

## **APPROVED Minutes 69 Tynron Community Council 30th Nov 2015**

**Present:** Sue King-Smith, George Freeborn, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, Helen White, Sophie Armstrong, Ian Harvey -Police Officer

**Apologies:** Andrew Wood

**Approval of minutes from meeting 21st Sept:** Sue will ask members of the previous CC who were present at the meeting to approve the Minutes by email.

9th Nov: Proposed- Helen White

Seconded- George Freeborn

### **Police Matters:**

Police Officer Ian Harvey local to the community but based in the Kelloholm/Kirkconnel area dropped in to update everyone on recent activity. He reported that unfortunately there had been a break in at a house in Queensberry Beeches Thornhill, just in the last few days. There has also been a theft at a house in Marrburn Penpont in the recent months. He urged everyone to be vigilant and to report any suspicion vehicles by dialling the 101 number. He also reported there had been an assault between two co-workers in a wood within the Tynron area. The offender has been charged and the matter is now closed.

Ian advised the number of anti crime patrols being carried out has increased and within the next few weeks a new Anti Crime Prevention Initiative within the Upper Nithsdale area will be fully up and running. Ian also confirmed that although there is still no community police officer in Thornhill there is a plan for the position to be filled. In the mean time Ian and his colleagues will try to attend meetings to update us whenever possible.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Examiner of accounts** Mary asked Callum Osborne if he would take the job of Examiner of Accounts. Callum advised that his son Cameron is now fully qualified and would be more than capable for the job. Examiner of Accounts is Cameron Osborne.

**Dumfries and Galloway Discretionary Grant** Sue now has all the detail and will submit the application.

**Community Notice Board/Meeting Minutes** The notice board is currently in disrepair. A new notice board is being sought but it may take a while until it is up and running. The committee agreed until we have a new notice board the Draft Minutes of the CC Meetings will be put up on the inside of the glass doors in the meeting room, emailed to the community and will also be available on the Tynron website. The Minutes will be available a week after the meeting and will be circulated to CC members for their comments and amendments. The Draft Minutes with amendments if necessary will be emailed out a week before the next meeting. Any amendments will be clearly marked.

### **Christmas lights and Carols**

This year the Christmas carols will take place on Sunday 13th December. George will ask John Cowdery if he would be kind enough to once again lead the way with the carols. A few community members suggested some new children's carols would be nice to add in amongst the traditional ones. Mary will ask Isla if the children have any suggestions. The committee also decided that some winter music would be a welcome addition while we drink our mulled wine and enjoy a mince pie or two!

Mary will ask the local musicians if they would be willing to come along and play some tunes..

Hilary suggested the idea of playing a Christmas film suitable for children and adults before the carol service. The film will start at 2pm and carols at 5pm followed by mulled wine, mince pies and some French baked treats. Mary and Hilary kindly agreed to organise the film.

George, Terry and Steve are organising the Christmas tree which will be kindly donated by Hilary. Mary will buy some extra lights.

Sue will email the community, Mary will write the boards and Linda will make some posters to advertise the event.

Proceeds from the collection will go to Médecins Sans Frontières

#### **Keir, Tynron and Penpont Steering Group (KTP)**

Sue reported that from the questionnaire handed out 61% of the community had replied of which 86% had said yes to pool the wind farm money, 11% said no and 3% had given no decision either way for such reasons as they hadn't lived in the community long enough. Sue also reported Keir and Penpont have had similar responses. The next meeting for the steering group is on Friday. Sue was delighted to report there had been a lot of very interesting ideas and suggestions from the community in the replies and advised there will be a more comprehensive questionnaire handed out in the not too distant future. She also stressed there are unfortunately many restrictions on how the wind farm money can be spent and that we cannot simply stop the wind farms, they will go ahead.

#### **Website**

Sue is stepping down from running the website. Jill Burgess had expressed an interest in getting involved. It was decided that Sue would ask Jill whether she would take over the management of the website and will forward Susan Harrison's details to Jill. It was also suggested by Hilary that the web address should be put up in the hall for everyone to see.

