

<p align="center">Minutes 94 Tynron Community Council meeting 28 January 2019</p>	<p align="center">Actions</p>
<p align="center">Present</p> <p>Members: Sue King-Smith (Chair), Mary Newbould, Linda McDonald, George Freeborn, Sue Hall, Jackie Buckham In attendance : PC Gary Adair, Alexandra Lesley, Adriano De Oliveira</p>	
<p>1. Apologies: None</p>	
<p>2. Approval of the minutes of meeting on 19 November 2018: MN app. GF Sec. Approval of the minutes of meeting on 26 November 2018: SH app. SKS sec.</p>	
<p>3. Police matters PC Adair introduced himself and read his report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Adair explained his new role as campus officer at Sanquhar Academy and Wallace Hall– a crime prevention role working with young people at risk of offending. • There have been recent house break- ins in Thornhill and Kelloholm, so the community advised to be alert to home security and to contact the Police about anything suspicious. Phone 101 or 999 if an emergency. • Parking tickets have been issued in New Street after complaints. Although it is not currently illegal to park on pavements unless HGV, it is an offence to cause an obstruction and if there is a complaint about this someone parking on a pavement could be charged, though this is unusual. • Residents are urged to be aware of bogus DVLA & other telephone fraud eg in Dunscore callers claiming to be from BT trying to remotely access computers. SUE KS suggested alerting Neighbourhood Watch to these scams. Police are also asking PO’s and Banks to alert them to large withdrawals by elderly people if they are accompanied by anyone suspicious. • Residents are urged to look out for elderly neighbours and please contact Police if suspicious about anything. Police offered house security checks as PC Adair has been trained in doing these. • Contact - Gary.adair@scotland.pnn.police.uk 	<p>S KS to send PC Adair the Harlands’ address.</p>
<p>4. Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chainsaw training – TCC has already agreed to pay for Steve Mullane to do 2 Chainsaw certs. Steve to book within the next 2 weeks. TCC AGREED to use Richard Kairsch, resident at Dalmakerran and professional tree surgeon, for anything too big for Steve to deal with or that requires someone with chainsaw climbing certificates. Richard has offered to provide backup if Steve on holiday. A rate has been negotiated with Richard if his services are required in an emergency. • Roads -Sue KS has contacted Scottish Woodlands about the poor state of the road at the end of the metalled road to Shinnelhead and Richard Reid said he will do something about this but nothing has happened yet. • Roads – A spreadsheet of all major potholes with grid references was sent to DGC Roads Dept. on 17th Dec and ccd to Mike Grunwell who responded to say he would ensure that Roads had received it. A follow up email was sent on 21st January as still no response. Mike called to say 	<p>MN to contact Richard about doing the back up for Steve.</p>

<p>he would chase them & we would have an acknowledgement prior to TCC meeting but still no reply from Roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormilligan -No sign of the Cormilligan planning application going in yet. There is a ransom strip of roadside on the Cormilligan road which is owned by 2 residents. Discussion regarding Tynron CC buying this strip on behalf of the community. TCC AGREED only that Sue KS will first ask the owners if they want to sell to the community for a nominal sum to find out if they do or not, then TCC can make a decision on whether to purchase if they do. Mary suggested perhaps an alternative route over farm land is already being looked into so it would be unnecessary to make that purchase if so. Linda has contacted Graham Chalk who said he cannot share any information about the plans at the moment. • Christmas – Sue KS thanked George, Alistair Laidlaw, Terry and Hilary and Calum for the tree, John Cowdery for leading the singing and everyone involved in the Festive Feast, particularly to Lenny and Jasmine for waiting on the tables. 	<p>Sue KS to chase RR about this.</p> <p>MN to chase up with Roads and Mike Grunwell</p> <p>Sue KS to contact the owners of said roadside strip regarding purchase.</p>
<p>5. Windfarms</p>	
