

Approved Minutes 68 Tynron Community Council Post election Meeting 9th

Nov 2015

Present: Sue King-Smith, Sophie Armstrong, Mary Newbould, Helen White, George Freeborn, Linda McDonald For part of Meeting - John Cowdery (Returning Officer), Andrew Wood

Apologies: None

Business:

Appointment of the Officers for the new community council

John Cowdery chaired the appointment of Office Bearers. Sue was proposed as Chairman by Linda and seconded by Helen. Sue accepted. George was proposed as Vice Chair by Helen and seconded by Sue. George accepted. Linda was proposed as Secretary by Sue and seconded Mary. Linda Accepted. Mary was proposed as Treasurer by Sue and seconded by Helen. Mary accepted. Discussion was made as to whether a minute's secretary was required and the decision was made that it would be helpful. Sophie was proposed by Linda and seconded by Mary. Sophie Accepted. John will send a list of the new committee and their positions to the council.

Appointment of examiner of Accounts

Mary has previously audited the accounts but as she is now the Treasurer it is no longer appropriate to do both. Mary suggested we ask Callum Osborne if he would examine the accounts. Mary will approach him about the job Linda will need to inform D & G Council of the Examiner's name within one month of this meeting.

Consideration of co-opting members

Co-opting members was discussed but the decision was made to defer the topic at the moment, until the new committee had settled in and found their footing.

Public liability Insurance

Mary has arranged the public liability for the Hall and informed the committee that it will also cover the events run by the community council within the hall but she must phone and notify them about the event first.

Application to Dumfries and Galloway Council for the discretionary grant for the current financial year

The committee decided an application will be made for the grant from Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Adoption of the Constitution

The committee decided no adoption of the constitution was required at present

Any other competent business

Fix dates and time for ordinary community council meetings

It was agreed that Meetings should be continued to be held on the last Monday of odd months at 7.30pm. It was agreed that the Minute Secretary should prepare the Draft Minutes and send to the Secretary who will circulate them within 7 days of the meeting to the Council, CC members, by e-mail via the grapevine and put onto the website and displayed outside Hall.

Communication

It was agreed that communication would be via e-mail and that people will check their e-mail daily for CC messages. Linda will supply copies of e-mails to George.

Report from Andrew Wood

Andrew reported that the Council had decided to choose the option of a 1.4 metre high bund for Whitesands flood protection. He asked the CC look at Winter Resilience and report any problems. Let him know if we hadn't received the consultation on Community Empowerment and gave an update on the Learning Town proposals.

Other matters

George is currently the only committee member who is a signatory for the cheque book. At least 3 members are required and two of three must sign a cheque. It was decided the other office bearers, Sue Linda and Mary, will also be put on as signatories. It was agreed that should a cheque urgently need signed whilst we are in the process of adding signatories we could co-opt a previous signatory for this purpose. Hopefully this will not be required. Mary also suggested that as the hall committee are thinking about changing banks maybe the community council should think about this as well. Part of the reason for them switching is because of the time taken to change signatories for the cheque book.

A date of Sunday the 13th December was set for the switching on of the Christmas lights and carol singing. Mary put forward a suggestion from Hilary about a Christmas movie for the children or something similar before the carols. Mary will speak to Hilary and see if she would be happy to organise it and report back at the next meeting.

Sue advised as Colin is no longer on the committee we need somebody else to be part of the steering group for the Wind farm money. Sue suggested Mary as she knows she has a keen interest in the topic. Mary confirmed she would be happy to be part of the steering group. Sue said she would be happy to stay as one of the 2 volunteers needed unless there was anyone else who would like to take her place. Everybody agreed Sue and Mary should take the roles. Sue also reported that so far the return of the community consultation forms about the wind farm money is 54%. This is very good and she hopes it will be about 80% after the return of some forms she has not yet received but have been promised to be returned.

Agenda for the next meeting:

Switching on of the Christmas Lights

Feedback from the Steering Group

Date of next meeting Monday 30th November at 7:30pm this will be an open meeting.

