

Minutes 59 of Tynron CC meeting 29 Sep 2014

Apologies: Andrew Wood

Approval of minutes for 28 July 2014: Bryan proposed, Madge seconded.

Police: none attending. Elaine reported that her husband's bike had been stolen and a break-in at her neighbour's house in Moniaive.

Tynron Social gathering: all agreed that it had been a huge success, with lots of positive feedback. The issues of whether or not to have a donation box at this event, and the destination of its contents (£246), were discussed. Colin said that the TCC, in devising this event, had wished to make it open to friends and family of the community, and that people welcomed a donation box for expressing their appreciation. Alastair asked whether the decision to collect donations had been minuted. A charity for the collection had not been decided in advance, but Bryan suggested Sinclair Barbour's charity should receive it, as his entertainment had been so well received. (Colin to find out the details of this charity.) Colin thanked Hilary for the hog. Bryan asked what costs had been incurred by the event: Colin thought about £1000. Rona said it would have been useful to know how many people were going to come: ways of addressing this were discussed. Not knowing numbers had caused some catering problems, and there had also been some discussion about how hall costs were to be met. These were addressed later (see Hall Matters, below)

Colin Mitchell: Colin will deliver a bottle of wine for him for his talk and walk in Stenhouse Wood; he will ask Colin about the possibility of another walk next year, perhaps at a different season.

Litter signs had been made and were given out to various people for fixing at strategic points in the parish. Madge is to order another 4. No litter warden has been seen.

Tynron Panto:

Tynron Panto: Isla reported a very good response. The panto script has been written (by Isla). There will be meetings/rehearsals every Sunday afternoon in the Hall from now to late January. It was agreed TCC would pay the hall costs for the Panto, as it is a community event. Tickets will be sold as a charity fundraiser and a tool for assessing seating requirements etc. Any proceeds raised will go directly to charity. Casting is still in progress.

Barbecue: this and the gazebo were provided by LEADER for the Day of the Region event. Any community group within D&G is entitled to borrow them: the request should come from the event organiser. The barbecue needs to be stored inside, away from damp (hopefully those who borrow it will store it appropriately). There is a huge list of such items available for borrowing: Madge will lend the list to Isla).

Roads: The Lannhall potholes have been mended. Alec reported terrible ones up the glen near him. The trees on Quarry Brae need cutting back: Buccleuch to be contacted. Hilary queried whether the work that BT appears to be doing on the roads was connected with broadband.

Website: James Morrison Knowles is handling it but needs to liaise with Susan Harrison: he is to be invited to the next meeting.

Bench: 2 sets of drawings were produced, one by Alastair and one by Gary; a third is expected from Jim Hanson. Bryan said we need ideas of the costs involved. It was repeated that a large component of stone in the design is suitable as the bench is in an unobserved position and has been stolen once.

Hall Matters:

- Colin suggested that most of the hall's costs (e.g. electricity bills etc) could be met by the TCC, since it receives the windfarm money; that way, the windfarm money would be used for the community and hall hire could cost a lot less (for local use). Madge suggested TCC pays half of all hall costs for community functions. This needs formally agreed at the next meeting and approval from the Hall Committee.
- Hilary asked for a sign to alert motorists to the possibility of children playing by the bridge and emerging from a blind spot near it. **Suitable signs should be suggested and decided at the next meeting.**
- Margaret said the takings for July teas eventually amounted to £380: a little less than previous years.

Secretary's Report: nothing

Treasurer's Report: £6752.21 in bank. Expenditure was £1200 for year, of which about £1000 was for the Tynron Social Gathering; and she had a few more invoices to add in. Income from the Wetherhill windfarm this year was £3007.17: a big increase. Colin queried whether TSG donations should all to go to charity: all agreed yes and to make it £150 and £96 towards the costs.

AOCB:

1. Christmas lights, carolsinging and Christmas party: all to happen on Sun 7 Dec, after the panto rehearsal (i.e. about 6pm). Santa could turn up: George and Jamie Dent were suggested, with Sophie as the Christmas fairy. There may still be a Christmas lunch for those who wish a quieter affair.
2. Colin reported from Mary:
 - a. the Cake and Ceilidh Club would be starting again on 14 October: sessions cost £4 per adult, children go free.
 - b. she and Terry would be running a Hogmanay Ceilidh with cheaper tickets: a cold buffet rather than a sit-down meal would be provided; to be advertised after the first ceilidh club session
3. Penpont Primary School was proposing a memorial to Gordon Moore, who had retired as headmaster: either a bird table or a cup. It was agreed to make a contribution. Alec and Bryan said yes to a cup, no to a birdtable. Others thought perhaps both could be provided.
4. Gordon Neilson of Penpont has suggested that a local limited company should be set up to settle how benefits from the renewables industry, paid locally, should be used. 2 members from the TCC are invited to attend a meeting about this. Hilary was enthusiastic about the possibility of bigger projects being possible if we combined with other local communities.
5. Elaine will stay as Treasurer until the end of the year, but not have voting rights as she now lives in Moniaive (although within 3 miles of Tynron). Everybody was happy with that.
6. Alec noted that there were a lot of grey squirrels. Linda said SWT was setting up a register for people to notify grey squirrels. Until this happens, please report to Linda. The plan is to set traps - humane ones, so that any red ones caught can be set free. Now is not a good

moment to set traps as there is too much food around outside traps. Sue to send round a community email about this.