

**TCC 103 APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Minutes of Tynron Community Council**  
**Monday 18 November 2019**  
**Tynron Parish Hall, DG3 4JZ**

**Approved at TCC meeting 20 January 2020**

**Attendance and apologies for absence**

*Present:* Sue King-Smith, Adriano de Oliveira, Linda McDonald, Sue Hall, Mary Newbould

*Apologies:* Keith Lewis

**1. Approval of minutes**

*Minutes September 23rd 2019*

Proposed: Linda McDonald, Seconded: Adriano de Oliveira

*Minutes October 14<sup>th</sup> 2019*

Proposed: Adriano de Oliveira, Seconded: Linda McDonald

**2. Police matters**

No police were in attendance at this meeting

**3. KPT Development Trust updates**

Bobby Hannaford, KPT Development Trust (KPT DT) development officer, gave an overview of the work of the Trust in the past months, and its future plans.

- i. A newsletter will be distributed to every home in the KPT DT area.
- ii. The Footpaths group, supported by SUSTRANS, have appointed a consultant for the development of the Penpont-Thornhill multi-user path.
- iii. Arrangements for the lease from Buccleuch Estates for the microhydro project in Penpont are well under way, although a completion date is as yet unknown. SKS said that a KPT Joint Community Benefit Fund (JCBF) application for match funding to ANCBC has been submitted to fund grid connection.
- iv. It is hope to hold a community affordable housing event in Tynron before Christmas 2020
- v. CHAT, the community hub group of KPT DT, have been looking at ways of developing a community hub. An on-line approach has been considered to be the best way forward at the present time. 'Our Community Hub' is an on-line app which can be created by the community and ideal for the small KPT community. It will be funded initially by KPT DT, and local business users will pay a fee (approx £5 per month) for advertising. For more information please contact the KPT DT development officer.

Bobby is leaving the position of development officer for a new post in Dumfries. Tynron Community Council (TCC) wished Bobby well in his new job and thanked him for his work in setting up the KPT DT. A new development officer is to be appointed as soon as possible.

LM gave an update of the KPT JCBF.

- Monies from the 3 community councils is approximately £13,000.
- Previously £6250 was agreed from 19/20 funds to continue the Development Officer's post beyond April 2020. The KPT Dev Trust had suggested that this should instead be committed from the 20/21 allocation. JCBF have agreed that they cannot commit to fund projects when they do not actually have the money to do so.
- £6250 funding for the microhydro scheme in Penpont has been agreed, as the scheme will generate c£12,000 pa for the community.
- A request for £1000 funding from the Footpaths group has met funding criteria but has not yet been agreed.
- It was decided that it is not possible to fund BOTH the previously allocated Development Officer's grant and the Core Path application from the remaining 19/20 JCBF funds. The KPT has been asked to consider which application it wishes to take forward for this financial year.

#### **4. Cormilligan/forestry updates**

Ploughing of the land at Cormilligan has been observed which suggests planting has started although no official notification has been received. D&G Council have started work on the Strathmilligan road, and TCC have expressed their concern that there have been no plans and no agreements made with local residents, and there are profound concerns about the impacts on local water supplies.

A meeting will be convened between D&G Council roads department, local residents and TCC.

**Action: SKS to organize. Any information or queries about these proposals please contact SKS.**

It has been observed that vehicles are being parked in passing places restricting the movements of vehicles in the Shinnel Glen

**Action: MN to contact D&G council roads department.**

#### **5. Windfarm updates**

##### **i. Sanquhar II**

D&G council have been granted an extension until 6 Feb 2020 to prepare their response to Sanquhar II. In the meantime, further evidence has arisen, including designation of the footprint of Sanquhar II in and against Areas of Significant Protection from wind farm developments according to Dumfries and Galloway's Local Development Plan 2019, which could help with the objections to Sanquhar II.

**Action: SH to write to the ECU with these comments.**

##### **ii. Troston**

Developers of Troston windfarm have resubmitted plans for this windfarm.

