

Minutes 85 Tynron Community Council 27th November 2017

Present- Sue King Smith, Keith Lewis, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Sue Hall and Sophie Armstrong

1.Apologies- Katy Coltart, Andrew Wood

2.Approval of Minutes-proposed- Linda McDonald, seconded- George Freeborn

3.Police matters

No police officer present at this meeting.

4.Matters Arising

DSLAM Box

Mary has had some reports from community members that there has been no improvement in their internet speed since the DSLAM box has been installed. Mary contacted Openreach who informed her the box went live on the 4th of October and there are currently 5 households benefiting from the improved service. People will need to contact the company who provides their internet service and ask to be connected to the box. Your internet service provider will then contact Openreach on your behalf. Speeds may vary and will depend on your hub equipment. [Mary and Keith will try find which residents are already benefiting and which could still benefit from the box.](#)

Review of Scheme of establishment of community councils

Sue sent the further comments in reply as discussed at the last meeting.

Windfarms

Windyrig Linda has been informed planning is still ongoing, but they hope to be completed by 7th of December. Both objections have been withdrawn.

Wether Hill extension Also, still in the planning phase and there seems to be no time scale as to when they may move on. Linda approached them regarding increased community benefit to which the reply was that's should planning go ahead they will be in further discussions with the community councils.

Blackcraig Linda spoke with James Parker, D & G Development contributions officer who informed her that Blue energy have a system where bids are put forward by communities to receive community benefit. He had concerns as to whether Tynron was close enough to benefit from this windfarm.

Whiteside Sue checked up on the community benefit agreement for Whiteside and discovered in 2005 they decided to give all community benefit solely to the Upper Nithsdale Trust. Everyone agreed to push for some community benefit for Tynron as we are directly affected. [Sue H will send Sue K some information regarding disturbance to scenic areas. Sue to check for when plans were approved.](#)

Community resilience

Mary advised the recent meeting planned with the director of communities, Derek Crichton, has been postponed until 21st February. All items agreed at the last meetings have been purchased. Mary pointed out the new yellow bin in the hall car park is filled with sand only no salt as this is for

filling sand bags not putting on the roads. Sue K raised concerns over the water on the road at Appin bridge and the blocked/broken drain immediately before the bridge. The timber lorry driver had said there was no shovel in the bin to use for spreading the grit when he stopped one morning- [Steve will put buckets in each of the bins for this purpose. Sue will contact Fiona Daubney for help regarding the drain and water issue.](#)

Timber Lorries

No representatives were present at the meeting tonight as Sue had no questions/issues from the most affected community members to ask.

Also, to clarify, although there is soon to be no wood coming out of Appin as we approach the 25-year break, felling is due to commence at Pinzarie and Stenhouse woods.

KPT

The Development Trust is still in the process of being set up. There are already small groups who have started working on some projects, these are those which had people take an interest in at the first meeting and that are relatively short-term projects. If you have an interest in a specific project and wish to get involved and get it started the next meeting is on the 11th Jan 7:30pm at Keir Hall.

Christmas Lights

The usual Christmas lights switch on and carols will take place on 10th Dec at 5pm. Linda has asked John Cowdery to lead the carols and he has kindly agreed. George has asked Alisdair to get a tree from Stenhouse wood -special thanks to Hilary and Calum for continuously donating trees. [George and Terry to put the light on the tree when in place. Sue K and Linda to make mince pies, Margaret to make shortbread and Mary to make the mulled wine.](#) Everyone agreed the donations received on the night will go to the Salvation Army.

Festive Lunch

A festive lunch is planned for 16th Dec at 1 pm. Linda reported we have 21 people booked so far. A final meeting is scheduled to confirm the menu and cost. A menu will be sent out for people to pre-order what they would like to plan how much of each to make. The committee would like to give guests a glass of wine on arrival, all cc members agreed would be a good idea and are happy to cover costs.

Secretary's Report

Community council engagement evening

Linda attended the engagement evening, with different tables for specific areas of interest and speakers to chat with and ask questions. She found it very useful.

Thornhill station action group sent a letter to thank all local businesses for their letters of support, the recent meeting with the Transport Minister was very positive. The group are having a stand on 4th Dec at the Bowling club in Thornhill at the Christmas light switch on evening.

Arts and creative activities grant

We have received an email regarding a grant for a community group falling within the Arts and creative activities category. Linda will send round on the grapevine. Some artists present at the craft fair have expressed interest in running come and try craft afternoons, so this may be of use to them.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is £18,376.88

Expenses since last meeting:

- Contribution to the hall £400
- Community Resilience kit £227 (torches, sand, slide hammer, etc)
- Website domain name renewal & hosting £25
- Refreshments for functions £7
- Wreath for memorial £33

Income since last meeting:

- Refund of deposit Sulwaths Brewery £50

Our windfarm contribution for last FY would have been £4,677.62

Hall Matters

Cleaning and maintenance day

Mary expressed a big thanks to all those who turned up for the Cleaning & Maintenance day. The hall and car park looked much better afterwards but there are still more jobs to do. The flat roof and gutters on the back of the building still need to be cleaned, the fence & gate by the river require some attention as do the external folding sliding doors and the car park needs a new land drain and re-surfacing with tarmac.

There are also some bigger decisions to make- To apply for planning permission to put up a large substantial wooden garage style structure between the hall and the phone box that would be used to store the bowling boards, any outdoor equipment, spare tables and chairs, community resilience kit, etc. Steve has researched the garage and is getting quotes for laying a proper concrete base. Also, to make a large cupboard on the stage where the tables, etc are currently stored to help with the shortage of storage.

Pub night

Pub night is on Friday at 7:30 with a quiz between 8 and 9pm. There will be the usual darts, pool and table games plus excellent bar serving draught Galloway Gold, craft beers, a selection of ciders, spirits, soft drinks and a couple of cocktails. Hot pies will also be available.

Gift and produce fair

Mary also gave thanks to those who decorated the hall for the Gift & Produce Fair.... hopefully the greenery will survive until the festive feast.

AOCB

Remembrance Sunday

Sue thanked Steve, Steve and George for cleaning up the war memorial prior to the Remembrance Sunday service.

Victoria cross event

Sue has received many good reports from the VC event although a few people mentioned a microphone would have been useful for the speakers on the day- [Hall committee and cc to consider purchasing for the future.](#)

New year's Ceilidh

The Cake & Ceilidh Club will be running the Hogmanay Ceilidh again this year. Tickets on sale from 1st December. All tickets must be paid for and collected prior to the event. Price is the same as last year: adults £15, @school & under FREE, students £10 on production of card.

Craft Fair

Sue H gave thanks to Jill, Jane and Mary for organizing the craft fair held in the hall at the weekend. There was a great atmosphere and many lovely complements on how the hall and stalls looked.

Septic tank

George reported the village septic tank has once again become blocked and started to overflow due to products being flushed down toilets etc that aren't meant to be. This is very unpleasant and unnecessary not to mention the cost implications. Everyone agreed to send flyers round reminding everyone what is and isn't acceptable with regard the village drains. The council or SEPA may be able to help with flyers/info to pass on. [Linda to investigate](#)

Dog mess

There still seems to be an issue with dog dropping in the village. Suggestions were made about contacting the council to get a bin for people to put the bags in, encouraging owners to lift the mess. Sue H advised that KPT are planning to do a lot of work on this issue within the walks and footpaths plans and to watch out on Facebook page for updates on meetings etc.

NEXT MEETING 22ND JAN 2018 7:30PM