

Minutes 63 of Tynron CC 30 March 2015 draft

Apologies: Alec, George, Elaine, Madge

Approval of last meeting's minutes: proposed Bryan, seconded Rona

Matters arising:

- Andrew asked about trees on Quarry Brae: nothing's been done, they are bad both sides, and road edges need reinforcing/rebuilding.
- SLOW sign at bridge: postpone until next meeting. Andrew will ask about options, but suggested we run it past Planning permission.
- Constitution: we have no confirmation of acceptance from DGC: Andrew said he'd investigate.
- bench: Gary Nicoll has quoted £180pd for labour (7-10days, max £1800) but has not quoted for materials (oak, stone): C to ask him for further quote on these, and suggested we shelve this until we have Harestanes money. Margaret will investigate sourcing the stone. Alastair hasn't quoted.
- litter signs for Scour: Madge is getting more: postpone until next meeting.
- mirror at end of Manse Rd: no need for permission. TCC will buy mirror Madge to do that: £40.
- Strathmilligan road: has been tarred from glen road to just before Thistledown. Andrew thinks DGC said they were going to do the whole lot in this year's budget. A drain damaged by a timber lorry is still unattended.

Andrew Wood reported a number of area items:

- In Thornhill the number of public buildings is being decreased in the interests of economy.
- The station proposal is being resubmitted. Andrew has asked for wider consultation to include consideration of Closeburn as an alternative site.
- He asked whether Tynron had submitted any requests for funding under the discretionary budget: Colin confirmed there was nothing.
- Harestanes windfarm: money should be coming in.
- Potholes: these are bad at this time of year and DGC is busy with them.
- DGC flowerbeds are being reduced, also in the interests of economy.
- Free school transport is to be limited: this is to be raised with the Education minister.
- The bus service is to be reduced at weekends: last bus from Thornhill to Penpont will be 6:30.

Police matters (Kerrie Smith attended):

- There has been a break in Thornhill (Queensberry Brae). Nothing was taken, but the method should be noted: a pane of glass in the door was broken, and the door key reached from there. If you see a red van reg. no. SF63 CVP, please report it. The occupants purport to sell mattresses, and are targeting homes where people have recently died.
- If people phone police about potholes it makes the police statistics for objections more accurate.

- Thefts of diesel and heating oil: no reports. Scrap metal and quad bike thefts also down. If you see unknown people on your property, please report them, if possible with the reg. no. of their vehicle.
- Helen White thanked police for promptly coping with a rogue car alarm. Kerrie said people should not be shy of reporting odd noises to police.

Jamie Pape (Queensberry Initiative Project Development Officer) gave a talk on what QI does. Colin thanked him and said he thought QI was doing a great job and that the TCC would like to support it more. Asked why this work is not funded by DGC, Jamie said it was because of cuts. Funding comes mainly from Holywood Trust, Robertson Trust NFU Trust etc. QI funds 2 salaries and .6 of another (to organise transport, invitations, liaison etc.)

Windfarms: Colin reported on:

- the Wether Hill Open Day: its extension, of 11 more turbines, is going to Planning this summer
- Element Power (Windy Rig windfarm) meeting: EP wants affected communities to pool their community benefits for major projects. Windy Rig is due to go to Planning in May. The next meeting to be arranged by EP is on 13 April in the Hall.
- the steering group proposed by Gordon Neilson: that Tynron, Keir and Penpont should contribute suggestions for joint major projects. Colin and Sue expressed an interest in being on this steering committee, and Rona in participating in some capacity. The next meeting for this is on 8 April (evening). Contributions would be proportional to the size of participating parishes, and each would have the chance to opt out of schemes/projects.
- Steve suggested better glazing and insulation for all houses as the best use of windfarm money.

Website: Linda will arrange a direct link to the Tynron website from the Tynron page on the Moniaive website. Sue has yet to improve all the linkage between elements of the Tynron website, but the site is usable.

Hall Matters: Colin and Mary are to sign the agreement for finance from the TCC to the Hall: £200pm to be reviewed annually.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine had passed figures to Sue: the account stands at £6226.01p. All cheques issued till last Friday have been cashed. The Standing Order for the Hall Committee for £200 pm has been set up and the March payment has already gone out.

AOCB: The Auld Alliance (aka Twinning Association) has expressed thanks for the TCC contribution to its funds (£200).

