

Minutes 90 Tynron Community Council 23rd July 2018

Present- Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Sue Hall (Chairing meeting), Sophie Armstrong, Keith Lewis and Srgt Greame Stitt

1. Apologies- Sue King-Smith, Jackie Buckham, Andrew Wood, Jim Dempster

2. Approval of Minutes of meeting 28th May Proposed- Mary, Seconded- Keith

3. Police matters

No issues reported in Tynron, Tools had been stolen in Moniaive and there had been reports of a driver of a white van selling items. Please contact the police on 101 to report suspicious vehicles. PC Lee Smith is looking for knitters to make teddies to comfort children.

Sue Hall reported that a cyclist had been injured near the Nith Bridge, which highlighted the need for a footpath along the A702. She understood that this issue had been taken up by both Keir and Penpont CCs. Srgt Stitt stated that he wasn't aware of it and would pass the information onto PC Lee Smith and give the CC feedback. He asked that people should phone in information about future incidents.

4. Matters Arising

- a) Street lighting in the village- Jackie was pursuing with the Council.
- b) Data Protection - Linda to give Jill Burgess a copy to go onto website

5. Resignation from Council

Sadly Sophie announced that she was resigning from the Council due to starting a college course in September. She was warmly thanked for everything she had done as a Community Councillor and everyone wished her well for the future.

6. Forestry issues

a) Cormilligan

No further information had been received from Tilhill or the Forestry Commission regarding the application. Residents and Penpont contacts had been encouraged to write to Tilhill asking for the Heads of the Valley route to be used. Linda stated that as far as she was aware that a total of about 30 letters had been sent since the start of the discussions about the proposals (a number of people had written several times). Some people may not have copied the CC into their e-mails. It was agreed that Linda would write to Graham Chalk asking how many letters he had received. - [Linda](#)

b) Forestry Traffic

Sue stated that there had been a meeting on 18th July to address the many complaints about timber lorries exceeding the 20mph speed limit and travelling in convoys of 2 vehicles, both contrary to the agreed rules. Those attending included Tynron and Penpont Community Councillors, local residents, Mike Grunwell, DGC Roads Department, James England South Scotland Timber Transport Forum and Managers from Scottish Woodlands and the haulier's firm DWAgri.

A revised set of rules were agreed and it was stated that speeds would be monitored closely for the next 4 weeks.

Speed: The DWAgri manager asserted that no lorries should ever travel at more than 25mph on this route (U400n, extending from the A702 along the Low Lann road to the Appin Forest exit). He will instruct drivers to set their cruise control to 20mph when they start on this road, and that they should reset cruise control if they have to brake. If anyone records a lorry travelling at more than 20mph, they can contact this manager: if they do so within 24hrs of the occurrence, the tachograph can easily be checked.

Convoying: After discussion, it was agreed that timber lorries could travel 2 in convoy UP the glen, ie empty and therefore less damaging to the road, but had to leave at least 10 minutes between lorries when travelling DOWN, which will allow vibrations to settle and the road to recover.

Peter Turnbull stated strongly that the agreement on speed limits had been broken already. He had followed a lorry travelling down the road to the Clone at 40mph. He had reported this to DWAgri and Scottish Woodlands and had asked Adam Stokes from Scottish Woodlands to confirm the lorry's speed in writing.

A heated discussion followed about how to monitor speeds effectively and what could be done in future if it proved impossible to keep wood lorries to the agreed speed restriction. The option of imposing a general 20mph limit was suggested. Dougie Parker-Clark thought that there might be some redundant speed guns available within the local Police districts and agreed to investigate this.

