

Minutes 80 Tynron Community Council Meeting 27th March 2017

Present: Sue King-Smith, Harry Cowan, Linda MacDonald, George Freeborn, Keith Lewis, Sue Hall, Sophie Armstrong, PC Harvey

1. Apologies- Mary Newbould

2. Approval of minutes 23rd Jan- Proposed- Harry Cowan, Seconded- Keith Lewis

3. Police Matters

PC Harvey had no new crime to report. He touched on the recent copper pipe theft in Carronbridge and HGV alloy rim theft in Thornhill.

Home security check are still available free of charge, please get in contact if you are interested.

4. Matters Arising

Victoria Cross Flagstone

The final decision is that Tynron will receive a plaque and Thornhill will receive the Flagstone. Sue and George have investigated the possibility of adding Captain Armstrong to the plaque and have been told we could have a second plaque for him but we would need take up the cost. Everyone agreed to go ahead.

DSLAM Box

To be discussed at the next meeting.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now in place on the gable end of the hall.

One training session has taken place in which 13 invited individually attended.

Linda has inquired as to whether we could have a second training session that would be open to anyone. This would be at a cost of £75 and would be a maximum of 15 people. All members agreed to go ahead and arrange. [Linda to email through grapevine](#) to see who would be interested.

Ward Manager

Fiona was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be along to the next meeting in May.

Bench

Sue thanked Terry and Steve Mullane for moving Allan Kerr's bench from outside the hall to the gateway on the Lannhall road.

Mary has ordered a wooden bench from Camling to replace the moved bench and ordered a second bench from Solway recycling to put at the end of the Shinnel glen to replace the stolen one.

Telephone Box

There has been no further progress with the telephone box.

Community Council have said the telephone should not be removed in case of emergencies. We will pursue with trying to make it a Wi-Fi hot spot as well.

Community Resilience Plan

The team had got together a list of priority equipment to get them started which they anticipated would cost £400. After sending out the list to get quotes the cost has risen slightly. McDermids quote, which the group would like to ahead with, came in at £550. This however, includes a wheelbarrow which was not included in the original list and a larger size git bin that will take a full tote bag of grit as the original one would not. The Community Council are happy with the quote and the community resilience team should go ahead and order the goods. [Mary to order.](#)

Linda also raised a point regarding the mobile phone they would like to purchase for the team coordinator. After much research, it looks as though they may need to take out a contract phone to be able to transfer calls to a landline. The estimated cost would be £10 per month. Some committee members felt in terms of safety a contract may be a better option than pay as you go anyway and a contract phone was approved.

5. KPT

Sue reported KPT held an end of community consultation meeting at the end of January. At the meeting the 3 communities agreed on which projects they will try and tackle. The projects are

- Community broadband initiative
- Connecting our Villages
- Community transport
- Community hub
- Affordable housing
- Renewable including sustainable - energy

A 6-fold leaflet will be produced showcasing the projects. The leaflets will be distributed to all households within all the three communities. There was discussion of a community (Tynron only) meeting to be held in the hall to give everyone more insight into the projects and what they hope to cover under the umbrella headings for each project. Possible date for meeting 12th June. [Sue to confirm.](#)

Sue explained the next step will be to set up the Development Trust. This team will be responsible for researching into each of the projects. All interested parties welcome.

6. Approval of Windy Rig Agreement

Planning permission has just been submitted for the Windy Rig extension.

All community councils in the area who receive community benefit have been asked to sign an approval agreement. The agreement is quite vague!

Linda and George attended the last meeting to ask about writing into the agreement that if for any reason the community council was dissolved the benefit would go to the hall committee. Linda said there were many other community councils wishing to do similar things. Apparently, the Windy Rig company will appoint an agent who will work with each beneficiary individually to amend the fine details of the agreement to suit the specific needs of the individual communities.

The predicted amount generated is £240,000 which will be split between 9 community councils, a healthy return! We are assuming it will be an equal split as there is nothing to indicate otherwise. However, figures may change depending on what plans are approved etc.

The next meeting is on Thursday, everyone was happy for Linda to attended the meeting and sign the document on our behalf.

7. Litter Pick

A litter pick is arranged for Sunday 2nd April at 11am. [Linda will send an email](#) round the grapevine. Linda and Sophie will make soup and cakes for the working parties afterwards. A community member raised the issue about the amount of rubbish on the clone road A702. After much discussion, it was decided this section of the road would not be tackled by ourselves due to the sheer volume of rubbish and the safety of the parties who would be cleaning. Instead [Linda will email](#) the council in relation to the matter and contact Community Payback to see if they could offer help.

8. Date and arrangement of May AGM

Community Council AGM will be held on the 15th May on the same night as the Hall Committee AGM. It was decided the ordinary meeting will be held the following week as both in one night doesn't leave a lot of time for a lot of discussion.

9. Secretary's Report

Penpont, Keir and Tynron Pre-school application grant

Penpont, Keir and Tynron pre-school for children aged 2-5 have written to ask for funding to create an outdoor learning space. They have sent a list of the things they require and their cost. The list included 2 canopies, chips, turf and levelling of the ground. Penpont have agreed to fund one canopy it was agreed we would fund the second at a cost of £246.

[Since our meeting on we have found out that Keir have decided to fund the second canopy at a recent meeting therefore we will now be funding the turf.](#)

Review of Scheme of establishment of Community Councils

There is a meeting being held at Wallace Hall Academy on Wednesday night to review of community councils scheme of establishment. Linda is planning to attend the meeting and will raise the issue of the number of signatories for processing a payment. Information is on the council website.

Local Development Action Plan consultation

The local development action plan is open for queries until the 24th of April. [Linda will ask Mary](#) if she has looked at the plan and feels there is anything to raise.

Thornhill Station Action group

The Council has received information from the Action Group and decided to support the campaign.

Police station

Linda received an email in February regarding the closure of the police station. There seems to be talk of a separate company buying the police station building and the police then renting back part of it. There is also a possibility of them sharing the use of another building e.g fire station.

There had also been an email informing us of the Police strategies document available to view online (Police 2026) which requires feedback.

Linda also added that a community member had seen a Jenkinsons lorry coming through the village. Linda contacted the company, Jenkinson have given their apologies and said they will speak to the driver.

10. Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the bank is £15,004. The bench ordered from Solway recycling has been taken from this balance but the cost of the bench from Camling has still to be deducted along with the amounts decided tonight.

11. Hall Matters

Since the last meeting, the hall electrics have been inspected and pass with a few minor issues all of which have now been resolved. The heating system has also been serviced.

12. AOCB

Overhanging trees on the Manse road are causing problems for people receiving deliveries. Lorry drivers are refusing to go down the road as the trees will damage their lorries. [Sue to email](#) land owners regarding the matter and failing that will contact Fiona the ward manager to see if she could offer any assistance.

The street lights in Tynron are causing problems for house owners in the village trying to sleep. SA survey of residents' views to be undertaken and if agreed the council could be asked to see if we could have a 6 months or 1 year trial of switching the lights off after midnight and then in the winter they could come back on at 7am for people going to work. Community members also said there may be a possibility of LED or sodium lights being installed instead that may not cause so much disturbance.

Sue H reported installation of 2 new grit bins in the Scaur Glen and the start of work on the road/bridge repairs needed that she raised at the last meeting. She would like to thank Andrew Wood and Fiona for their help with the problems.

Sue K informed everyone that Harry would be leaving the committee and the community at the end of May. He is off on his travels around Europe and we wish him all the best. It was decided to co-opt a Councillor. [Linda to send an email](#) on grapevine to ask for interest. Interested parties to email Sue. There was discussion on the number limit of co-opted members and associate members who have no voting rights.

Date of next meeting AGM 15th May & May Meeting 22nd May 2017 @7:30pm