

Minutes 55 of TCC Monday 27th January 2014

Apologies: Rona, Madge, Sue, George

Approval of minutes, proposed by Colin, seconded by Alex

Police Report: No policeman present. Local policing plan questionnaire to be completed.

Twinning Association: Sarah McConnel is part of the Twinning Association within Tynron, Penpont, Keir and Dunscore. Our area is twinned with a French village an hour outside Paris. We have a lot of the same background (farming) and a lot of the same issues (when the French were over they visited Natural Power). However, it is run by only 2-3 people and this is done by word of mouth. Sarah is hoping that at least 1 community councillor could volunteer to help with the planning (if possible, this to be confirmed by the first week in March). It would be good to have some formal representation. When we went over to France, 4 mayors were waiting to shake hands with everyone. Linda MacDonald took part and had a lovely retired dentist staying with her. She said the experience was both exhausting and fun and that it was a great opportunity to meet the other French families on the tours. If anyone is interested in this you can email Sarah at sarah@mccannel.co.uk

Roads: Still major potholes within the community (e.g. Kilnmark turn); some have not yet been tarmacked and we are only just getting by them. The potholes at Margmony are also getting quite bad. This has been reported to the council but will be chased up again.

Drains: 4 drains up the road from Kirkland House are severely blocked. Local residents have been trying to unblock the drains but can't get the grids off. The gravel from the road repairs is what's blocking up the drains. Vicious circle: rain, potholes, drainage.

Timber traffic; 2½ lorries is the daily limit. There 3 in today before 8am but this seems not worth reporting.

Windfarms: Not much update on the windfarms. Corsock is trying to get all communication together. We need more communication and help from the council as decisions made now will affect communities for the next 25 years.

Christmas Parties: Unfortunately the Family Christmas Party was cancelled as the date was not convenient for everyone, being too close to Christmas. We will be better organised this year. The-over 50's Christmas meal, organised by Janet and Alistair was a roaring success; however, there was a letter of complaint from Jo, sent to Colin. Colin went to see Jo to talk through her concerns. Helen, however, sent in a letter to praise the party and thank everyone for the great time she had.

Local Fire and Rescue Plan: A questionnaire will be sent to everyone.

Hall matters:

- Concerns have arisen after the last rainfall relating to the erosion on the riverbank. Taking down some of the trees may help stabilise the riverbank. SEPA coming to advise.
- Shed for Hall: Planning application has been put into the council for a 8x6 pent roof shed against the bridge wall by the telephone box. This is not visible from the roadside and will not restrict the Christmas tree. A photocopy of the application is on the noticeboard (unsure of outcome as this is a conservation village). We would like it to store BBQ, gazebo, and folding chairs that came from the Day of the Region.
- Another quiz night will be held on Sat 1st March.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Hogmanay Ceilidh. £299 going into the hall funds.
- Investigating cinema event in the hall, "Flix in the Stix". Would need a large screen and projector. £5 per person to cover nibbles. Dunscore did one recently and 40 people turned up for it.

No Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: Total £4280.49: still cheques that have not been cashed, but admin grant from D&G (£458.25) should be in soon. Elaine will ask about internet banking, which will help her and not cost anything.

AOCB:

- Litter on the Glen road is getting really bad. People are just throwing rubbish out their cars. Rather than setting a date for a litter pick, which

might not suit everyone, it was agreed that everyone would do a certain bit (Colin will do from Bennan to Auchenbrack, Brian and Alex would do their stretch, Margaret would do Auchenbrack to the top of the glen and Linda will do from hers over the hill to Moniaive).

- Letter from Mary from the Ceilidh Club; would be nice to run a family Ceilidh but a cut down version of Hogmany. No meal, bring your own drink and a live band, however the Ceilidh club has no funds and would need a donation for the band. No one thinks that will be a problem. Looking at maybe the 22nd March?? Spring Fling time or in May. Open to suggestions for a date.
- Stolen bench: As a community we would like to put something there, and one suggestion was a dyke bench. Another was a memorial bench to mark the 100th anniversary of WW1.