

Minutes of Tynron Community Council meeting, 28 May 2012

Apologies: George Freeborn, Andrew Wood.

Minutes of last meeting approval: proposed Bryan, seconded Madge.

Police Report: by Sgt Graeme Stitt, who has taken over from Emma Dodds. Theft of heating oil is the biggest problem at the moment. Sgt Stitt asked residents to watch out for strange cars who might be prospecting possible thefts. In answer to a question as to how best protect one's oil, he said that padlocks are not much use, as the tops of most oil tanks are plastic and easily cut off. Suggestions included covering tanks with a shed; CCTV and getting a dog.

Matters arising from last meeting:

- a. Christopher Craig had learnt that dustbins would continue to be collected from the Milnton road.
- b. Roads: Colin is waiting for news of how the funding bid has fared.
- c. Windfarms: Rona asked if we need to put in for community benefit. Colin said we need to keep an eye out for developments, but it should just get allocated to us.
- d. Queensberry initiative: seeking funds for transport and equipment costs. It was decided to make a donation of £200 this year.
- e. Thornhill Hospital: a donation of £100 will be made towards the cost of Helen Tucker's report. Rona will contact Scott Jardine for news of further hospital developments, meetings etc
- f. elections: we need to consider these according to the constitution as formatted in the style approved by DGC (Sue to amend)
- g. should the TCC pay the Hall Committee the costs of TCC meetings in the hall? This hasn't been done for 3 years, because the TCC has bailed out the Hall Committee when it has been short of funds to maintain the hall. On the understanding that this arrangement will continue, it was decided not to create further administration in the form of payments from the TCC to the Hall Committee.
- h. Jubilee celebrations, 3.6.12: the Bucking Bronco, which would cost £300, was decided against, as too much of a distraction from the other games, etc. Colin and Phil will organise games. Bryan will take care of the football. Bunting will be put up on Friday night (Madge). Colin Maxwell is lending his gazebo. Help is needed for preparation from 10am on Sunday. Road closure will be in effect from 2-7.30pm. Incomers may park in the glebe field. Fancy dress competition will be held first. Pillow fight: Terry in charge of supplying tree-trunk. Food: street tea, pasta salads, sandwiches, etc: contributions welcome. Big drinks containers and road cones needed. Diversion signs will be put up on the A702.

Hall Report: 2 estimates for renovation now in. The Hall Committee will provide refreshments for Spring Fling in the Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds.

Secretary's Report: nothing.

Treasurer's Report: £3848.67 in account. Elaine will be away 30 July. Anyone in need of paying should submit their requirements to Elaine soon.

AOB: Madge remarked that the phonebox needs painting (will have to be red). Ideas for using it welcome. Margaret suggested it could be used as a community noticeboard. Rona suggests a comfy chair in it.

Satellite dish on a Tynron house: should not be there, as it is a listed building, or will need Planning Permission. It has been taken down but perhaps only temporarily.