

## **APPROVED Minutes 72 Tynron Community Council 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Present:** Sue King Smith, George Freeborn, Linda McDonald, Helen White, Sophie Armstrong, PC John Carter and Emma Green

**Apologies:** Mary Newbould, Andrew Wood

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Proposed Helen White, Seconded George Freeborn

### **Police Matters**

PC John Carter, our new Community Police Officer, informed everyone that rural crime figures for the area are down. Thankfully we are seeing a drop in such things as diesel and quad bike thefts. He also reported vehicle crime figures are slightly up, this includes such things as vandalism rather than just theft. He informed the group of ongoing drug and alcohol talks being held in Wallace Hall and Sanquhar Academy. He felt they have been very positive and a great success.

PC Carter advised that there are currently meetings being held with the forestry contractors about driving on the roads in the area and procedures they should be adhering to.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Bench**

Sophie brought along some drawings and ideas for the bench. It was decided she will go ahead and make a start. The decision will be left to Sophie as to the style etc. as without seeing the shape and size of the piece of oak she already has for the seat it is hard for anyone to judge what is best. Sophie does not want any money for making the bench. It will be the first big piece she has made and is very unsure if/how it will turn out. The Community Council asked if she would keep a note of her time spent on the project so they could pay her for that.

#### **Community Resilience**

Linda advised that Mary has a template Resilience Plan containing some useful council information and contact numbers. Sue stressed the flooding plan will be included in the resilience plan. [Mary will lead a Working Group to draft a Plan and report back to the Community Council at the July meeting.](#)

#### **Litter pick**

A grand total of 15 people turned up to help with the litter pick on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Large chunks of the A702 and Scaur glen were cleaned up as well as the village roads. A big thank you to all the workers and those who provided homemade soup, bread and sweet treats!

#### **The Queen's Birthday Beacon**

After much deliberation it was decided to explore the possibility of a bonfire on top of the Doon for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Madge has kindly offered the use of a quad and trailer for taking wood up to the top. Ideas were also raised about having a joint celebration with Keir and Penpont perhaps a street party or something similar on the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June for the Queen's official birthday. This will be discussed again closer to the date. [Linda/Sue will liaise with Keir and Penpont CCs.](#)

### **KTP Steering Group**

Sue reported on the Community Fund Group and it was agreed to approve the draft constitution, which will be adopted at a JCF meeting at the end of the month. There is a great deal of work to be done to get up and running; opening bank accounts: requests for funding and in depth community consultation to name a few but we are well underway and making good progress. There will be a briefing meeting about the KPT group after the AGM on the 6<sup>th</sup> June to give everyone a better understanding of what has already been agreed, help required, recent updates and the possibilities.

### **Wind Farms**

#### **Windy Rigg**

Since we agreed to sign the pre consent agreement, Mary and Linda had attended a meeting regarding the Windy rigg site. Linda informed the group that amendments are being made to the agreed pre consent

planning and hopefully a new one will be available for our inspection in June. Another meeting is likely to be held.

#### **Wether Hill**

The Wether Hill extension has been approved. Sue sent a letter to inquire whether we are therefore entitled to more money but so far has had no reply. [Sue will try make contact again.](#)

#### **Quantans Hill**

We have received a letter inviting us to an information exhibition on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. [Linda will enquire whether we are entitled to any community benefit](#) however numerous community members think we will be outside the remit area.

#### **First responders and Defibrillator**

Sue had sent out an email on the grapevine asking for anyone who would be interested in becoming a first responder for the community. There was a good response with 3 yeses' and 2 maybes'. The first responders will be the first port of call in any major health calls. They will obviously need to keep their first aid training up to date and will be trained in using a defibrillator. There was lengthy discussion about how/ where we could receive training, it was decided the British Heart Foundation maybe a good place to start. [Linda will look into appropriate training and enquire to see if there is a wide spread training scheme for first responders that will include insurance etc.](#) Penpont, Keir and Moniaive are all about to have defibrillators installed on the outside wall of their village halls. They have secured these with help from the Community Safety Fund. Penpont Community Council may be able to help us with information on costs, procedures etc.

#### **Scottish Power Network Pylon Proposal**

The current pylon proposal has been withdrawn. Changes to the route may follow so we should keep an eye in case the new proposal involves coming a lot closer to Tynron. 'Dumgal Against Pylons' web page contains a lot of useful information for anyone interested. The Community Council have been asked to sign a letter against the erection of the pylons. The letter talks about destroying the local scenery and the economy, everyone agreed we should sign. [Linda to inform Dumgal Against Pylons that Tynron CC's name should be added to the letter.](#)

#### **Hall Matters**

No representatives present.

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

Linda notified the group that the council have been putting on some training events. Linda attended one on "How to involve members of the community". The session was very interesting and relevant and comforting to hear other communities talk of their situations. Linda also said that, unfortunately due to other commitments, Jill had not been able to undertake the website training and Mary had to miss the Facebook training.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Mary was unable to attend the meeting but had passed all information on to the other community council members. The current bank balance is £13,924.63. Mary has passed all paperwork, cheque books etc. onto Linda whilst she is away in case we need them. Mary is still in the process of changing the bank accounts. She has spent a great deal of time filling out piles of forms for the move to the Co-operative Bank for which we are very grateful and would like to thank her for all her hard work. The forms are now complete, [Linda is going to photocopy them and then get them in the post.](#)

#### **Any other business**

#### **DSLAM Box**

Openreach are planning to put up a broadband box in the centre of the village which will improve the broadband for houses within the village. Mary has erected a mock board to show the size and position of the box proposed. Concerns have been raised with regards to the position and possible disturbance to the underground works of the village. Mary has been in contact with the Planning Dept and the contractors to see

if there is room for negotiation on the site of the box and is awaiting a reply. Unfortunately, the fact we are conservation village has no effect on it! They have George's telephone number as a contact whilst she is away.

#### **Joseph Thomson Memorial Centre**

The Community Council have received a letter from the Joseph Thomson Memorial Centre Committee asking for volunteers and funding. Rona has previously represented Tynron in attending meetings and helping show people around but unfortunately no longer feels she can continue. Helen expressed an interest during our meeting and will contact them to get some more information on what is involved. Their next meeting will be Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April. We have previously gifted money to help with running the centre. The letter mentions specifically an advert that is going to be placed in Visit Scotland which is will cost £180. We decided we would give £100 to assist in purchasing the advert which will not only benefit the Joseph Thomson Memorial Centre but hopefully bring in business for the surrounding area as well.

**NEXT MEETING IS 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY AS 30<sup>th</sup> MAY IS A SCOTTISH BANK HOLIDAY**

**AGM ON THE 6th JUNE 2016**

**FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF OVERVIEW ON KTP STEERING GROUP AND THEIR RECENT PROGRESS**