

Minutes 78 Tynron Community Council 28th Nov 2016

Present: Harry Cowan, Linda McDonald, George Freeborn, Mary Newbould, Keith Lewis, Sophie Armstrong, PC Carter (Police), Sandy Hall (Victoria Cross item)

1. Apologies: Sue King Smith, Sue Hall

2. Approval of minutes from 26th Sept 2016- Proposed – Linda McDonald, Seconded- George Freeborn

3. Police Matters-

PC Carter happily informed everyone there had only been 2 calls to the police from Tynron and the surrounding area in the last couple of months. Firstly, a call to a road accident in which a lady had come off her bike on the icy road, thankfully there were no serious injuries and the second was a call regarding vehicles from a shoot causing obstruction. The police spoke with the person in charge and they agreed the vehicles would be left elsewhere in future.

PC Carter also gave the unfortunate news that he will, as of January, no longer be the local community police officer. We would like to thank him for his help during his short role as our community police officer and wish him well with his new roles.

4. Victoria Cross Flagstone-

Sandy Hall came to speak to us about a commemorative flagstone being laid for Captain Samuel Wallace as a part of a National Scheme to place a flagstone with an electronic link for smartphones to access information about each person awarded a VC during the First World War. D & G Council were planning to lay the stone in Thornhill as Samuel Wallace was born there. However Sandy Hall had argued that the stone should be laid in Tynron and had pointed out to the Council that Samuel had grown up at the Ford in Tynron and his family had no links with Thornhill. Sandy asked for support from Tynron CC. It was agreed that Tynron CC would contact D & G Council, Thornhill CC, local Councillors and Capt Wallace's regiment to argue for the flagstone to be laid in Tynron. [Linda and George to action.](#)

5. Matters arising-

Telephone Box

Sue hadn't heard anything else regarding the telephone box.

DSLAM Box

Mary outlined the latest planning proposal to locate the DSLAM box in the Hall car park by the river/septic tank. The Hall Committee have objected to this location due to the risk of flooding, the effect on the septic tank and the implications for future use of the car park. The Planning Department have confirmed that no planning permission is required for the box, however the Hall Committee as the land owner do need to agree to its location. Mary as the CC's planning rep had also registered the CC's comment outlining the risk of interruption of service due to flooding. It has been agreed that a meeting will be held between Catsurvey and the Hall Committee to discuss better options for the position of the box. [Mary to organise.](#)

There was some discussion over how much of the community the box will help in terms of faster internet. Harry thought that people were under the impression that properties up the Shinnel Glen would benefit from the new fibre connection. However Mary stated that she had been unable to get

firm information from Openreach about who would benefit from the new fibre connection to the DSLAM box, but she would raise the matter with them at their meeting. She had suggested that Tynron could be used as a proposed pilot site to test wireless broadband in the future. Hilary said that they had been told that Stenhouse would not be connected to the DSLAM box. Keith said he had found a website where you could enter your telephone number and it will confirm whether you will benefit from fibre at some point. He had also found that Auchengibbert could not be connected. [Keith will give the link to Linda who will send it out on the grapevine.](#)

6. Community Resilience Plan-

The draft plan was approved, everyone agreed it can now be sent to the council for feedback. [Mary to contact Council.](#) The next step is to arrange a public community consultation. The proposed dates are either Saturday 14th or Saturday 21st of January 2017. [Linda will confirm the date.](#) The Community Response Team have begun to ask some members of the community to be volunteers. This is vital, as being a named volunteer within the plan means they are covered by insurance when helping. Jill Burgess has agreed to be the Incident Co-ordinator and the contact point for people in an emergency. CC members agreed to be involved in phoning a specified group of people in an emergency.

7. Christmas Lights

Sue had confirmed that John Cowdrey is happy to lead the carols on Sunday 4th Dec. George, Alistair and Terry will erect the tree- kindly donated by Hilary and Callum. [Hilary will arrange a family film](#) with ice cream and popcorn for the Sunday afternoon before the carols. [Linda will send an email out on the grapevine](#) tomorrow once Hilary has confirmed the film choice. [Mary will make the mulled wine, Margaret shortbread and Linda mince pies.](#) Film 3pm and carols 5pm.