<p>a) Sanquhar II Windfarm proposals</p> <p>Sue Hall told the meeting that after the presentation here in November we were told CWL would submit plans mid-November, then mid-December, and have now been told it will be Feb. In the meantime, CWL have not released any info on visual impacts, noise and other environmental impacts.</p> <p>Innes Carruthers (from Penpont CC) rang up Martin Williams at CWL who said the plans are at the printers and will be submitted on the 7th or 14th Feb. Sue Hall will see it as soon as it goes in.</p> <p>Martin would not give Innes any info of what was in the plans.</p> <p>Sue Hall said that Penpont CC has decided the community needs further information about the proposals and would like a CWL presentation and public consultation and door to door survey – none of this has happened yet.</p> <p>Sue KS drew our attention to Kirstie Murphy’s email to TCC regarding how badly she feels they will be affected at Polgown. There was a suggestion that residents who believed they would be badly affected should seek compensation, however Sue Hall said that CWL are not allowed to give compensation for loss of earnings or property values as this would be seen as a bribe. Sue Hall said that no-one in Scaur Glen had had any discussions with CWL regarding compensation. It was suggested that wind farm and other developers always tell people not to discuss these matters with others but in any case property owners most affected should get together to share information.</p> <p>As a resident of Scaur Glen rather than a member of TCC Sue Hall thanked the TCC for putting on a consultation event in Tynron.</p> <p>There was a discussion and members were reminded they could openly and publicly express individual views as long as they made clear that they were individual and not TCC views.</p> <p>Alix Lesley, resident of Scaur Glen, gave her point of view as anti the S2 wind farm, reading out a list of reasons why she believed wind farms are not a good idea.</p> <p>There was a discussion about some of the issues raised by Alix, and it was agreed that although the wider issues are important TCC should</p>	

<p>concentrate on making objections on the grounds of reasons that would most immediately affect residents – ie access for construction traffic and other issues identified by residents as being most important to them, rather than the wider issues.</p> <p>Sue Hall said the group Stop Sanquhar 2 can provide TCC, and residents who wish to object, with a list of issues , and a letter for individual residents to sign and submit regarding objections. She said the petition being promoted by Stop Sanquhar 2 now has 600 signatures, but this would only count as 1 objection.</p> <p>Sue Hall said she had looked at some of the wind farm applications that have been rejected recently & this suggests that as many objections as possible should be submitted.</p> <p>Sue Hall gave some info on Infra sound health implications – associated health probs have been documented amongst people living within a 15 km radius of smaller turbines. There is no data available around the bigger turbines that are proposed for Scaur Glen.</p> <p>Sue KS said TCC should point people who are in favour of wind energy to the damage potential of wind farms, and poor effectiveness.</p> <p>Query if TCC has been named as a statutory organisation in the application consultation – this should give TCC 3 months as opposed to 28 days to put forward objections.</p> <p>The process is that the plans will go straight to the Scottish Government for approval. the Local Authority here will only be consulted as part of a public enquiry, which is triggered by strength of objections made by consultees. TCC needs to now gather all arguments then look at the planning application in detail once it has been made available for public consultation. At that point there will be a given period for objections to be lodged.</p> <p>Sue Hall will put a letter together for people to submit if they agree with it. She has a list of 10 areas which match the one used by the Energy Consents Unit.</p> <p>TCC can object as a community council, on the basis of what they think the view of the community is.</p> <p>It was AGREED that everyone in the community needs to know that they can submit letters of support or objections directly as not everyone will agree with the view promoted by TCC.</p> <p>TCC Agreed to corral all the info we have, and hold a Sanquhar 2 Working Group meeting on Monday 11th or 18th Feb, as soon after the planning application has gone in as possible. This will not be a public meeting as time is of the essence. If there are any drastic changes in the application, then we can put out a grapevine message to let residents know.</p>	<p>Sue Hall to send list to TCC</p> <p>Sue H to provide info on this LM will check if TCC is a statutory organisation in the application consultation.</p> <p>Sue H will put a letter together</p> <p>LM to arrange working group meeting once date is known.</p>