#### **Hall matters:**

Mary reported that the Hall Committee is currently in process of sourcing all the keys to the Hall. It seems there are far more than realised and they should be retrieved and re issued to the appropriate people. Sue will email the community about this. Mary also informed everyone that the hall had bought 8 hours of Steve's time at the recent Silent Auction and will soon be putting it to good use. As part of the 8 hours Steve has agreed to temporarily repair the leaking shed roof as the committee are in the process of obtaining permission for a bigger storage solution that will also be able to accommodate the bowling boards. Quotes have been received from builders for pouring a concrete trench to the back of the hall by the river. This was advised by pest control at their last visit to help with rodent control. The committee have accepted a quote and hopefully work will start in the not too distant future. Mary also reports the purchasing of the Audio Visual System for the hall is still ongoing but once in place will benefit a large number of the current users of the hall and hopefully attract more.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**Local Development Plan** - D & G Council are developing a new Plan for adoption in 2019. There is a 9 week consultation period from 27 November until 29th January.

They are asking all members of the public, landowners, developers and anyone else with any interest in development in the region to send in details of potential development sites that they would like to see included in LDP2. This could be land for housing or business development and must be within or next to the settlement boundaries that are shown in the current LDP. They are also asking for any comments you might have on the current LDP, or any other planning issues that you think should be discussed during the consultation on the next Plan. This is all part of the run-up to the Main Issues Report which is the first formal consultation stage of the next Plan. Copies of all documents are available at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP). It was agreed that Sue would send out an e-mail about it to the community and that it should be put on the Agenda for the January CC Meeting

It was suggested a copy should be kept in the hall should anyone want to look at it. Linda will contact the council to see about getting one. Helen suggested the Library and the mobile library should keep a copy. Linda to check whether they are available in the Libraries.

**AGM for the Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust** - is on the 15TH Dec at 5pm. Mary is keen to attend and so Linda will forward the details. It was noted this possibly could tie in with wind farm money.

**Health and social care integration – Nithsdale** – Helen agreed to monitor the developments for the CC and look at other Health related issues for the CC in the future.

**CC contacts for D & G Council form** - It was agreed that Linda would be the contact person for the Council.

**Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Annual Small Grants**

**Scheme**– Linda had received details of the grant conditions and a Monitoring Form which needs to be returned in August 2016. The CC agreed to endorse the decision of the previous CC and approve the application of the Hall Committee for support via a monthly payment. This will benefit the whole community.

**Proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm** – The CC has been invited to participate in the Consultation process.

**Treasurers Report:**

Mary advised she has not received all the paperwork from Elaine as yet but after roughly working out from the statements and paperwork she does have the current balance in the bank is £12,143.47. Mary asked for a list of current signatories for the cheque book. The new signatories will be the four office bearers- Sue, George, Linda and Mary. Elaine will remain a signatory until the end of the year. The committee decided they are moving bank accounts like the hall committee to Triodos.

**Community Resilience**

Sue reported that she had been contacted by the person responsible for Community Resilience at D & G Council and that they will attend the next CC Meeting.

**Any other competent business:**

**Craft Fair** A number of community members and other attendees of the event reported that the craft fair held on Sunday 29th Nov in the hall had been a great success. The hall looked stunning, the food in the cafe was delicious and there had been a fantastic atmosphere. Helen gave high praise to Jane, Mary and Jill who organised the event.

Hilary said she felt the craft fair had shown that there is a niche for a produce market more regularly. Isla's French style cafe went down a treat and there was discussion about having a different themed cafe at each market.

**Hogmanay Celidh** Mary reported the Cake and Celidh club are hoping to run the event this year but are waiting on confirmation of a band for the night. They are meeting to discuss the event soon.

**Bench** There was some discussion about the drawing already received for a stone bench. Some community council members were concerned about the weight of the stone given where the bench is going to be situated. It was suggest Sophie could draw a sketch of a bench she could make in her forge. She will have it for the next meeting.

**Trees on quarry brae** Sue reported that Buccleuch Estates had cleared their side of the road. As far as the community council are concerned the matter is now closed.

**Mirror at the Linn road end** Community members have raised the point that the mirror fixed to the pole at the end of the Linn road is too small and not fit for purpose. Sue will discuss what size the mirror needs to be and the community council will invest in a new one.

**Draft Agenda for the next meeting:**

Apologies

Approval of minutes

Matters arising

1. Local development plan

2. Bench

3. Community Resilience

Secretary's report Treasurers' report

Hall report

Any other competent business

**Next meeting 25th January 2016 7.30pm**