

Minutes of Tynron Community Council meeting held on 29 November, 2010.

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

Apologies: none

Approval of Minutes: Rona asked that it should be clarified that major issues would need more notice than 5 minutes: all agreed, and that Colin agreed to make enough time available to consider such issues. Approval of the minutes were then proposed by Bryan and seconded by Rona.

Police matters: Jodie John said the Police would try to send a familiar policeman (Scott McDowall if possible) to each CC meeting. David Blacklock is the new inspector, Emma Dodds a new sergeant, while Sgt Derek Douglas and Phil Johnson continue at Sanquhar. Jodie confirmed that there is currently a postal scam asking people to phone a certain number, which then bills you a large sum. She advised residents to be wary of bogus callers, especially in winter, delivering parcels, offering to clear paths etc.: always ask for ID. Neighbourhood Watch is starting a new system of electronic messaging (text messages and phonecalls) to landlines alerting people to particular scams/missing persons etc. Anyone can give their phone number to be on the police alerting list, and can text back to the police number about things they are worried about. Jodie, Derek and Scott all welcome any queries from the public.

Forestry: Nick Dowdell, Scottish Woodlands, manager of Appin timber haulage, produced a draft felling plan. The aim is to complete Appin forest timber extraction (approx 120k tons) by 2012. There will be a maximum of 6 lorries per day, with only the CTI lorry being used from November to end December, and no extraction happening between winter and spring when the owners give permission to re-start. Farmers needs can be alerted to the drivers, and will be respected. There is the potential of getting extra laybys and widening existing ones from the STTS fund: to do this, **Colin will liaise with Neil Dyson of the Roads Dept and Graeme Alison of DGC.**

In answer to questions Nick confirmed that:

- Glenglass and New Cumnock timber will not come down the Tynron Glen;
- DGC Roads Dept is responsible for dykes and retaining walls;
- there will be no real gap between timber extraction from Appin Forest (ending 2021) and from the younger plantations further east down the glen (closer to Tynron);
- feedback from residents about lorries in the glen, especially during the prohibited hours 7pm-7am, would be useful for monitoring the legality of timber traffic. Several residents reported being disturbed by lorries at 5am.
- he will make the registration number of the CTI lorry available, and the felling programme when it is finalised
- stone for roadbuilding will be supplied gratis by Scottish Woodlands.
- he will invite Graeme Alison to the next meeting (31 January 2011)

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- Elaine McCann is to be the new Treasurer; she has met with Eunice and will soon be registered to sign cheques. In the meantime, Eunice remains co-signatory with George.
- the bench: DGC is now satisfied as to its siting. **Bryan will fix it.**
- main street drains: Geo and Rona have chased. A DGC man came and cleared the grid but not the storm drain which is solid with gravel etc. George and Andrew Wood will continue to ask for Dave Allan's attention to the matter. It was agreed that the whole situation needs review.
- roads: Andrew says the report on roads in winter has been issued. Colin is to apply for salt bins. AW produced it but says they're unlikely to stick to it. CF: Salt quantities? AW: salt

bins? CF said he will apply for winter salt bins asap. It was agreed that it was worth suggesting that farmers could do the gritting themselves with Council-supplied materials.

Halloween party and ceilidh: a great success, thanks to all who provided the hard work.

Christmas Lights and Winter Fair arrangements were made.

Hall matters: Linda reported that quotes for heating and insulation are being obtained; that the Hall needs planning permission for the outside units of the air source heat pumps. A Hogmanay celiidh will be held in aid of renovations: *Mary and Terry confirmed they would make the necessary arrangements.*

Secretary's report: Madge had received nothing of interest. Colin will circulate news of a Nithsdale community council training event: CF will circulate it.

Treasurer's Report: the account stands at £245, £4052 having been spent on hall roof repairs. This does not include the sum from Scottish Power.

The next meeting will be held on 31 January, 2011.