

MINUTES OF A TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

held in Tynron Parish Hall on Monday 30th July at 7.30 p.m.

Committee members present: George, Jane, Janet, Phil, Rona and Sue.

Councillor: Gill Dykes

Members of the public: Mary, Sophie, Helen, Christopher.

Apologies: Colin, Eunice and Madge.

Not enough people who had been at the last meeting were present, so acceptance of the minutes was held over to the next meeting.

Statistical Account: Helen said that this goes to print this week and will be ready for the Gala Day.

Penpont Gala: Tynron will not be contributing this year but will get organised earlier for next year.

Tynron Gala Day: 12 August. George's funding application has been lost: Gill to look into this (**action: Gill**).

Phil to organize the food. Two bouncy castles have been ordered (1 large, 1 small) costing respectively £75 and £50, using money from the TCC. There will be a tent, a barbecue and pony games. Margaret will make a cake for the 80th year celebrations. There will be vintage tractors and other interesting local vehicles. Flyers advertising this will go out to Tynron residents (**action: Phil**).

Police Matters:

Peter made a number of points:

- A police van will attend the Tynron Gala. There have been no problems at other Galas.
- Immigrants (mainly Polish people) have been knocking on doors hoping to sell such things as pictures: if bothered by such incidents, residents should ring the police and the police will check on the caller. Neighbourhood Watch has suggested a scheme whereby members of the public and trade outlets ring round each other to check for problems.
- Tynron volunteers could participate in a Speed Watch scheme to keep a tally of speeding cars in the area. Janet asked if this meant that the police were no longer concerning themselves with car speed: Peter confirmed that the police were continuing to monitor this. No decision was taken whether or not to join the scheme.
- Quadbikes should be locked up, as several have been stolen from the area.

Local Roads:

Christopher asked if motorists could be encouraged to slow down on the skiddy bit of road by Clonrae, e.g. by a SLOW sign: to be considered by the Roads Dept (**action: Gill and Mike MacConnell**).

Repairs to Dunreggan Brae: these need to be effected (**action: Gill to approach Roads Dept**).

Councillors: 4 councillors now cover mid-Nithsdale and the Cairn Valley: Gill, John Syme, Andrew Wood and Jim Dempster. Gill and John will be the ones to concern themselves most with Tynron, and will attend TCC meetings approximately every 6 months. Gill said some money was currently available for village halls. Sue passed on a message from Neil McKay, the outgoing councillor concerned with Tynron, conveying his good wishes to the TCC.

Secretary's Report: Janet had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: in Eunice's absence, George reported that the accounts stood at £6,148.21 (including £1,035.14 from Scottish Power). Gill confirmed that this would not disqualify applications for funding.

Hall Report (Phil):

- The current application for maintenance funding (for repairing the back wall) is to be considered on 28/8/07. £1,000 has been granted from the Robertson Trust; £2,500 is required in total, and the Committee will contribute £500. Gill said she would see what the DGC could contribute (**action: Gill**).
- DGAA has promised £250 towards the ceilidh, which will take place on 3 November; the Back Room Band has been booked for this, and it is to be a Parish Hall Committee event.
- A new seat for the car park has arrived. It was bought with money from Alan Kerr's donation, and it was agreed, at Christopher suggestion, that a memorial plaque should be put on it (**action: Phil?**).

AOCB:

- Small building groups (SBGs): George had information from Kathleen Symington (councillor) that planning permission is easier to obtain for the extension/improvements of properties that can be classed as SBGs and that are in the countryside, not in a settlement area. Gill said people should write in with their own views about this. Mary said that SBG status has to be applied for.
- Rona asked about Tynron's status as an Outstanding Area: George said that Historic Scotland had been asked to upgrade it but had heard nothing (no action decided).

Christopher raised a number of points:

- items for the newsletter by 10 September
- developments re the purchase of the field from Hugh. It was decided that if the price is more than the TCC can afford, a mortgage could be taken out.
- suggestions for other ways of spending the Council's funds: a travelling bursary for a local school-leaver; the promotion of local alternative energy supplies.

- the TCC's youth members need encouragement and possibly duties: Sophie to be commended for her attendance at meetings. (Sophie blushed.)
 - the website: the Statistical Account should go on it, but it is full and the free website management is not satisfactory. Gill suggested applying for DGC funding. Sue to ask Simon Dale if he will renew website consultation on a paid basis (**action: Sue**)
 - lighting: Rona will take a census of views as to whether we need fewer street-lights and whether they should be on a time-switch (**action: Rona**).
 - the water trough: has disappeared from where it was but not reappeared on Quarry Brae: George to ask Fraser again (**action: George**)
- Rona commented that it would have been good to have had all these points on the agenda. Sue to review unresolved issues and include them in future agendas (probably a few at a time, in rotation) (**action: Sue**).

The meeting ended with the usual coffee and biscuits.

The next meeting will be on 24th September.

Key to names:

Alex = Alex Collins-Taylor
 Arch = Arch Courage
 Christopher = Christopher Craig
 Colin = Colin Forsyth
 DGC = Dumfries & Galloway Council
 DGAA = Dumfries & Galloway Arts Association
 Emily = Emily Smith
 Eunice = Eunice Laidlaw
 Fraser = Fraser Dykes
 Geoff = Geoff Harland
 George = George Freeborn
 Gill = Gill Dykes
 Helen = Helen White
 Hugh = Hugh Rorison
 Jane = Jane Blair
 Janet = Janet Davies
 John = John Cowdery
 Jonny = Jonny Blair
 Linda = Linda Macdonald
 Madge = Madge Rorison
 Margaret = Margaret Irving
 Mary = Mary Newbould
 Peter = Peter Bryden
 Phil = Phil Armstrong
 Rolf = Rolf Buwert

Rona = Rona Dent

Sophie = Sophie Armstrong

Sue = Sue King-Smith

TCC = Tynron Community Council

Terry = Terry Kirkton