<p>b) Other Windfarms – LORG E-ON has written to say the Community Liaison group are getting together early this year re community benefit for LORG windfarm. There will be a meeting and Sue will be notified of the date. Lorg and Longburn are also doing a scoping report for the grid connection and are going to send a report to the Consents unit this month. They will send TCC a copy as a consultee.</p>	
<p>c) Wether Hill Benefit - As a result of collating & archiving Hall paperwork, the Wetherhill Windfarm Funding Agreement was revisited by hall</p>	

<p>committee (TPHC) office bearers including Mary. George also found a copy of the original agreement that states “<i>CRE Energy shall pay annually to the Community Council and Village Hall Committee the joint sum of £1000.00 (ONE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING) from 31st May 2006 until...</i>” The agreement, negotiated by George TCC) and Phil Armstrong (Hall Committee) also states that the amount paid per annum is linked to the RPI resulting in the payment increasing every year. The 2018/19 payment was £9717.02</p> <p>Sue KS suggested from now on this should be shared equally – ie half to TCC and half to Tynron Hall.</p> <p>This would impact on 2019 TCC contribution to KPTJCBF as TCC windfarm pot would consist of £4859.51 (Wetherhill) and £2000 (ANCBC) totalling £6859.51. Consequently the 66% payment to KPTJCB would be £4527.27 – substantially less than our 2018 contribution. However this is more in line with payments made by Keir & Penpont. TCC would retain 34% - £2332.24. Largely due to windfarm funding the TCC account is in a very healthy position.</p> <p>However there is some concern over losing this money if TCC were ever to be non-operational, TCC Agreed to pay half of FY 2018/19 Wetherhill money to the Hall now, as per the original agreement. Mary suggests there should be a proper agreement drawn up to ensure the future split of the funds. It was also Agreed at this point in the meeting that TCC should make an additional immediate grant for funding hall car park resurfacing.</p>	<p>MN to arrange the payment to the Hall.</p> <p>SueKS to feed back to KPT re changes to TCC’s contribution to KPT.</p> <p>MN to give TCC figure for hall car park resurfacing grant.</p>
<p>6. Road maintenance</p> <p>Mary has sent Mike Grunwell and Roads dept a survey of potholes and bad surfaces but not had a response as yet. Her survey is ongoing and she welcomes information regarding potholes which can be added to the list needing attention.</p> <p>It was Agreed Linda should do a grapevine email asking residents to let TCC know re any new potholes</p> <p>Sue KS pointed out that pot hole reporting is no longer working on the Dumgal website and it was agreed Mary will chase up why this is the case.</p>	<p>MN ongoing survey & contact DG Council re online pothole reporting.</p> <p>LM grapevine email re potholes.</p>
<p>7. KPT</p> <p>a) Trust - Bobby Hannaford in post as new Development Officer – he has done a Xmas newsletter and is developing a website and is working on getting info out to all the communities.</p> <p>b) Tracks and Trails – Sustrans application in for a Feasibility study for a new path between Penpont and Thornhill. Sustrans is being very supportive. Bobby is compiling a list of incidents on the A702 & residents are urged to let him know of any problems. The first Footpath leaflet is almost out now, funded by Paths for All, and a new one being worked on. The Tracks and Trails Group would like to get more residents involved – Gavin KS has an app which will track new walks which can be downloaded and put on a map, and has also done some preliminary work on mapping core paths. They are concentrating on core paths for the moment and any new paths would only be publicised after getting permission of land owns, and same due diligence is being upheld regarding fragile places.</p>	

