

Minutes 84 Tynron Community Council 25th September 2017

1. **Present-** Sue King Smith, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Katie Coltart, Sophie Armstrong and Fiona Mackay (Police)
2. **Apologies-** Sue Hall, Keith Lewis
3. **Approval of minutes-** Proposed George, Seconded Linda
4. **Police Matters**

Pc MacKay was pleased to report there has been no crime in the area since our last meeting. The police are aware of the ongoing issue with the wood lorries and are keeping an eye on the situation. PC Smith is in the process of arranging meetings with the hauliers.

PC Mackay advised the investigations of theft of a motor cross bike from Keir and of equipment (chainsaw, generator ect) from Moniaive are still ongoing but there is a possibility that the items have been found and so hopefully the cases will be closed shortly. She warned of suspicious door sales continuing to be a big problem and ongoing reports of suspicious vehicles so please be aware.

The police are also about to start a speed gun initiative in Thornhill and the surrounding area in the next few months.

5. **Natters Arising**

DSLAM Box

We still have no date for the connection, however they did advise it was set for this quarter but may fall into the next one. [Mary to phone](#)

Mary has signed the final wayleave on behalf of the Tynron CC and has received a cheque for the additional payment.

Planning- Kirkland House

Mary submitted representation from Tynron CC as per the agreement at the last meeting raising the following points:

- Conservation area status – not adequate detail in plans
- Steading buildings are listed by association – not enough detail & no listed building consent
- Drainage – siting of Klargeister. Previous flooding when drain blocked
- Vehicle Access – listed gate pillars. Service vehicles. Access visibility
- Trees – no detail regarding tree preservation
- Purpose of dwellings – not adequate amenity ground for permanent residences.

The response from planning was as follows:

- They are treating this as an “in principal application” even though it is classed as FULL. Another Planning Application will need to be submitted with details plus a Listed Building Application
- Application is now on hold pending a bat survey

[Mary will speak](#) to the planning office again for clarification of the “in principle” application status.

Summer Event

Sue gave thanks to everyone who helped organise the summer event which turned out to be well attended and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Linda, Mary and Sophie for all their hard work. The event raised £70 in donations which Sue has sent to Parkinson’s UK.

Timber Lorries

Following a near fatal incident on the 10th August involving a log falling from a timber lorry at the point it passed a pedestrian just outside the village, Sue KS has been in lengthy discussion with harvesting managers Kenny MacKenzie (Regional) and Adam Stokes (Appin)

to try and resolve the numerous issues with the wood lorries. New rules have been drawn up of which Sue has sent round on the grapevine for everyone to see.

The main points-

- For a two-week trial the lorries will be up the glen no earlier than 6am and no later than 6.30pm.
- No more than 6 loads of wood will be taken from the forest per day, 3 in the winter.
- This is weekdays only no timber comes out at the weekend.

Sue KS has been advised there are a further 3 years more felling left before a 25-year break. Sue KS asks for everyone to be vigilant and ensure the drivers are sticking to the rules. Any issue please report them to Katy Coltart who has agreed to be the contact for all timber lorry issues. The managers will attend our meeting at the end of November.

There was lengthy discussion about effects of the lorries on the road and bridges in the glen. Questions were raised over whether the maintenance money for the roads could be allocated to a local organization such as the Tynron CC who could then take it upon themselves to fix potholes etc.

KPT

Sue KS reported at the last KPT meeting on Tuesday night to set up the development trust, 17 people attended, 4 of which were from Tynron. She reported lots of discussion and ideas.

Victoria Cross

The event starts at 9:45am on 20th November in Tynron. There will be a parade which finishes at 10:25am with tea and cake in the hall. [Sue to send](#) all info to Jill to put on the website.

Remembrance Sunday

Frank Irving has ordered a wreath through the British legion, everyone agreed Tynron CC will pay for wreath and going forward will do so every year.

[Steve and Steve will work together](#) to fix the wreaths to the war memorial to prevent them blowing away.

Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils

A reply is due by 27th Oct -[Linda will arrange with a few CC members to get together a write a reply.](#)

Every confirmed the reply should include the number of CC members to be maintained at 8. [Mary will look at](#) the section on bank account.

Linda pointed out the Scottish government have a simpler version of the document, but D&G Council don't seem to be following with it.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights switch on will be on the 10th December with the usual carols, lights switch on, mulled wine and mince pies. The hall committee suggested it might be nice to do something different during the day like a Sunday lunch. The CC suggested sending an email on the grapevine to gauge interest and agreed to partially fund the event, depending on number £100-£200. [Mary to send email round.](#)

6. Secretary's report

Linda has received an invitation for 2 people to attend a community engagement evening on the 10th October at 6:45pm. [Linda will go.](#)

Also, an email was received from the South West of Scotland Rail Partnership offering a rep to come to a CC meeting and answer questions from the community. [Linda to reply](#) and postpone at the moment.

