

## Minutes 89 Tynron Community Council 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Present-** Sue King Smith, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Sue Hall, Jackie Buckham and Sophie Armstrong

**1.Apologies-** Keith Lewis, PC Lee Smith

**2.Approval of Minutes of meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March-** Proposed- Sue Hall, Seconded- George

### **3.Police matters**

PC Lee Smith couldn't attend but did send a report which Linda read out.

Local crime stats are low, Local crimes of note for Thornhill and surrounding areas-

1 x Assault- Sanquhar- 1 person cautioned and charged

RTC- Sanquhar- enquires ongoing

1 x Hit and run- Sanquhar- enquires ongoing

2 x Vandalisms- Thornhill- enquires ongoing

1 x Theft by shoplifting- Thornhill- enquires ongoing

2 x Assaults- Thornhill- enquires ongoing

1 x Theft of diesel- Auldgirth- enquires ongoing

1 x House break in- Dunscore- enquires ongoing

1 x Breach if the peace -Closeburn- 1 person cautioned and charged

### **Ongoing initiatives-**

Farmwatch

Community wardens carrying out patrol's in relation to dog fouling/littering- please contact the police with names of individuals who are allowing their dogs to foul in public areas.

Sightings of suspicious vehicles- please inform the police

### **4.Matters Arising**

a) Sue welcomed Jackie onto the committee for her first official meeting.

b) Street lighting in the village-

Jackie has emailed D & G Council but as yet has had no reply.

Suggestions were made for bollard lights often seen in car parks even just up the side road in front of the houses. Would still provide light to see when walking etc but lower to the ground and not offensive looking.

To investigate whether our conservation village status will allow the lights to be changed.

[Jackie/Mary](#)

Helen White had agreed it would be ok to move the light from her garden but noted she would like the lights along the main street to stay-what do others think? [Jackie](#)

## **5. Forestry Issues**

The Cormilligan planting proposal meeting was well attended with around 50 there.

Some community members were disappointed our elected members weren't in attendance but all but one had replied to say they couldn't make it or would try pop in after other meetings.

Since the meeting Graham Chalk has said he needs 60 letters asking for the Head of the valley road to be used instead of the proposed Strathmilligan road for him to pursue this option.

Linda informed us so far, we only know of around 20- [Linda to send email](#) on grapevine and encourage this. Also, to contact Penpont CC to help as this will affect them too.

A few people suggested employing an independent engineer to survey the Strathmilligan road and glen bridges to get their professional opinion on the suitability of the road for timber traffic. ??Is this possible

## **6. KPT**

The Joint Community Benefit Fund AGM has been held and the new representatives on the committee are Linda and Keith from Tynron, Innes Carruthers and Caroline Anderson from Penpont, Alison Foggie (Chair) and Hugh Buck from Keir.

The Development Trust are now an official body and have their own website up and running. Sue KS, Tim Simmons and Maureen Halkett who all stepped off the benefit fund are now on the development trust, are applying for funding to appoint a project development officer.

Tracks and trails group continue to work on producing leaflets/maps of local walks. You can find/follow the group on Facebook.

## **7. General data protection policy**

Linda kindly drafted a policy following a Federation of Halls guideline. All agreed this was fine for now and is to be put onto the website. People on the Community email list have been contacted to gain [Linda to speak to Jill](#)

D&G Council however sent a template for community councils just before tonight's meeting, so we can amend ours in due course to fit with this. [Linda](#)

## **8. Summer event**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September there will be a special service at Penpont church to mark its 150<sup>th</sup> year as well as the churches at Keir and Tynron being open for people to look round.

It was suggested we combine this with the plant swap Sue H is organising. All agreed it to be a good idea, something like include teas and plant swap in the hall and decorate the church with flowers etc for people looking round. Specifics tbc

[Linda will contact Jill to book the hall](#)

Fun day– to be combined with the Pub night and BBQ being organised by the hall committee on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Usual races and games in field- specifics tbc

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

### **a) Mid Nithsdale red squirrel network**

Application received for funding to support group covering the Nith Valley and Cairn Valley area for running expenses. £200 requested but £150 agreed and suggest applying to ANCBC/KPT in future and they will be asked to send a copy of their accounts for this year to the CC in due course. [Linda to reply](#)

#### **b) Thornhill friendship club**

Application received from David Kerr for funding for ongoing refurbishment of the friendship club in Thornhill. They have already raised £51,000 but need a further £10,000 and are requesting £1000 from each community. All agreed too much and application should be made to KPT instead. [Linda to reply](#)

#### **c) Troston Windfarm**

Linda attended a meeting in Moniaive re new proposal. Situated next to Weatherhill. Linda questioned possibility of community benefit and was told they have not got around to sorting that yet but would note our interest.

#### **10. Treasurers report**

Current balance- £17,184.68

##### **Expenses since final year end-**

Payments to hall £400

Hosting & Admin for email account etc £19.80

KPT JCBF- expenses grant £100

Audio visual equipment £1864.73

##### **Income since final year end-**

Festive feast payments- £145

#### **11. Hall Matters**

No one came forward to be on the committee.

Advert for cleaner will be going up as Alex will be leaving end of June.

Still getting quotes for resurfacing the hall car park.

Started looking onto getting a large double garage at the gable end of the hall

Still investigating wifi for hall provided by KPT- Checking

Set date for pub night 18<sup>th</sup> August

#### **12. AOCB**

##### **Website**

Still being hacked on a weekly basis. Mary monitoring situation.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2018**