<p>c) The Broadband Group are having another meeting this week and have a put a leaflet out.</p> <p>d) The Hydro group has validated planning permission and have received an offer for joining the grid, and an application to SP for all the costs of 180,000. SP want 1% match funding (already matched by JCBF). SP not bothered if they miss the Feed in Tariff deadline if there is a hold up due to SEPA or objections through planning. Community volunteer hours are at 440 hours already on this project.</p> <p>e) Community Hub -A derelict house in Penpont (opposite the old Volunteer Arms) is being looked at for the possibility of a community purchase for a Hub or affordable housing. There is a viewing with the KPT reps this Wed 10.45 am open to anyone. Sue KS said there would need to be a feasibility study needed to see what potential use could be made out of this building. Linda asked for clarity about what a Community Hub is wanted for and said any study should first look at what the community want rather than look at a particular property as this would limit people’s ideas. Sue KS said there will be a feasibility study done anyway about potential of use and cost of any project before any purchase is made.</p> <p>f) JCBF - Linda has forwarded minutes of meetings, scoring sheet and grant applications to TCC members. JCBF members said they do not want the minutes to be put on the Tynron website until the reps from the other Communities had asked their CCs how they wished to circulate them . Tynron CC asked Linda to let JCBF know at the next meeting that we would expect future minutes etc to be published as widely as possible in the communities so that people can see how this group manages public funds.</p>	<p>LM to feed back view of TCC to JCBF</p>
<p>8. Litter Pick Date arranged for 10th or 24th March - Linda will confirm the hall is free and Linda will do publicity and organise the equipment. Sue! making Soup and will ask Lia to make lemon tart.</p>	<p>LM to organise</p>
<p>9. Secretary’s Report & Correspondence 300 people went to the Thornhill railway meeting and the consultants have sent a link to a survey form which Linda will send round the grapevine.</p>	<p>LM to send link round grapevine</p>
<p>10. Treasurer’s Report <i>Expenses since last meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feastive Feast TCC contribution £300.28 • Email hosting • Contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance <p><i>Net Income</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • zero <p><i>Balance</i> Our current bank balance is £20906.35.</p> <p><i>Reserved/committed Funding</i> Identified reserved funds until FY 2018/2019 end £4527.27 for payment to KPTJCBF £400 (2 x monthly payments) to Tynron Parish Hall</p>	

leaving £15978.73 available funds	
<p>11. <u>Hall Matters</u></p> <p><i>November Events:</i> The planned crochet and needle felting workshops in November were cancelled due to lack of interest. The silk painting workshop filled only 7 of the 10 places on offer, could be due to time of year or cost (£25). The Bowlers had a day long tournament The WW1 Centenary Remembrance event, Trench Supper and history display was well attended. The 4th Gift and Produce Fair was very well supported and enjoyed. So successful that the hall is booked for the same weekend this year. Festive Feast was another great success.</p> <p><i>December Events</i> Hogmanay Ceilidh was a sellout event enjoyed by all. Thanks to Cake & Ceilidh Club & a great band!</p> <p><i>Regular Bookings:</i> As per previously apart from the Art Classes on Tuesday afternoons which are having a break</p> <p><i>Planned Future Events</i> More craft sessions. D&G Unlimited has not opened its funding coffers for this year yet. The Hall Committee (ie Jill Burgess) will be looking out for it and will try for funding for a spinning workshop, willow weaving, or something similar. Please let Jill or Mary know if there is a particular craft session that you would like to take part in Possible themed film nights for February & March. Ideas for films that you would like to see to either Hilary or Mary by mid Feb as we have to get a licence for any films that we show and they are specific to the film so no last minute decisions or changes are possible!</p> <p><i>Improvements:</i> Car Park resurfacing. Steve & Mary have discussed specification to include proper drainage, a paved area, kerbing to separate green areas, etc plus new fence between car park and river. Also getting quotes for new large garage shed to store the bowling boards, spare tables & chairs, etc. Plus a separate lockable area at the back for Community Resilience kit. This will free up storage space in the hall cupboards for essential equipment plus cleaning materials, etc</p>	
<p>1. <u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Planning - Planning in principle has been re-approved for 2 dwelling houses at the old Hen Hoose site, to be built 1.09m higher to avoid flood plain damage and to be screened.</p> <p>Forestry - Re the clearing of the felled wood at Auchengibbert Wood, Adriano asked if it was being left like that and if people can go and get wood now for their fires.</p>	<p>SueKS to ask Hilary and Calum what the plans are for post felling work.</p>
13. Date of next meeting will be Monday 25th March 2019	