7. Treasurer's report

Mary reports the bank balance on 25th Sept was £19,120.82

Creditors since the last meeting-

- The Hub - Defib Training £75

Debtors-

- Sulwaths Brewery deposit for beer keg £50
- Sale of surplus stock £38.74

Approved spending-

- Wheelbarrow £69.99
- Community Resilience information sheet and cards £38.40

Grants applied for-

- Dumfries & Galloway Council Admin Fee £455.55
- ANCBC £2000

Expenditure since last meeting

- Field Day £312.79
 - Tynron Hall subsidy £400.00
 - Community Resilience (phone) £49.99
 - Google email account £19.80
- TOTAL £782.58

Income since last meeting-

- Field Day sale of surplus stock £25.00

The COOP debit card has now been received and proving to be very useful allowing the purchases for the field day and Community Resilience to be purchased direct from CC account rather than individuals' personal bank accounts.

8. Hall matters

Mary gave a run through of important dates of up and coming events arranged at the last hall meeting last Monday.

- October teas – 1st – proceeds to Penpont Church roof -8th, 15th, 22nd – proceeds to Parkinson's UK, the Hall charity of the year. Please contact Margaret Irving if you can help.
- Hall Maintenance day - 20th October 10:30 All welcome -Deep clean of hall gutters, car park tidy, general maintenance – takedown & reassemble gutters, move & rebuild shed on new base, unpack & label Community Resilience equipment.
- Pub Night – Friday 1st December. Themed quiz, table games, pool table, darts & surprise cocktails.

She also noted the regular and private hall bookings in the recent months-

- Regulars – Art Classes, Cake & Ceilidh, Margaret Morris Dancing, Bowling
- Private bookings – 2 extra bowling tournaments in December, Craft & Produce Fair 24th & 25th November
- Community bookings – October teas, Christmas lights, Hogmanay Ceilidh

The hall committee has now purchased a laptop which resides with Jill Burgess who uses it to produce the excellent posters for events, keep the website and Facebook pages update, community resilience work, etc. It is a bookable resource by other members of the committee for community use only.

The hall committee are also hoping to purchase the following items in the near future-

- Audio equipment
- Small folding tables like the large ones will be ordered this month

9. AOCB

Community Resilience

Rivertrack- Steve talked about a pilot scheme using river sensors/receivers that will allow us to monitor the height of the river as part of flood alerting. The data can be fed back and displayed on the Tynron website for everyone to see therefore giving prior warning to the river bursting its banks.

Steve proposed the purchase of one sensor & receiver installed initially on the bridge in the village at an estimated cost of £200. The cost of sensors likely to be reduced in future once more are manufactured. The CC agreed to cover the initial cost.

Steve also brought a prototype of the community resilience handout and card that will be distributed to all houses within the community. The CC agreed to pay for printing of 250.

Mary advised of a change to the Priority 2 list equipment to include sand for the sand bags purchased in Priority list 1.

The resilience team requested the money from the CC to purchase the following equipment-

- Sand £50
- Shelving £100
- Slide Hammer £30
- Wrecking bar & Lump Hammer – to be sourced locally
- 2 x Rechargeable heavy-duty torches £110 – Agreed to defer buying these until later
- 2 x rechargeable head torches £120

Hall committee to get quote for electric supply for generator once hall electrical work completed – likely to be in the region of £300. The CC agreed to cover the cost of the equipment without the rechargeable heavy-duty torches which will be deferred until later. The TOTAL spend approved- equipment £300, flood sensors £200, printing emergency info cards £38.40. [Mary and Steve to purchase.](#)

It was agreed that a funding application should be sent to ANCBC for the Generator work to create the hall as an emergency centre and the flood sensors. If the grant money is not available, the CC will cover the cost.

Windy Rigg

Linda and George signed the community benefit agreement. We will now have to wait and see if it passes planning, if so there will be another meeting. The money will not be divided equally between the 9 communities, amounts will be dependent on population and size.

Whiteside hill

Linda has had no reply. She had very recently contacted James Parker the Development Contribution Officer but had had no reply as yet.

Black Craig

The only information we have is what's written in the Glencairn minutes

Gates

A comment from Robert Hall at The Ford- on a couple of occasions gates have been left open on his land, could everyone please be careful to leave gate as you find them.

NEXT MEETING 27TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM