

## MINUTES OF A TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

held in Tynron Parish Hall on Monday 26th March at 7.30 p.m.

Present: George Freeborn, Janet Davies, Eunice Laidlaw, Rona Dent, Colin Forsyth, Philip Armstrong and Jane Blair; also Anthea Russell - Community Council Co-ordinator for Mid and Upper Nithsdale.

Apologies from Madge Rorison and Sue King-Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting were gone over and in Matters Arising, para. 2 where it states that the Roads Department has said it will be REPORTED soon - that should read REPAIRED. The minutes were then proposed by Janet Davies and seconded by Rona Dent.

Matters arising:

1. Buying the field in the village.

It has been decided to postpone further discussion on this meantime, until Hugh Rorison is feeling better. In principle he is prepared to sell.

2. Quarry Brae.

The state of the road after the cable was put in is a concern. George has been in touch with the Council and Scottish Power and it is in-hand.

3. Litter Pick.

It was a horrid day, but there was a good turn out of volunteers who did a good job. The council had provided litter pickers and black bags. Terry did a good job with his pick-up and a trailer in lifting all the rubbish and disposing of it. Thanks went to Margaret Irving and Isobel McKenzie Biggs for supplying very welcome soup and biscuits. The Community Council supplied a welcome glass of wine and thanks to Mary for organising the serving up of the refreshments.

4. Crichton Campus.

We've written to various bodies about the closure of the Campus and there have been replies to say it will be kept going if possible.

5. Wind Farm.

George has written to North British Windpower Ltd., but we are not eligible for any monies from them. We may be able to get something from the Dungarroch site at Dunscore as we are within the area. Blackcraig has been turned down for planning first time, but have applied again - no further word on that.

Police Matters:

Peter Bryden introduced himself and explained what his aims in the job are. He mentioned the drinking in public by-law that is being proposed, but unfortunately no one from Tynron was able to go to the meeting. He would also like to set aside a time - possibly once a fortnight - when he will be in the village and if anyone has any issues they can come along a speak to him.

Peter Bryden gave us his e-mail address -  
peter.bryden@dumfriesandgalloway.pnn.police.uk

#### Nithsdale Local Plan.

It has been accepted. Government ministers have been approached to it being given outstanding status and that may mean we will be eligible for more grants.

#### Statistical Account.

This was first produced in 1790, initiated by ministers of the Church of Scotland. It was then done again in 1850 and again in the 1950's. It has been suggested that we produce an up-to-date account for the interest of the parish and Helen White, Rona Dent, Mimi Craig, Eunice Laidlaw and Christopher Craig are willing to work together on it. It is hoped to have it produced for the summer.

#### Secretary's Report.

George went to the MUNAC meeting. Janet has a price list for various books etc. that the Community Council may need. There were various other bits of correspondence, but nothing important to our CC.

#### Treasurer's Report.

At the end of February the balance in the bank was £5163.74. The question of a high interest account was raised again and it seems that the only way round it would be for two members of the CC to open one in their name.

#### Hall Matters.

The quiz night was a success with ten teams and a good sum raised for the hall and WRI. The hall has been well used this winter and it is hoped it will continue. The Jazz evening attracted about the same number of people as last year and was a pleasant evening.

Grants have been applied for from the Robertson Trust and Village Hall Improvement Scheme and we are still waiting to hear from them.

Thanks went to Terry Kirton and Billy Wallace for clearing the gutters on the hall - not any easy or pleasant job.

#### Anthea Russell.

She would like a copy of the minutes as soon as possible - even if they are still in draft form.

A handbook for Community Councils has finally been produced and will be distributed to us as soon as possible.

A revamped CC mini-web where all the info is up to date has been prepared - she would appreciate any comments. See [www.dgcommunity.net](http://www.dgcommunity.net)

Jane Blair asked if we were putting in a float for the Penpont Gala again and suggested that we should start thinking about it now and also put a notice in the newsletter.

Jane had also been approached by Gordon Moore, headmaster of Penpont School, for a donation towards the coming school trip to France, and since her children are not now

involved she passed it onto the CC. After discussion it was decided to donate £50, since some of the Tynron children will be going.

The Fun Day, (which this year will be known as The Gala), will be held again and a possible date was the second weekend in August - to be confirmed.

Carole Outhwaite - from the audience - asked George if the council could be approached to put in passing places on the Tynron/Clonrae road. George will put it to them but it was thought that the road was not narrow enough to warrant them.

Colin Forsyth would like paper re-cycling boxes for the glen, with the re-cycling lorry coming to collect them. It is possible to get them, but they have to be taken to a point where they can be up-lifted or taken to the nearest re-cycling bin.

The next meeting will be the AGM for both the Hall and Community Council at the end of April with the next ordinary CC meeting being at the end of May.

The meeting ended with the usual coffee and biscuits.