

Minutes 77 Tynron Community Council Sept 26th 2016

Present: Sue King Smith, Linda McDonald, George Freeborn, Keith Lewis, Sue Hall, Sophie Armstrong, PC Carter (Police), Councillor Andrew Wood, Nick Dowdell (Scottish Woodlands), Lesley Smith and Allan Gale (Forestry Enterprise Scotland)

1. Apologies: Mary Newbould, Harry Cowan

2. Approval of minutes from 27th July 2016- Proposed- Sue Hall, Seconded- Linda McDonald

EGM 13TH Sept 2016- Proposed George Freeborn, Seconded- Linda McDonald

3. Police Matters-

Pc Carter informed the group that a local man has been charged in relation to the recent heating oil thefts. He was found with 2 x 1500lt tanks submerged in his garden! Thankfully this seemed to have put an end to the spate. He had no other crime to report.

He talked about recent cyber-crime and bullying talks he has been giving in the local primary schools and was pleased have been asked back to do further lessons on the subjects.

PC Carter would like to make everyone aware of the new Air Weapon Legislation coming into effect on 31st July. No one will legally be allowed to own an air weapon without a licence. Please visit the police Scotland website for further information and to apply. Licences are currently £72 for 5 years.

There was also a rather alarming discussion about the new policing structure for the area. To cut a long story short there are now less officers covering a bigger area! Antisocial officers will also be given new powers in order to assist police officers. There is also a proposal to close the Thornhill Police Station.

4. Timber traffic-

Concerns were raised over weekend and early morning timber traffic at about 4.30am which disturbs people living near the road. It was confirmed there should be no lorries up and down the glen on Sunday and that vehicles should not be going up before 6am.

Margaret Irving had complained that low loaders and fuel lorries bound for the Forestry Enterprise woodland had been going up the Glen causing damage and disturbance. Lesley and Allan stated that such vehicles should not be using the Glen road. The damage to a bridge had been repaired. Nick Dowdell confirmed that he had also seen such vehicles. Lesley and Allan agreed to investigate.

There has been a peak in activity recently due to the removal of fallen trees but only light vehicle traffic will continue for the next couple of months until the job is finished. Both Scottish Woodlands and Forest Enterprise will have a break in their work over the winter.

Concerns were also raised over the flooding risk further downstream because of the tree felling at the top of the glen. The guest speakers confirmed there is no contingency for this but simply to replant as quickly as possible. They advised research has been done and overall it is a very small percentage of timber being felled and this will not affect water quantity further downstream. There are now strict rules for drainage and planting near rivers including increased broadleaf planting.

There has been 12400 tons of timber extracted from Appin forest this year and plans are to increase this to 20000 tons next year. This would mean 30 loads a week over 6 days and 3 days in the winter period. By 2022 Appin will be completely felled.

Forest Enterprise Plans expire 2018 and they would like input from the community-there will be community consultation in the Spring.

5. Matter arising

Defibrillator

Work progress. No new information to report. [Linda to report at next meeting.](#)

6. Telephone box in the village

The form has been completed and returned for the adoption/purchase of the phone box from BT. This was required to be done before 30th Sept. There is then a 90day time period before any action will be taken. The CC a has requested that we retain a working phone. BT are reporting a high volume of calls regarding the removal of telephone boxes in villages around the region. Sue has told the Planning Dept that we wish to retain the box.

7. Report from Community resilience working party

So far two meetings have been held and a draft plan produced. A public meeting is planned to establish skills we have within the community that could be added to the plan.

The community council have agreed to provide £400 for the purchase of some initial simple equipment such as sand bags, brooms, road closed signs etc.

Sue suggested a meeting be held ASAP to submit funding application secure funding for more substantial items before the funding runs low. [Linda to action.](#)

8. KTP Steering group and Community Fund update

JCBF have approved the constitution.

An application has been submitted to CARE community consultation for an in depth consultation like to take place between November and Christmas.

Sue is in contact with stakeholders.

A community quiz has been organized for 11th November at Penpont School. This will also be an opportunity to contribute ideas as what we can do with the money.

A meeting has also been arranged for Wednesday 26th October for Tynron residents only to give ideas for our village and how we would like to benefit from the money.

9. ANCBC Grants

We have received the first annual payment of £2000 from ANCBC. This has previously allowed us to assist in running of the Hall and allow subsidised rent for local groups and make several small grants. The strict allocation criteria require the Community Council to report back in how the money has been spent in order to secure the money for the next year. We have been successful in securing the money for 2016/17. Any local group with a constitution can apply for a small grant. We have also received a one-off grant from ANCBC of £4000 and it was agreed that this would be spent on enhancing the Hall facilities i.e. noticeboard, sound system etc. To be discussed further.

10. Pinzarre Forest plan

Felling is due to start in about 5/6 years as Appin will be cleared before work starts at Pinzarre.

Will be restocked with conifer and deciduous.

11. Wind Farm update

Wether Hill extension- currently waiting on a decision re community benefit (*Note no cabling will go through Tynron.)

12. Secretary's Report

Linda has purchased a wreath to be laid at the war memorial in November as the British Legion branch is now closed and so no longer provides one.

13. Treasurers report

The new bank account is now set up. We are working on getting a cheque book.

14. Hall Matters – No report

15. AOCB

Switching on of Christmas Lights - Carol singing/ mulled wine will take place on 4th December.

Date of next meeting Monday 28th November 2016 7:30pm