

Minutes of a Tynron CC meeting 26 Jan 2015

Apologies: Alec, Madge

Approval of minutes of meeting 24.11.14: proposed George, seconded Elaine.

Matters arising:

- Slow sign: one has been produced by Madge, and is on the Hall meeting room.
- Trees on Quarry Brae: Colin will ask Andrew to follow this up.
- website: is now live. Sue to send a grapevine email round about it.
- bench: Gary and Alastair have produced drawings, and Colin thanked them for doing so. Gary's were preferred (shape, back, wooden seat). Colin will circulate details of pricings received from Gary. Margaret has offered stone for the bench, Gary to view and check it.
- Sinclair's charity: Colin read out a note of thanks from him. Cheques will be sent to one local and one a cancer charity: Sinclair will let us know which ones.

Police: no presence. No issues.

Report on recent events:

- Christmas Lights: all agreed this was a huge success, with Santa and the tree in the hall and carol singing.
- The Hogmanay ceilidh went very well.
- Pantomime; another huge success. Income exceeded expenditure by £110, to be donated to Kuffin Farm project; Colin suggested adding £40 from CC coffers to round it up to £150. Lots of good feedback. Colin congratulated Isla on behalf of the community. Isla has some more ideas.

New constitution: Colin reported that last week's meeting had approved this and that he has sent the new signed Constitution off to the DGC.

Auld Alliance: Linda reported that the twinning association (between the four villages Keir, Dunscore, Penpont and Tynron and four villages in France) was celebrating its 20th anniversary in July 2015. Tynron CC had agreed to support this in principle a while back, but not the amount. Linda said at least 30, maybe 50, French people would coming. The Association pays for coach hire and entrance tickets to sights. £2k-£2.5k is needed. Dunscore CC (traditionally the major funder) have given £600. Funding from other sources is being applied for. Money comes from subscriptions and fundraising events. Linda hopes more people from Tynron will be involved as host families and in social events; that there was no need to be able to speak French as Franglais works well. Firm friendship and links have been established in the 20 years. All agreed to contribute £200.

Hall matters: Colin reported a meeting between TCC and Hall committees last week at which it was agreed that the TCC would contribute £200pm to Hall running and maintenance costs. A condition is that regular non-profit community events will pay a reduced charge; to be decided by the Hall committee. The arrangement is to be reviewed annually, and be altered if windfarm monies are vastly different from last year's rate. Sue to draft an agreement about this to be signed by all who were at the meeting. A direct debit is to start as soon as possible: Elaine will contact Eunice about this.

Windfarms:

- Colin reported a letter from the Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Fund, proposing a one-off payment to Tynron CC from the Harestanes windfarm. As far as we know we are not represented on this company – **Colin will investigate**. Potentially TCC could get up to £2k pa, but the company will need records of how funds are spent, receipts etc. if allocated funds are not spent, they will be returned. It was agreed that this would need a trust setup and someone paid to manage it.
- Bryan, Colin and Sue have attended meetings by Element Power who are developing the Windy Rig windfarm (next to Windy Standard). Colin reported that Element Power intend to share one pot of money between councils of the communities who have boundaries adjacent to their development. Councils will decide which communities will be invited to share the pot.

Treasurer's Report: £6,644 in a/c. Forthcoming expenditure: £200 to Susan for website. £150 - proceeds of panto - to go to Kuffin Farm Project. There is the bench to be paid for. Sue was given a cheque for £89 for newsletter costs. We are proposing to pay the Hall £2,400pa. Income: Admin grant ~£500pa. Wether Hill windfarm paid £3007 this year.

Secretary's Report: Madge had given some items to Colin:

- There was a letter from LEADER about Day of the Region's 'legacy' items (eg barbecue, gazebo): they are to be available to other communities on long-term loan. The letter explains what happens when items get worn out and need replaced.
- Mirror for end of Manse Lane: Madge has details of one costing £40. Colin asked about responsibility in case of accidents. **Colin will ask Madge and DGC about this.**

AOCB:

- Susan had asked if litter signs could be erected in the Scaur glen: **Elaine to ask Madge to get some more.**
- It was noted that rubbish collection had been taking place at irregular times recently.