

Minutes 60 of TCC meeting 24 Nov 2014

Apologies: none. No police present, Andrew Wood present for the DGC.

Minutes with amendments incorporated by Sue approved: Alec proposed, Bryan seconded.

Matters arising:

- litter signs: Madge has more (to be placed on the Lannhall road), and a SLOW sign to alert drivers to children playing at the bridge. Madge and Hilary will decide where best to erect it. Andrew asked where the signs have been erected: on trees with the landowners' permission. George asked if the motorway-style sign at the start of the glen could be removed, while DGC is in the process of removing unnecessary signs.
- Trees on Quarry Brae and by the Mill: Colin asked Andrew to ensure that DGC gets these trimmed.
- Gordon Moore memorial: Colin has conveyed TCC's views to Penpont.
- George said residents on the Manse Road have requested a convex mirror to be placed on the telegraph pole where the road begins. Andrew confirmed this would not need planning permission. **TCC to organise and pay for this.**
- website: no longer James, now Sue in charge of this. Domain address has been assigned. [tell Colin about cost] www.tynron.org.uk . Website should be up and running soon. Sue would like details of businesses and accommodation that people want to go on the website. Andrew suggested providing links to other CCs on it.
- bench: Andrew thought we should run the idea of a stone bench past planning: **Sue to do this.**
- gift to Colin Mitchell: **Colin will do this shortly.**
- local walks: Madge said the Doon path needs clearing. The possibility of making a circular walk in Stenhouse Wood will be raised with Colin Mitchell when he comes to do a spring walk there. Sue suggested a booklet showing local walks: it was agreed that this would require the permission of landowners and might be too complicated, but Linda pointed out that there were existing booklets (Thornhill Walks) and information collected by Dave Macfadyen that could be made available on the website.
- Sinclair's charity, for money raised at the Tynron Social Gathering: recipient varies according to how much money Sinclair's group has collected during the year. **Colin will find out.**

Police: not sure why nobody here this evening- **Sue will check.** Helen called them out 4 days ago when her car alarm went off mysteriously: response very quick, found church gate open - no explanation. Madge reported a van stopped by Clonrae 3 days ago: heard no more from police, but she found it was a local van. A motorbike is reported stolen in the Sanquhar area.

Christmas Lights event: same format as usual. Start at 6pm; panto rehearsal to begin slightly earlier than usual (**Isla to inform all concerned**). Santa has been booked. **Mary will do mulled wine and other drinks, Madge present-bags for children, mince-pies etc. George will organise a tree (lights are in the Hall).** There will be a collection box for a charity: many were suggested, perhaps the most favoured being the children's ward at DGRI. **Sue will send out a grapevine email reminding people of date and time and what will happen. Mary will organise one board outside the Hall advertising date and time.**

Hogmanay Ceilidh: Start time, ticket-price and food tbc, **Mary will alert Sue**. Tickets go on sale 1 Dec.

Panto: Isla needs a Prince. Sue thinks Hilary would be good. 17 Jan is the provisional date, with probably at least one other performance.

Constitution: we may have to have an EGM (in January) to fine-tune this: **Sue to find out, and to email everybody a copy of the new version**. At the same EGM, it is likely we will discuss use of windfarm money to help meet hall costs.

Hall Matters: Mary warned us of the vagaries of the heating system: basically, don't touch it, other than to press the green button. The heater in the entrance hall may be kept on: if you find it on, leave it on. Mary is dealing with new doors and taps, badly designed in renovation. The Hall has been surveyed and its value needs upgrading for insurance.

War memorial board in Hall: Alec asked if it should be insured and there was some discussion about this: **Mary will enquire**. Madge has some literature on war memorials, which she will pass to the Hall Committee.

Secretary's Report: Element Power are holding a meeting in Moniaive on 25 Nov: Colin and Bryan will attend. Comments are invited on the DGC proposals for economising: go online to comment (www.dumgal.gov.uk/budget). Madge also has Foodtrain newsletters.

Treasurer's Report: balance at £6802.52. TSG expenses all settled. Sue said she would submit a bill for printing ink as expenses for producing the newsletter: this is expected to occur about every 3 years.

AOCB:

- Colin reported on the meeting held on Wed 19 November between local hydropower generators, Scottish Power (SP), Community Energy Scotland and Smart Grid Solutions regarding SP's problems with exporting energy from the glen to the grid. There is the water potential for more schemes to be developed, but voltage limits currently restrict this. A pilot project is being proposed whereby energy use by the community is monitored with a view to managing voltage levels electronically, thus perhaps enabling new schemes to be implemented. Greater use of electricity within the community would ease the voltage problem: **anybody planning new uses of electricity or major heating projects should please contact Gavin, Sue, Colin or Mary**.
- A question was asked about what was going on with BT and their works and whether this was connected with plans for upgrading broadband connection. **Sue to investigate**.