Dougie

7. KPT

a) The Broadband Group will be issuing a leaflet about troubleshooting connectivity problems. Mary stated that she needed to talk to Tim about the plan to install Broadband In each Hall, as Tynron Hall Committee were concerned about security issues. – **Mary to contact Tim**

b) The Paths Group has asked for funding for improving paths and commissioning a map of paths and places of local interest.

c) Funding applications have also been submitted for a Community Project Development Officer to work on all the projects agreed in the Community Action Plan.

d) Hydroscheme: Still looking for someone to mastermind this but Gavin King-Smith thinks that it is a viable scheme and has met with a rep from SPEN and they have confirmed that a grid connection can be made. It is envisaged that the Community Project Development Officer would work on the application for this scheme which, if successful, would generate on-going money for the KPT funds.

f) Keith reported on the recent Joint Community Benefit Fund (JCBF) meeting and stated that they had agreed to fund £6768.75 over 17 months towards the cost of a Community Project Development Officer with several provisos. Further applications had been made to LEADER and ANCBC to cover the remainder of the £27,075 cost.

g) Concern was expressed that there was no clear timing or procedure for each CC paying in it's share of monies into the Joint Community Benefit Fund. This would be based on a proportion of each CC's previous year's funding based on it's accounts and it was felt that each CC should transfer the funds at the same time. It was agreed that Linda and Keith as Tynron CC representatives should clarify this matter at the September Fund meeting – **Linda and Keith**

8. Summer event / Plant swap

It was decided to postpone the Plant Swap until next year. The Church will be open on 30th August 2pm – 7pm as part of the Penpont Church Centenary celebrations. Margaret Irving will be there to greet visitors, assisted by George. Linda to help Margaret to clean the church. The Church is due to be replastered and painted shortly. **George to check timing for work**

It was decided that that the CC would provide a BBQ on Sat 18th August from 6pm before the Pub Night starts at 7pm. **Linda and Mary to organise**

9. Churchyard strimming

Mary had received a suggestion that a rota should be set up to strim the Churchyard. She had contacted the Council and was told that the modern area was cut every two weeks and the older section was done when there was time. If community members wanted to cut, they would need to be trained. We are asked to report problems to the Council and they will then come out.

10. Maggie's Centre in Dumfries

After consultation with CC members, Sue King-Smith had written a letter to the Health Board in support of this proposal. Linda had heard from a friend that this development had been turned down, but was unable to find any information on the internet.

11. Windy Rig Windfarm Meeting

Windy Rig has now received Planning Permission and was now applying for connection to the grid. George had attended a meeting and had been informed that a division of the Community Benefit to CCs depends on proximity, population, deprivation and legacy.

12. Planning

An application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to Stenhouse was discussed. The application was very detailed and had been closely examined. No issues were found that require to be raised with Planning.

13. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

a) Revised Scheme of Establishment This has been discussed by DGC and will be finally approved in September. Changes include:

- i) Membership - Will be able to have a maximum of 11 CC members
- ii) Interim elections can be held without dissolving the CC
- iii) No separate Constitution. The Scheme is the Constitution.

b) ANCBC AGM Discussion about being able to "save up" annual payment for a future project. Mary will complete and return the report on 2017/2018 ANCBC spending and it was agreed that the CC will claim the 2018/2019 annual payment - Mary

14. Treasurer's Report

The balance is £16,580.98 with an outstanding payment of £200 to Joseph Thomson Centre. Last year's Windfarm payment from Wether Hill had not yet been received. Interest is due if not paid by June.

Expenses since last meeting-

Payments to hall £400

Hosting & Admin for email account etc £19.80

Red Squirrel Group £150

15. Hall Matters

A new cleaner is required. There will be a Pub Night on 18th August. The possibility of redoing the Car Park is being considered.

16. AOCB

a) Sanquhar 11 Windfarm - Sue stated that this windfarm would be a huge development which would have a significant impact on the landscape.

b) Working Group on Timber Traffic – It was agreed to set up a Working Group to monitor the situation with the 4 week trial period and do a survey of the road conditions. Jane Parker-Clark is willing to record speeds etc and contact people. Mary, Linda and Sue KS to be part of group.

!7. Date of next meeting

Monday 24th September 2018

