

Minutes of Tynron Community Council meeting held on 27 September, 2010.

Present: Colin, Sue, George, Alec, Rona, and Bryan

Apologies: none

Approval of Minutes: proposed by Rona, seconded by Alec

Clarification of meeting procedures: Rona thought we needed some structure, and that everything from the floor should go through the Chair. There followed some discussion as to how much notice should be given to the Chair of matters arising from the floor. It was decided that the Chair should have at least five minutes' notice of specific issues, but not necessarily in writing. Christopher warned against the dangers of silencing the community.

Matters arising:

1. Road Maintenance

- one of the drains has a hole forming around it
- the programme for gritting is on council's website

2. Committee Posts:

- Madge is to be **Secretary** (not for minutes), with full voting rights (she was voted onto the Committee at the election). Sue will continue as Minutes Secretary.
- Several people had been suggested as **Treasurer** by third parties, but only Calum and Elaine had expressed the wish to serve. Calum had said he would like to be Treasurer but has not the time, so someone else should be chosen, but he would serve if nobody else was forthcoming. All were in favour of **Colin asking Elaine to come on as Treasurer, and notifying Calum** for when he is in fulltime residence at Stenhouse.

3. Bench: not in place yet. **Bryan will speak to Roads Dept about this.**

4. Main Street Drains: George has arranged that Dave Allan will pursue this matter: sucking is not good enough.

Police: David Blacklock will be replaced by Sgt Emma Dodds from 9 October; David Douglas will continue at Sanquhar. No major issues in Tynron, although there have been break-ins in the surrounding area, including Penpont School. There has been some bogus calling, including phonecalls: people are urged to get full details of door-to-door callers, and to observe recommendations for internet security, particularly with regard to viruses and online offers of loans or money. A pedestrian was knocked over locally: wear something bright if walking on main roads. Mimi observed that a Neighbourhood Watch person had got a call to confirm her name and house place. Christopher mentioned another computer scam, and it was agreed that the police could ask Sue K-S to alert the local community of particular scams.

Timber Traffic: Owing to illness, Nick Dowdell could not attend. It was agreed **Colin should invite him to the next meeting**, together with a roads manager, at which the following questions could be raised:

- what is the allowed frequency of lorries now?

- how big are the convoys to be?
- breaking down dykes: which driver is it? Alec pointed out that most of the drivers are fine.

It was agreed that the road is deteriorating, and that the original agreement should be inspected to see whether it allowed only for smaller lorries.

FunDay: great success (except that Lynne is still limping). Thanks were expressed to Colin Maxwell for the gazebo; to Hugh and Madge for the field (best field for the job, very generous of them); to Terry and Mary for providing the barbecue; to Phil for the bouncy castle and the cooking; and to the committee. Everybody enjoyed seeing the children enjoying themselves, and agreed that the day following the Dumfries Show was good for the Fun Day. Christopher would forward details of a bouncy castle advertised on Freecycle.

Created coffee morning: 13 November, details to be arranged by the WRI.

Halloween: It was decided to have a children's party as last year, 6.30-8pm, Fri 29th or Sat 30th October, subject to Bryan finding out when Penpont has theirs. It will be advertised by word of mouth and posters (made by Bryan), and all the children who came to the Fun Day will be invited. [Subsequently, it has been decided that a ceilidh organised by Terry and Mary and the ceilidh dancing group, will follow on from this.] Frances was volunteered to do decorations and games. Rona will get sweeties for prizes, apples, and mineral buckets; Jane agreed to do decorations. Madge will provide champers (the potato variety, not bubbly).

July teas: these made a total of £436: thanks were expressed to Margaret and the Hall committee.

Christmas Lights: date set as 4 December, details to be settled at the next meeting.

Winter Art Fair 5 December: Jane Blair's idea is to celebrate talent in the community by holding a two-day selling exhibition from which the Hall Renovation Fund takes 20% commission on anything sold. Rona asked about insurance: Linda said it could be arranged but the value of the products would need to be known. Jane will contact artists and producers and be the liaison person. Refreshments will be provided.

Hall Matters: Linda said there is £4500 in the renovation fund, thanks to some very generous donations, and gave an update on plans. Most people favoured some renovation; heating and insulation take top priority, and an application for funding for this would be submitted to the Village Hall Improvement Scheme in February. A feasibility study would be carried out as to widening the hall, adding to the gable end and moving the stage, and a grant for insulation and heating. Need to resolve ownership: in response to suggestions that nothing is done about this, Linda pointed out that the lease runs out in 2024 and it is not desirable to be in a weak position if a lot of money has been spent on the hall. To establish title we need to employ a solicitor to do the necessary searches. We need to keep on raising money as matching for other funding.

Secretary's Report: in the absence of a secretary, Colin mentioned that he had received several planning applications, and that outline planning permission for the Rorisons' house has been granted. The Queensberry Initiative had written thanking the TCC for the donation of £100.

Treasurer's Report: again, no report because no Treasurer. The account stands at £13,611.8 (this includes interest and money from windfarm). George pointed out that as Tynron is within 15 (straight) km of the Harestanes windfarm we will get a contribution from it.

AOCB:

- Christopher alerted everyone to the need for the community to be prepared to provide services that the DGC may no longer be able to afford, such as road maintenance
- Sue C-T said some of her guests had sighted a very large black animal.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 29 November