

<p align="center">Minutes 95 Tynron Community Council meeting 25 March 2019</p>	<p align="center">Actions</p>
<p>Present Members: Sue King-Smith (Chair), Linda McDonald, George Freeborn, Sue Hall, Jackie Buckham, In attendance: PC Gary Adair, Adriano De Oliveira, Steve Mullane, Steve Price, Margaret Irving</p>	
<p>Apologies: Mary Newbould , Keith Lewis</p>	
<p>Approval of the minutes of meeting on 28 Jan 19: LM app. SH Sec.</p>	
<p>1. Police matters PC Adair attended the meeting briefly to report no crimes in this area and 2 thefts of quad bikes in Crawfordjohn and Dunscore.</p>	
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Chainsaw training –AGREED not to pursue Chainsaw training for community resilience volunteers until Steve Mullane has heard back from Council re the insurance situation. As agreed at TCC meeting on 28th January, Richard Kirch has confirmed that he will provide professional advice re tree issues and will be available to deal with emergencies.</p> <p>b) Wetherhill Community Benefit - MN has moved sum as agreed from TCC to Hall Committee. Legal agreement with Scottish Power regarding fund ongoing payments to be raised again at next TCC meeting.</p> <p>c) Cormilligan – Graham Chalk has contacted TCC to make arrangement to present final proposals for Cormilligan prior to application going in.</p>	<p>Sue KS to arrange EGM and notify members</p>
<p>3. Co-option of new Community Council member – Adriano De Oliveira duly co-opted until TCC elections on 3 October 2019. SKS prop. LM sec.</p>	
<p>4. Windfarms</p> <p>a) Sanquhar II Windfarm proposals</p> <p>Sue Hall addressed the meeting as follows: The plans for Sanquhar II were submitted to the Scottish Government’s Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on Thursday 21 March; because the generating capacity is over 50 MW so plans go straight to the ECU rather than D&G council. The plans are for 48 x 200 metre high turbines and 2 x 150 metre high turbines. TCC has one copy of the plans, (contact Linda McDonald if you wish to see them); they are also available at Thornhill library; some local residents will receive a data stick with the plans on; and they can be seen at the ECu web site.</p> <p>Sanquhar II will be one of the largest on-shore wind farms in the UK, and covers an area stretching E-W from Sanquhar to Afton Glen, and N-S from Kirkconnell to Scaur Glen. 29 of the turbines are in the Scaur/ Shinnel Glen area and 7 of these turbines will be on the ridge that forms the boundary between the Shinnel and Scaur Glen. They will have significant impact on local homes and the surrounding environment. There will also be many issues from the transporting of the turbines, each one will require 10 abnormal load wagons and will be transported during the night. Their exact route is not yet confirmed but they will be transported from Glasgow either from the north down the A76 through Kirkconnell and New Cumnock (with potential problems at the New Cumnock roundabout) or from the south via J41 on the M6/M74/A75/A76, with potential problems at the Sanquhar tollbooth. 2 (two) permanent long term jobs will be created by the development. There was also a discussion regarding the communications with CWL, particularly regarding unanswered questions and</p>	

