

Minutes of Tynron Community Council meeting, Monday 30 January 2012, 7.30pm

Present: Colin, Madge, Elaine, Bryan, Rona, Sue.

Apologies: Alec, George.

Minutes of last meeting: Elaine pointed out that the date was wrong. Subject to that amendment, approval was proposed by Bryan and seconded by Madge.

Police matters: Graham Sturgeon, representing the police, reported that locked quadbikes were being stolen on a national scale. Hondas kept in outbuildings are favoured targets. They are often stolen overnight and hidden within a 5-10 mile radius for a few days. The tracker wire is cut and the quadbike retrieved when the tracker is no longer operative. Farms up lanes and side roads are as much at risk as ones on larger roads. The public should be wary of strangers asking about buildings or farmland, and cars parked without apparent purpose; numberplates should be noted and descriptions of clothing. If your dog barks in the middle of the night, see if anyone is snooping round. If so, note as much about them as possible, switch the light on and phone 999; don't put yourself at risk. Textmessaging about such matters is available for local businesses if they are signed up; police are going to devise a similar network for farmers soon.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- Trees on roads into Tynron: Madge apologised for delay in pursuing this.
- Roads: Andrew Wood arrived in time for this discussion. The roads have been gritted, and some patching of potholes has been undertaken. Sources of possible funding were discussed: STTF thought to be a better bet than SRDP, but we need to present a better case. Rona pointed out that the state of the Clodderoch Brae is inviting a fatality. **Andrew and Colin will make further efforts towards a meeting with Steven Wylie, while Madge will contact Bob Green.** Surface water is a problem in the village. Roadside slashing of greenery also needs to be improved. **Colin will shift the stones from where he has cut rhododendrons. Andrew will get the gritbins refilled.** Gritbins could be better placed, e.g. top of Clodderoch Brae, hall carpark and above Kirkland.
- Administrative expenses of £458.25 had been received
- Windfarms: there are meetings: in Carronbridge in February about Twentysilling Hill, in Moniaive on 1 March about Lochurr. Tynron is in the cash catchment area for both. **Bryan and/or Alec will attend both meetings.** Further windfarms are mooted for Craigdarroch and Kirkconnell.
- Insurance: it was noted that an extra premium needs paid to cover the funday; otherwise the hall insurance covers all events.
- SRDP funds for roads: **Colin will investigate.**

Thornhill Hospital: meeting in Thornhill on Wed 1 Feb. **Madge Linda and Margaret will attend.** Helen Tucker may be employed to organise a survey which should increase support for retention of the hospital. It was agreed that if necessary Tynron would volunteer up to £150 towards this. Donations from the Christmas Lights towards the hospital amounted to £31.

The Hogmanay ceilidh was agreed to have been a success, and had made a profit of £376. All who had helped were thanked.

Hall report: Linda said that the new heaters were not performing satisfactorily and that we were in discussion with Delta, the suppliers. The next stage of renovation, installing two new Velux windows and completing the roof insulation, is to start in April and be completed by the beginning of June; the rest of the works will begin after the Jubilee celebrations. There will be a Quiz Night on 3 March.

Colin reported that community activity was being monitored at Wallacehall. The object seemed unclear. There were to be meetings about Community Learning and Development on Mon 6 February in the Thornhill Community Centre.

Secretary's Report: Madge was still pursuing a bill for the Bouncy Castle at the funday, and would book it again for the Jubilee celebrations. This led to discussion of arrangements for the latter: Madge would order mugs and coins for the children from the Tynron area and related children who would be visiting - Madge will need to know numbers, so please let her know. There will be a bonfire, a barbecue, and a beacon fire on Tynron Doon (for which a license will be required). Madge, Rona and Sue will help organise this. Other suggestions included bunting, pancakes, fancy plates and a street party.

Treasurer's Report: £4264.24 in the account. The windfarm money (~£1300) is due in August.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be on 26 March 2012.