

Minutes 82 Tynron Community Council Monday 22nd May 2017

Present- Sue King Smith, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, Keith Lewis, Sue Hall, Sophie Armstrong, Katy Coltart, Councillor Andrew Wood, Councillor Matthew Ronnie and Fiona Daubney

1.Apologies- none

2.Approval of minutes of meeting 22nd March- Proposed Sue Hall, Seconded Keith Lewis

3.Police matters

Nothing to report.

4.Matters Arising

Victoria Cross Flagstone

It has been decided there is now only going to be one plaque. The plaque unveiling is due to take place on 20th Nov. The single plaque will include an electronic chip so interested parties can link to hear an audio with relevant history including info on the second soldier. [Sue to check chip wording with the council.](#)

DSLAM Box

The site of the box has been agreed. Discussions are underway regarding payment after a one-off payment in cheque form has arrived without discussion/agreement on the amount of money. [Mary to follow up.](#)

Defibrillator training

Linda has organised another training session for the 27th June. There are 10 people interested in taking part so far.

Benches

The recycled plastic bench is now in place at the Shinnel road end thanks to Mary and Terry. The wooden bench for outside the hall will be in place by next week. [Mary to action.](#)

Telephone box

Sue K reports no further progress. [Fiona to see if she can help.](#)

Community Resilience Equipment

The resilience equipment has now been paid for. Mary has been checking networks for the mobile phone due to be purchased for the emergency contact person. Call divert to a landline is available on Giffgaff and o2 pay as you go. Some concerns were raised with the availability of the o2 network from time to time. Everyone agreed to go ahead with Giffgaff. [Mary to purchase.](#)

Windy Rig agreement

Linda and George were due to sign the agreement on behalf of the community council at the last scheduled meeting however the meeting was postponed. Apparently, the lawyers had not approved some changes made to the plans. There has been no further correspondence.

Litter

Sue has been in contact with the Council to ask whether they intended to clear the litter on the Clone Road but hasn't heard anything yet. Fiona said Sue should have reference number from her request which could be passed to the Governance Officer. [Linda to follow up on the matter with the council and contact Community Payback regarding the clearance of litter.](#)

Overhanging trees on Manse Road

Alan Gray and Steve Mullane have been working on the overhanging trees at Kirkland. [Andrew to contact DGfirst](#) regarding the Glebe branches as to whether the responsibility lays with them or Neil Gourlay. Sue reported a Mark Simpson was due to come out on Monday and check the situation but she hasn't heard anything regarding his visit.

Street lighting in village

Sue contacted the council about switching off the street lights in the village from Midnight until 7am for a trial period to see if we could switch them off permanently at those times in the future. Callum Edgar replied to say they would not allow them to be switched off due to the risk of RTA's and burglaries etc. Sue asked about the possibility of a covered light which turns out is a possibility. However, Tynron is due to be fitted with LED lights which will provide a different type of light as well as the light being spread very differently. Andrew suggested we re-asses after the LED light fitting. Callum asked for affected residents to check Penpont's street lights as they have had their LEDs installed already.

5.Co-option of new Councillor

Katy Coltart from High Auchenbrack applied for a position as a councillor. Proposed by Sue K we welcomed Katy as a new co-opted member of Tynron Community Council.

6.Introduction to ward manager Fiona Daubney

Fiona introduced herself as the Ward Manager for the Mid and Upper Nithsdale Ward, within the communities' directorate.

These posts have been created from the councils re-shaping process. The council has gone from 6 departments to 4 directorates. Fiona sits within the Communities Directorate.

There are broad areas of activity, Community Engagement – supporting the council to undertake meaningful consultations, working with elected members at a local level. Community Development and Empowerment working with communities to plan what they want for their area, community resilience, supporting communities where required. Community Asset Transfer, communities interested in taking ownership of some of the building/land that currently belongs to the council. Community Planning working with local partnership organisations. These posts deliver on the recent Scottish Governments Community Empowerment Act.

7.KPT Joint community fund

The KPT AGM is taking place on Wednesday night at the Joseph Thompson centre. Mary will be stepping down as one of the Tynron representatives. Sue Hall has agreed to take her place. Sue K cannot attend this meeting. The office bearers are due to change and as Mary is currently the Treasurer this position will need filled. Setting up a development trust is the next stage. The community action plan is due to be issued imminently. Thornhill community action plan is out for the public to see and worth reading as some projects may overlap with ours.

Once Mary has the full community consultation document and after the AGM we will decide on a possible meeting for Tynron residents to go through the projects.

8. Durisdeer community internet service provider meeting

Linda and Mary attended the Durisdeer community internet service provider meeting. The meeting was about the community setting themselves up as their own internet service provider to get faster broadband. The estimated running costs would be £70,000 per year. A subscription would be £40 per month to which you would be tied in to achieve the running costs. They are trying to encourage

other communities to join in but Linda and Mary reported only 3 houses within the Tynron area would benefit. Everyone agreed the running costs seem very high making it an unlikely prospect for Tynron.

9.Tynron representative on Joseph Thompson Trust

Rona said she would consider being the Tynron representative again.

10.Summer community event

A summer event will take place on 19th August. A BBQ will be provided. Cc to consult with hall committee for plan/ideas.

11.Cormilligan

The Cormilligan area has been sold to Tilhill Forestry and will be planted with trees. Representatives of the McCaw family have expressed their concern about the future of the Cormilligan buildings and access to them. Sue K. contacted the DGC and was told that the farmstead and its associated fields are recorded as archaeologically sensitive on the Council's planning constraints mapping, and this information will be used to inform any planting proposals

12.Secretary's report and correspondence

Letters of thanks have been received for the donations given to the Playgroup and the Auld alliance. Linda returned the Scheme of establishment for community councils form suggesting a postal vote for community council elections, noting that we would prefer a simpler document and also pointing out problems with the wording about the number of signatories. .

There has been no response from Blue Energy about Whiteside Hill other than to say the email has been passed to the owners. [Fiona offered to ask contact James Parker \(Windfarm Officer\) about it.](#)

13.Treasurer's report

Current balance £14473.12

14.Hall matters

Mary reported a leaking skylight has been fixed a couple of times but unfortunately not completely resolved, may need to call a professional.

The noticeboard has been temporarily fixed to the gable end of the hall. Once the DSLAM box has been installed the notice board will be put on its legs and concreted in its new site.

The hall committee are looking to employ a cleaner. The job will be advertised on the grapevine first to locals then out with the community if there is no response.

The hall committee are planning another 'Pub night' for 8th July.

15.AOCB

Sue H suggested having a 'Garden Swap' for people to swap plants, vegetables, seeds etc. including a flower competition or display on the 17th September. [Sue H will make a poster. George to investigate using the church as well.](#) The Community council agreed to fund the day with donations going to 'Street Child'.

Mary advised she had with great difficulty set up email addresses for Tynron hall committee, Tynron community council and an administrator email with Gmail. They are at a cost of £3.30 a month per address which can be cancelled at any point. Katie didn't think we should need to pay. [Katie, Linda and Mary to work together](#) on the email set up and forwarding/replying to emails from different accounts.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24TH JULY 2017 @ 7.30PM