8. Defibrillator-

Karen Lewis from the Hub is running a project with communities to purchase defibrillator's and had offered to include Tynron in the project. This would enable us to purchase a defibrillator at a reduced price and receive the appropriate training and support. Karen is offering a reconditioned defibrillator (ex ambulance) and training for volunteers at a cost of £500. Linda relayed to everyone that this seemed a very good deal as her research had shown the cost of defibrillators to be two or three times this generally. The heated cabinet for the defibrillator cost £356 and we would then have to pay for fitting to the outside of the Hall and connection to an electricity supply. The running cost is very low at around £20 per year and the battery needs replaced around every 5 years at a cost of £130. A vote was cast and the majority agreed a defibrillator would be a welcome addition to the village and Karen Lewis's project seemed the best option. It was suggested one person from every group that uses the hall must be trained in using the equipment. Harry suggested an afternoon in the hall where all members of the community could come see the equipment in operation by professional and have a go themselves. Tea/ soup could be provided. [Linda to arrange.](#)

9. ANCBC-

The £2000 has now been received. The conditions of the grant require two members of the community council to be nominated to attend their AGM meetings and receive correspondence from them. Linda felt the Treasurer should be one of the nominated as they had to complete the Annual Return and she was happy to be the other. Keith also agreed to be nominated but couldn't guarantee to be able to attend meetings, depending on their timing. [Linda and Mary were nominated but Linda will check times of meeting etc.](#)

At the last meeting, it had been agreed that the ANCBC one-off grant of £4000 received last year was to be used for improvements to the Hall facilities. A new notice board for the village and sound system for the hall are both ideas for which we could use the money. The Hall Committee supplied a picture of the proposed board with costs attached. Everyone agreed to go ahead with the purchase. Mary is still in discussion about the sound system for the Hall but this will also hopefully be purchased using the grant money too. Harry suggested we see if it would be possible to use some of the money for the purchase of the defibrillator as well. [Mary and Linda to investigate.](#)

10. KTP Update-

A draft report should be available on the 7th Dec. The group are planning to meet shortly to discuss proposals and feedback. They are planning a public meeting during the first half of January , date to be confirmed.

11. Secretary's Report-

Linda has received a flyer from the Hub offering advice and support with Community participation and engagement. This may be useful for in the future for the KTP.

12. Treasurer's Report-

The current bank balance is £19,012.13. Mary confirmed we are now fully up and running banking with the Co-op and she has successfully made payments out and received money in. Money in to the bank since the last meeting included £11730 transferred from the old bank account, £5087.31 from the windfarm, £455 GDC Admin fund and the £2000 grant from ANCBC. Payments out were for internet hosting, the wreath and the standing order to the Hall Committee for hall maintenance. Mary also suggested we thank Elaine with a small gift. Elaine had been kind enough continue receiving/ passing on all bank statements whilst we have been transferring banks. A gift voucher or hamper were suggested. [Mary will organize.](#)

13. Hall Matters-

DSLAM Box- see 5.

The hall committee raised concerns about the cleanliness of the hall after some users and the heating system being tampered with. The issues will be raised with those concerned and the committee are planning to put the control panel for the heating in a locked box to stop people changing the settings. Pest control are continuing work on the hall.

14. AOCB-

Some concerns were raised over the number of emails going back and forward between cc members. There were various opinions within the group and It was agreed to monitor the situation until the next meeting. Consideration is also to be given as to whether meeting once every two months is enough and if monthly meetings would help with cutting down on emails and shortening the length of meetings. This may also be required as the KTP project evolves and decisions are required to be made quickly. Harry suggested that we could hold additional meetings to discuss urgent matters, having given the required public notice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 23RD JAN 2017 7.30PM