<p>community benefit. At an EGM in November, Martin Williams of developers Community Windpower Ltd gave a presentation about Sanquhar II, following which the majority of Tynron community members who expressed an opinion voted to object to the development. Sue Hall is drafting a letter of objection on behalf of the Tynron community. A Sanquhar II sub-group was formed, with Linda McDonald, Sue King-Smith and Sue Hall and possibly Mary Newbould as members. They will circulate and email with details of how to comment on the proposal (support, objection or general comments) as well as suggestions as to what the community might wish to comment about (based on guidance from the ECU as to what they base their decisions on), although it was emphasized that community members should also express their own opinions and thoughts. Comments to the ECU should be received by May 8th.</p> <p>It was AGREED that LM will send grapevine message to alert community about deadline date for submissions of objection/support. TCC will object. LM will contact MW to find cut off date for TCC to submit objections. TCC will arrange meeting with Martin Williams as requested by him, and feed back to the community. This might be an EGM which would therefore be open to the public.</p> <p>b) LORG – SH & GF attended recent Carsphairn meeting. EON taken over by Inergy – plan has been reduced to 9 turbines and want to raise height of 3 to make it more viable, still trying to get planning permission.</p>	<p>LM to send out grapevine message, contact MW and arrange meeting.</p> <p>LM, SH, SKS to meet ASAP to work on response from TCC</p>
<p>5. Road maintenance –</p> <p>Report from MN - She has been in contact with the roads department again regarding the pot holes and the spreadsheet that she submitted. The council have been out and surveyed the roads in the parish and the pot holes have been classified. Currently the council are struggling to fulfil their obligation to deal with the VERY worst pot holes that are categorised as either 1 or 2a. The potholes on the Quarry Brae road and the safety issue up Scaur Glen were prioritised and the worst pot hole (cat 1) was filled.</p> <p>Our contact in the roads department at the council has said that when 2019/20 funding becomes available in the new financial year, they intend to carry out a major pothole program of work. Mary will update the spread sheet and ensure that all potholes on the spreadsheet are re-registered on the DGC pothole system. If anyone is aware of any Cat 1 or 2a pot holes then please register them with the pothole line and let Mary know the registration number and location so they can be added to the spread sheet. Cat 1 and cat 2a potholes are very deep! We will also take advantage of the Community Council Reporting tool/process in future. Mary is also contacting the timber transport forum via James England in an attempt to get the surface of the Lannhall Road sorted out as that is part of a registered timber transport route. The Health and Safety issue will be raised bearing in mind the previous incident!</p>	<p>MN to contact James England and also continue monitoring the pothole situation.</p>
<p>6. Forestry -</p> <p>a) Appin – forest manager has told SKS that extraction should be finished this summer, then the schedule of other extractions via the Glen road will start.</p> <p>b) Auchengibbert – Kingans have said they will clear it and make it safe for use by the public. Anyone wishing to get firewood should contact the Osbornes.</p>	

<p>7. KPT & JCBF</p> <p>a) Tracks and Trails -- SH reported from KPT Footpaths Group. The group are currently in the process of seeking funds for a footpath from Thornhill – Penpont through SUSTRANS. Excellent progress has been made so far, but it will be a long and protracted process, however the group are very hopeful that the proposal will be successful. The first footpath leaflets describing a walk along the Scour from Penpont to Keir Mill has been printed. There will be an official launch of the leaflet in May. The next leaflet will be the walk from Tynron – Ford – Keir Mill using core footpaths.</p> <p>b) The Hydro group - permissions all granted in time for FIT which will bring £12000- 13000 per year to KPT when the scheme is up and running, and a funding application has been put in to SP Green Fund for the build costs. This should be done this summer.</p> <p>c) Community Hub - proposed building in Penpont not available. JCBF – approved funding of £98 Broadband leaflet and a grant to the Hydro scheme of £1359. It did not approve a grant application for the Community Hub feasibility pending further information and work to be done by the group on their proposals. LM has permission from the Committee to publish the minutes of JCBF meetings on the TCC web site once approved.</p>	
<p>8. Secretary’s report</p> <p>246 Bus Service Group. AGREED to support the formation of a Third Sector Group to fight bus service cuts. Jackie volunteered to be a representative, if required. Thornhill and District Community Transport. AGREED that Linda would circulate questionnaire</p>	<p>LM to send out grapevine message</p>
<p>9. Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Current bank balance is £15,592.02 of which £7076.94 is reserved funding for commitments before the next windfarm monies are due to be received.</p>	
<p>10. Hall Matters</p> <p>LM read MN’s report on Hall activities due the last two months and projected future activities. The report also outlined the proposals to refurbish the Car Park, install a large storage shed and paint the exterior.</p> <p>AGREED to fund £150 to cover film licence for family Easter event on 18th April from ANCBC funds</p> <p>AGREED to fund £6,200 to Hall committee for essential works to Car Park and replacement of storage shed. Proposed LM Seconded SH</p>	
<p>11. AOCB</p> <p>Steve Price kindly offered to remove old poppy wreaths from the War Memorial, and will contact the British Legion to ask about recycling.</p>	
<p>12. Date of next meeting will be AGM on Tuesday 21st May</p> <p>Next ordinary meeting Monday 27 May 2019.</p>	