

APPROVED Minutes 70 Tynron Community Council 25th Jan 2016

Present: Sue King-Smith, George Freeborn, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, Sophie Armstrong, Helen White, PC Hayley (Community police officer), Chris Woodness (Community resilience)

Apologies: Andrew Wood

Approval of minutes: 30th Nov 2015- Proposed Helen White, Seconded George Freeborn
21st Sept 2015- Proposed Madge Rorison, Seconded Bryan McLellan (From the previous committee)

Police Matters: Hayley Community Officer reported that there had only been one incident since the last meeting; a suspicious vehicle that had been seen up Shinnel glen. Thankfully it turned out to be completely innocent however Hayley gave high praise for picking up the phone and encouraged others to follow suit should they see anything unusual. Hayley gave tips on some actions we can take to increase security in our homes; informing the police when you are going away, appointments can be made for the police to come out to your house and do a security survey and as always be vigilant. [Sue will email info through the grapevine regarding contacting Hayley for house checks.](#) Hayley also informed us that the police are in the process of setting up a security advice section within a monthly newsletter. [She will email these to Sue to be sent out on the grapevine.](#)

Matters Arising:

Discretionary grant

George has now signed the documents so they will be sent this week. Should we obtain the grant we will receive £455.55.

Website

Jill is working with Susan on the website, currently nothing new to report.

Local Development Plan

Mary has kindly read through the whole of the LDP and has marked any pages in the master copy she thought may be of interest. This will now be kept in the Hall for anyone who would like to look at it. She advised there are some changes in this LDP in comparison to previous ones. Some villages and their building areas are not shown in the book, Tynron being one of them. A map for Tynron is available on-line but Mary noted that the Conservation boundary marked for Tynron does not show the changes agreed since the last LDP. [Mary will put up a copy of the map she has drawn in the hall and will contact the Council to query their map.](#)

Bench

Sophie has selected and sanded a piece of local oak for the seat and will bring costings and a drawing to the next meeting.

Community Resilience Plan

Chris Woodness from Community and Customer Services at D&G Council joined the meeting to talk about Community Resilience Plans. He explained they are completely voluntary and would be up to us as to how far we take our plan. He gave examples of communities with top end plans such as Glenluce, who have installed a defibrillator and Kelloholm who have bought a community quad bike and trailer. He explained local knowledge is key to a good resilience plan. He also advised funding is available from the Community Safety Fund and also the Local Authorities Trust for equipment. The Hollywood Trust has been used to gain funding to put young people through first aid courses. Chris

also stated that insurance will cover community council members and community members listed on the resilience plan as contacts. Vehicle use is not covered.

Sue expressed concern that local people were very good at voluntarily sorting out any emergency situations and a formal plan might discourage some people from getting involved in the future. To be discussed further.

Flooding

Andrew Wood had arranged for Brian Templeton from the Council to visit and advise on measures to prevent flooding. During his visit he had mentioned that householders could obtain advice from the Council on how to protect their homes. He had also suggested that the CC should contact DG First to discuss drainage and maintenance.

Jo asked whether it would be possible to use CC windfarm? money to address problems with the river. Sue advised she had asked about this previously and had been told it could not be used as it was not a "charitable purpose". However Chris Woodness thought wind farm money had been used in other villages. Steve suggested commissioning a survey to identify problems and solutions. Mary wondered whether this could be funded from the Community Safety Fund. James suggested that if we made a case to DG First that blocked drains are causing road damage, it may be that they could pay for maintenance from a different budget eg one supporting timber traffic. All members agreed the first jobs were to contact DGFirst regarding the drains and we need to agree with land owners regarding care of drainage etc.

[Mary will coordinate a flooding team to deal with flood events and a Working Party to consider future actions](#)

Windy Rig Pre-Consent Agreement

A pre-consent agreement has been produced and our CC representatives will be asked to sign it at the next meeting on Feb 24th. It indicates an income of £10,000-£26,000 per year for the village. The exact figure will depend on how many turbines are erected etc. It was agreed to sign the document.

Wetherhill

There is an extension going ahead on the Wetherhill site. [Sue will look into whether this means we are entitled to an increase in the annual payment](#)

KPT steering group

Sue gave thanks to all who helped distributing and collecting in the questionnaires and to all those who had made suggestions.

A planned structure has been drafted.

Joint Community Fund - 2 people from each CC will sit on this committee

Development Trust - will consider bids for projects which must have charitable aims. They will then apply for funding to the Joint Community Fund.

The Joint Community Fund will apply for match funding for large projects.

Each Council will retain 33% of its windfarm money to fund local needs and small grants, the remaining 67% will be put into the joint fund.

Carols/Christmas lights

Sue reported she has received a thank you letter from Medecins Sans Frontieres for the £120 we sent from the donations collected.

Santa might come along next year if we have any young children in the community!

Amendments to the establishment of community councils

Mary pointed out it states community councils are to have own UK based bank account. She proposed we advise them we are opening an account with Triodos and should they not think this is ok they can say so. Time limit to appoint an examiner of accounts was thought to be a problem. [Linda to send response.](#) Mary advised no one has been receiving the weekly planning list. She contacted Janice Thom who said Tynron wasn't on the contact list. They will add us to the list and [Linda will look out for them coming in.](#)

Lorg Wind farm

Sue attended a meeting on the 14th regarding the 15 turbine wind farm. She reports there will be a visual impact on Allan's Cairn. [Sue will write to the council regarding the proposed plans.](#)

Hall matters:

Following the email about the handing in of hall keys Mary reported she had two sets handed back and stressed there should only be one set per group hiring the hall.

Mary reports they are having problems with groups hiring the hall and adjusting the heating. The heating is pre set and should not need to be changing. Pressing buttons on the control panel interrupts with the programme set for other hall users.

Mary is meeting with the builder this week to go over the quote for digging the trench to the back of the hall. We feel it may need to be deeper than previously thought.

There are still ongoing electrical problems within the hall mainly the light in the disabled toilet. Steve is co-ordinating with the builder/electrician to resolve the problem.

Jill is looking into a new notice board. A decision will be made on a board at the next hall committee meeting next week.

Secretary's report:

Linda has received copies of the New Hospital News should anyone like to see them.

Treasurers report:

Mary reports we currently have £14,143.00 in the bank.

There have been 2 x £200 payments sent to the hall since the last meeting. There are still some receipts to be handed in by Madge, Hilary and Mary for new lights, catering etc for the carol singing/Christmas tree lights. [Mary needs any expenses claims as soon as possible.](#)

Queen's 90th Birthday beacon 21 April 2016

There is a scheme to light beacons_or bonfires on 21st April. [Sue to put out note on grapevine to see if anyone would be interested.](#)

Any other competent business:

Constitution

An emergency meeting to comply with time limits is being held to adopt the constitution.

Mirror

Sue has ordered a new mirror for the end of Milton lane. [Steve will put it up when it arrives.](#)

Litter pick

Hilary brought up the issue of a large amount of litter in the area. A litter pick has been arranged for 21st Feb at 11am followed by soup in the hall for all the helpers. [Linda will arrange getting gloves and bags from the council and we decided to invest in 4 litter pickers. Linda will purchase these.](#)

Winter supplies

George advised we need more salt from the council for the spinner and we need to check the salt bins too. [Sue will contact DGFirst for these supplies.](#)

Defibrillator

Helen asked that the purchase of a defibrillator and training should be put on the agenda for the next meeting

Agenda for next Meeting:

Organisation of event

Bench

Defibrillator

Date for next meeting 21st March 2016 7.30pm