

## **Minutes 79 Tynron Community Council 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**Present:** Sue King-Smith, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Keith Lewis, Sue Hall, Sophie Armstrong, Sandy Hall (Victoria Cross item), PC Harvey, Councillor Andrew Wood

**1. Apologies:** Harry Cowan

**2. Approval of minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** Proposed- Mary, Seconded- George

### **3. Police matters-**

PC Harvey reported there had been one incident of Anti-social behaviour in the area since our last meeting. He brought to our attention the recent high numbers of break ins within the Dumfries area with thieves targeting yards and warehouses looking for plant machinery. He urged everyone to be vigilant and to report anything at all out of the ordinary by dialling 101.

Anti-crime patrols continue and free security check are still available for anybody interested.

PC Harvey confirmed that proposals to close the Thornhill Police Station are still undergoing consultation and no decisions have been reached as to its future. However, on a brighter note informed us we have a new community police officer based at Thornhill, PC Lee Smith.

### **4. Matters arising-**

#### **Victoria Cross flagstone**

Sue and George attended a meeting to discuss the proposed location of Victoria cross flagstone. The conclusion to the meeting was that the flagstone will still be laid in Thornhill but both Moffat and Tynron where Captain Wallace has connections will have a commemorative plaque. There is a second meeting on Thursday at 10.45 with the council to discuss the plans for proceedings for the event in November. George suggested we ask that Captain Armstrong be added to the plaque as he also received a decoration. Linda suggested we make the day into a community event after the plaque unveiling.

#### **Telephone Box**

There are still questions over the ownership of the telephone box. Sue confirmed it is noted with the Council that Tynron object to the removal of the telephone service and the box itself . [Sue to pursue.](#)

#### **DSLAM Box**

The agreed position of the DSLAM box is now marked with the temporary board in the hall car park. Mary has signed a temporary way leave but the full version has not come through yet. A date for the installation of the box has not been decided but Mary has been advised it will not be in the first quarter of the year.

Mary confirmed with BT that although houses up Shinnel glen will not receive fibre from the DSLAM Box there is a possibility that fibre direct to premises (FTTP) could be available sometime in the future.

Mary is working with BT to get a definitive list of who will receive broadband from the DSLAM as using your postcode on websites is not guaranteed to be accurate.

## **Christmas Lights**

The Christmas lights were once again very successful and a few thanks are required- Hilary for donating the tree, George, Alistair and Terry for putting it up and taking it down, John for leading the carols, Margaret for the shortbread and Mary the mulled wine. We raised £50 which has been donated to Macmillan Cancer.

## **Defibrillator**

Linda confirmed the Defibrillator has now been ordered and the training paid for. Linda is in the process of ordering the box in which the machine will be mounted on the outside wall of the Hall and an electrician will be arranged when it arrives. A Training session will be held. [Linda to action](#)

## **5. KTP**

Community consultation is now complete and we are awaiting the report. The next step will be to set up the Development Trust. People have until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb to vote online for the projects they would like to see happen, Linda has sent the link to the website. Sue stressed votes are not binding - the project must be feasible when considered by the Development Trust.

## **6. Community Resilience Plan**

A public meeting was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - thanks to Mary and Linda for organising. The council have agreed the Tynron Community resilience plan and provided a kit. The community resilience plan contains a list of volunteers - more are always welcome. The team are putting together a gritting plan and requesting additional grit bin from the council.

A list of priority no.1 equipment has been emailed out to get quotes. There will be a community resilience mobile phone which will be held by Jill Burgess, the incident co-ordinator. This phone number will be published.

The community resilience plan is not to replace the council's responsibility but to enable us to help ourselves and work alongside the council.

Preventative work has taken place on the drains to help prevent future flooding of the village - thanks to Steve Mullane and Steve Price.

## **7. Bench**

The new bench is to be situated on the corner at Shinnel road end to replace the one that was stolen. It was also suggested that it would be nice to have a bench on the Lann Hall road between the unused round stone gateposts overlooking the Milnton. House owners, land owners and the council have agreed this would be ok.

Alastair Davies and Steve Mullane have both been asked if they would be interested in making a bench. Alastair will think about it, Steve is happy to make a wooden bench.

## **8. Secretary's Report**

We have received a letter of thanks from the Moniaive Gala Committee for the donation of burgers we had left over from the Harvest festival. They used them for bonfire night and managed to raise £1000 through donations.

Fiona Daubney our new 'Ward Officer' whose role is to support the community and help with events and planning would like to attend the next meeting to introduce herself to the community. For those who attended Saturdays resilience meeting they will have met her there. [Linda to invite.](#)

Nithsdale Walking Works are asking for support from local communities in their application for funding from ANCBC. Everyone agreed we will support the group.

Linda received an email from Tesco regarding their Bags of Help funding scheme to support outdoor improvements and activities for community groups social enterprises, schools, local authorities and community councils. Groups can apply for a grant of up to £5000. If you are interested, please contact Linda and she can forward you the email.

We received a letter from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) asking if we would set up a direct debit for the £35 payment for Data Protection for the Community Council that we already pay. Everyone agreed a direct debit was a good idea. [Mary to action.](#)

### **9. Treasurer's Report**

The current balance is £17,571.46. Moneys paid out since the last meeting are for Defibrillator, Harvest festival, Christmas Lights, British Legion for poppy wreath, Internet domain name and 2 x payments to the Hall Committee for maintenance.

### **10. Hall Matters**

There is a Scottish theme film night planned for this coming Saturday. The film is 'Angels Share'.

A pub night is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> February with a fun quiz and games. Posters to follow.

Rosie Osborne is planning a Mexican night to raise funds for a field trip to Mexico for university. Date to be confirmed.

The Hall Committee are purchasing a laptop for use during meetings, writing minutes, updating the website and taking bookings. It will be for use by both committees and will be generally kept by Jill Burgess.

The new community notice board has arrived. The hall committee will arrange to put it up.

### **11. AOCB**

The Auld Alliance Twinning Association is hosting visitors from France in April. They have requested a contribution towards the cost of the coaches to transport the visitor around the tourist sites. The committee agreed to donate £150. [Linda to get BACS details.](#)

Sue Hall raised concerned over state of the bridges in the Scaur Glen and the dangerous surface water on the road by the bridges. [Andrew will investigate.](#)

EE masts in Scaur Glen - Sue Hall raised the issue of the planned Telephone masts. She understood that their siting had been amended after objections from residents. She warned that the Community Council should be alert for future proposals.

Linda and George attended the recent Windy Rig Windfarm Community Liaison meeting and asked about putting in the contract that the community benefit automatically goes to the Hall Committee should the Community Council no longer be operating. They were assured that the initial agreement which the Council will be asked to sign before the end of March was a statement of Intent. There will be a more detailed agreement at a later date in which individual Councils could agree specific

provisions. Andrew Wood thought that this setup is already in place. He believes that in this situation a meeting would be held in the community for a decision to be made as to who would be next best suited to receive the funds.

Councillor Andrew Wood informed us that D & G Council have created a new post of 'Ward manager' to provide better connection with communities, across neighbouring wards and with elected councillors.

He also stated that Transport Scotland are holding an open consultation tomorrow on the issues raised in the seminar at the Easterbrook. Andrew is attending and will be raising the topics of the upgrade to A76 and the re-opening of the Thornhill and Closeburn railway stations.

**Date of next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**