

Minutes 74 Tynron Community Council 27th July 2016

Present: Sue King-Smith (Sue K.), George Freeborn, Linda McDonald, Sue Hall (Sue H.), Keith Lewis, Mary Newbould, PC Gemma Mazur.

1. **Apologies:** Sophie Armstrong, Harry Cowan

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meetings: 21st March 2016** Proposed by Linda Seconded by George
21st July Proposed by Mary Seconded by Keith.

3. **Police Matters:** PC Mazur stated that there was nothing of note to report. However she asked people to be wary about phone calls claiming to be from their Bank. Sue H. asked whether there had been any reports of oil thefts. Gemma said that few had been reported but advised people to check their oil tank regularly. Sue K reported that a battery had been stolen from the deer-cullers' caravan in Appin Forest in March.

4. **Matters Arising:** It was formally agreed to adopt decisions made at the January and March Meetings when the CC was, unknowingly, technically dissolved.

a) **Bench:** Discussion postponed until next meeting as Sophie not present.

b) **Community Resilience:** Previously the CC had decided to set up a Working Party to draft a Community Resilience Plan and make recommendations to the next CC meeting. [Linda to organise a meeting. It was agreed that Sue H. would ask Scaur Glen residents whether more grit bins were required.](#)

c) **First Responders/ Debrillators:** Sue K. reported on her recent experience of the rapid response times for the local Ambulance Service and Linda reported that the nearest First Responder group was in Dalbeattie. After discussion, it was agreed not to proceed any further. Defibrillators have now been fitted in several neighbouring communities, as a result of a project organised by The Hub. It was agreed that the CC should investigate the costs and fitting requirements for installing one at the Hall. [Linda to follow up.](#)

d) **Joseph Thomson Heritage Centre:** Helen White has kindly agreed to continue to act as the Tynron representative. She had reported that the Centre now has a Business Plan. Helen will be developing the material held on Tynron. A History Walk in Tynron may be arranged.

5. **Keir, Penpont, Tynron Steering Group and Joint Community Fund Up-date:** Sue K. reported that the Constitution has been adopted. The Steering Group had made an application to the CARES Fund for £10,000 to carry out an in-depth community consultation looking at the type of projects which people would like to see and develop an Action Plan. This would be different from the survey carried out last Autumn to establish whether people were in favour of a joint fund being formed. The Steering Group have appointed "Community Enterprise" to undertake the Consultation between now and Christmas. Once set up the Development Trust would handle the actual projects and the Fund award the actual grants. Money would be transferred from individual CCs once the organisations are set up (probably after March 2017).

6. **Tynron Kirk:** George reported that the new owner of Tynron and Keir churches wished to give the communities access to the churches for religious purposes or for associated community uses. The Rev Stuart Mill has pointed out that the Church of Scotland does not want the churches used for regular services and won't conduct wedding or baptism there but might allow funerals to take place. The types of activity possible was discussed and George would welcome comments. Margaret pointed out that there is electric heating in the church. People felt there might be an opportunity to hold an event in the church and use the Hall for refreshments etc. George will attend a further meeting in the Autumn.

7. **Village event:** It was agreed to hold a village BBQ on Saturday 10th September with a "Harvest festival" type theme and if possible to use the church as well for displays. [Sue K, Sue H and Linda to co-ordinate. Hall Committee to be asked to get involved. George to ask if we can use the Kirk.](#)

8. **Windfarms Up-date:** Linda outlined the position regarding Community Benefit...

Wether Hill - £3881.24 received in 2015 Extension to windfarm has been passed. We have asked whether this will result in an additional payment when operational, but have received no reply, as yet.

Harestanes An initial one-off £2,000 payment received in 2015 plus £2,000 annual payment. The annual payment will be made each September as long as we have put in a reporting form showing that we have spent all the previous year's money.

Windy Rig Planning application made in May. A community Benefit Agreement was ready for local communities to sign in May but this has been postponed due to CCs being dissolved.

Lorg & Quantans Hill We would get Benefit due to being within 5Km of Lorg and 15 Kms of Quantans Hill. Planning application made for Lorg in May.

Longburn We have asked about Community Benefit as we are within 15Km but we have received no reply as yet.

Sue H. asked whether the CC had made any objections to Wind Farms and suggested that it might be appropriate to consider the Cumulative impact of all the planned wind farms. It was noted that the CC could perfectly legitimately both apply for Community Benefit and raise Planning objections to a Wind Farm.

9. **Secretary's Report :** a) Joan Neilson had ask for funding to support a visit of Masai Warriors to Penpont. They will be undertaking workshops in Penpont and Wallace Hall Schools and will give a public performance in Thornhill Church. It was agreed to donate £150. b) Sinclair Barbour asked for a contribution towards the costs of bringing a group of Austrian Dancers to Penpont. It was agreed to donate £150. c) A letter had been received regarding the closure of the Thornhill and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. This means that there will no longer be a Legion organised event or wreath. [It was agreed that Linda would liaise with John Cowdery and Frank and Margaret Irving to order a wreath.](#) d) Margaret Irving had reported that large lorries and heavy plant was coming past their house rather than going north over the heads of the valley. This was damaging the road surface and the Mid Shinnel Bridge. [Sue K. agreed to write to Nick Dowdell.](#)

10. **Treasurers Report:** There was £13,303.60 in the Bank at the end of April. £600 in payments to the Hall would have been made since. New Co-op Bank account not open yet.

11. **Hall Matters:** Nothing to report

12. **AOCB. EGM to adopt Constitution** – D & G Council wished CCs to hold a meeting to adopt their Constitutions before 16th September. This would allow for a further meeting to be held before the deadline , if something goes wrong. It was agreed to hold an EGM at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 13th September.

Thanks to Andrew Wood – The Tynron CC wished to send it's thanks to Andrew for all the support he gave during the time of the Council's dissolution. It was very much appreciated.

13. **Date of Next meetings** 13th September EGM to adopt Constitution 26th September 2016
AGM and Meeting