

Minutes 65 Tynron CC 27 July 2015

Apologies: George, Colin, Elaine and Rona

Approval of minutes of the last meeting was postponed as there was only one person who had been at both the last meeting and this.

Matters arising:

1. The trees on Quarry Brae have been attended to by Buccleuch. A message will be sent to Arch Courage to ask him to do the same for the trees on his side of the road. Alec pointed out that the glen road verges need doing even though they are not supposed to be cut until later than now.
2. The mirror at the end of Milnton Lane is now in place.
3. The bench: a decision is still postponed. Mary thought DGC planning needs to be consulted as the bench is to be a permanent fixture.

Police matters: nobody from the police was in attendance and nobody had anything to report.

Windfarms and 3 communities steering group: Sue gave a brief summary of what the Steering Group had been doing, mainly deciding what organisation should assist with setting up a development trust association or whatever kind of organisation is most suitable. Alec asked if this would mean that much of Tynron's money would go to ventures in Penpont and/or Keir. Sue said that each of the three CCs would reserve some of their windfarm money for their own needs. Mary said that supporting ventures in Penpont would probably have knock-on benefits for Tynron. Alec also asked if proposers of projects would have to pitch them formally, and who would decide whether they would be suitable. Sue replied that some sort of pitch would have to be made, and that all three CCs would be involved in deciding which projects would be supported. Mary said that an evening organised by Southern Upland Partnership in the hall had had only two people attending from Tynron, and that they had spent two hours in putting forward ideas for how to use windfarm money.

Fun Day: This event which will be on 16 August, will consist of an adventure walk/treasure hunt down Shinnel Glen, starting about 1:15pm. Transport up the glen will be provided. There will be a barbecue afterwards, and activities such as raft-building, duck race, decorated scarecrows etc. Mary pointed out that the Hall does not have insurance against accidents incurred during activities within it. **Madge will contact timber traffic companies to ensure they are aware of this event. Sue will put round an email to get an idea of how many people will attend.**

Hall Matters: two renovation days have been held, both very poorly supported. Mary has personally sorted the overflowing gutter and the leak of water from the fridge. More support is needed for forthcoming renovation days. **Sue will put out an email about this.** Margaret's July teas had again produced an excellent results (£485), although this was lower than some previous years. The Hall's bank account will be moved to another bank as it has proved difficult to change the signatories with the existing one.

Secretary's Report: Madge had received a letter urging people to protest against Scottish Power's proposal to place pylons locally.

AOCB: John Cowdery announced that the Community Council is due for renewal/change this October, and has nomination forms. Nominations are due in to John by Friday 25 September. If more than 8 people are nominated, an election will be held on Thursday 22 October; John will make it known if this is the case. **Sue will put out an email about this.**