heating systems, and in answer to Rona's question confirmed that grants were available for insulation.

Secretary's Report: nothing of interest.

Treasurer's Report: Colin will investigate the purchase of a bench in memory of Alan Kerr from Solway Recycling, partly funded by the £125 paid in by Christopher Craig. Phil and Linda will organise a memorial plaque.

AOCB:

1. A Wallacehall teacher has asked if the TCC will contribute towards the costs of transport for schoolchildren on the Queensberry Initiative. It was generally thought that this would not be an appropriate use of TCC money as it is currently seeking funding for Hall maintenance.
2. DGC had been to inspect the glen road near Killiewarren, which it intends to repair as funds become available.

The next regular meeting will be decided by the new committee, but will probably be 30 November.