##### **iii. Wether Hill**

An email has been received by TCC from Scottish Power which states that they believe they have significantly overpaid TCC funds associated with the Wether Hill Windfarm Windfarm, and that Scottish

Power do not wish to recoup monies they believe are in excess of the agreed terms but wish to discuss future payments. Currently the windfarm payment goes directly to TCC, which gives 50% to Tynron Village Hall. 66% of the rest goes to KPT DT. It was agreed by TCC that the legal position of TCC should be investigated as they have accepted these payments in good faith.

**Action: 2 members of TCC and 2 members of Tynron Hall committee to meet to discuss without prejudice the legal position and the way forward.**

#### **6. Rubbish collection updates**

SKS had attended a recent meeting in Thornhill, which outlined D&G Council's plans for rubbish collection.

- Changes will be rolled out September—December 2020.
- General rubbish will be collected fortnightly
- Blue-lidded bin will be for cardboard and paper, collected every 4 weeks
- Pink-lidded bin will be for most types of plastic, collected every 4 weeks.

TCC welcomed the actions of D&G council to improve recycling and waste processing. However concerns were raised about the location of bins in the village, that they might be unsightly, and the handling of bins by people with limited mobility.

**Action: SKS to collate any queries and comments by Tynron community members.**

#### **7. Christmas lights and Festive Feast**

The Christmas lights and carols event was arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> December. TCC thanked Hilary and Calum Osborne for their generous gift of the tree, and thanked all concerned for transporting and erecting the tree, and providing mince pies and mulled wine for the event.

The Festive Feast was arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> December. TCC thanked everyone involved in this popular event.

#### **8. Treasurer's report**

Our current bank balance	£11,282.99
Considered Committed Funding at this time:	£6590.36
Immediately Available reserves:	£4,692.63
Additional considerations Emergency reserves @ 20%	£938
<b>Total disposable income 2019/2020</b>	<b>£3754.36</b>

Annual income (after payments to KPT)

TCC benefit from 2019/2020 Wether hill Wind Farm Funding	£2364.73
ANCBC	£680.00
DGC Admin Grant	£455.00
<b>Total annual income</b>	<b>£3499.73</b>

MN expressed concerns that should the Wether Hill windfarm funding be reduced (as discussed in point 5 iii) this will have very serious repercussions for the financial situation of TCC.

#### **9. Secretary's report**

SH thanked LM for all her work as TCC secretary in previous years.

*General Election.* Notices had been received from D&G council regarding candidates and the procedures for the forthcoming election which were posted on the Hall notice board.

*Community Conversations* – a communications event by D&G council to address budget cuts in the area was being held 18-30 November in Thornhill library

#### **10. AOCB**

***Co-opting of new member to TCC*** Peigi Romano has agreed to join TCC as a co-opted member. The process for co-opting Peigi will be done at the January TCC meeting with due regard to the correct procedures.

**Action: SH to ensure correct procedures followed**

***VE Day celebrations.*** There was a discussion as to whether Tynron could host its own celebration, although the impacts of lambing, Bank Holidays and Moniaive Folk Festival should be considered.

***Village Hall Kitchen.*** It was asked if the kitchen in the hall is suitable for small commercial ventures. The kitchen had been hired out previously for private use and there is a specific rate for this type of hire.

**Action: MN to contact DGC Environmental Health in the New Year to check if anything specific is required and if they would need to inspect the premises.**

***Drains.*** The drains in Tynron had been inspected and cleared ahead of the winter weather. TCC thanks everyone concerned who helped with this important job.

***Roads in Scaur Glen.*** Following an extensive survey in winter 2018, no work has been done on the pot holes in Scaur Glen. The road structure is now dangerous in places, and now roadside drains are becoming blocked because of traffic driving on verges trying to avoid the holes. The problems will only become worse with the winter weather.

**Action: MN to contact D&G roads department**

***Date and time of next meeting.*** 7.30pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020