

Minutes 86 Tynron Community Council 22nd January 2018

Present- Sue King Smith, Keith Lewis, Linda McDonald, Mary Newbould, George Freeborn, Sue Hall, Katy Coltart, Sophie Armstrong, Councillor Andrew Wood and PC Lee Smith

1.Apologies- None

2.Approval of minutes from 27th Nov- Proposed- Keith Seconded- Linda

3.Police Matters-

Lee Smith ran through the recent crimes and charges within the Thornhill area over the recent months- Domestic assault, vandalism, theft, breach of the peace, driving whilst on a mobile phone, no car tax, no MOT and most recently the theft of the Glencairn defibrillator from Moniaive.

4. a) Christmas lights and Festive lunch

Huge thanks to all involved, Alistair Laidlaw, Terry, George, John Cowdery, Mary, Linda, Margaret, the Flanagan family, Jill, Hilary and the Hall committee to name a few. Both events were a great success!

b) Windfarms

Windyrigg Planning has been approved. A further meeting will be arranged regarding community benefit.

Cornharrow A new site close to Windyrigg. According to Glencairn minutes planning is to be sent by mid February. **Linda** to investigate.

Whiteside **Sue K** still going to pursue. Will try contacting operating company and try Penpont CC again.

c) Community resilience

Sue K thanked all involved in the effort to improve the road in the recent bad weather.

Resilience Flyer The flyers are now printed and will be hand delivered by the resilience team with an accompanying letter making it clear what assistance the Team can provide and giving examples of what can't be done. It will also be an opportunity for team members to ask people whether they would like their name and telephone number to be added to a CR emergency list.

Gritter Steve has been investigating the possibilities of purchasing a gritter and has found a commercial grade towable gritter would cost around £7,000. Additional costs would need to be considered- Grit storage bin/hopper, on-going costs of grit etc. and consideration to be given regarding the amount of manual labour involved, time and number of volunteers needed. Steve and Mary are continuing their research into suppliers, options and grit quotes.

RiverTrack & Floodline Steve agreed with the providers to install a set of sensor-time and place to be confirmed. Floodline have recommended that we test the Community Resilience Plan by undertaking an exercise. After the test has taken place, they would like to come and talk to the Community Resilience Team about the Plan.

d) Information from Councillor Andrew Wood

The February budget is just about to be set for next year and there is in the region of 12 million pounds to be saved and mentioned that 1% of the budget would be distributed using Participative Budgeting.

Andrew confirmed fixing road drains and potholes are in the pipeline. Some CC members reported the pothole line is possibly not working properly- no reference give/reference not found when checking on the progress of the matter. Andrew to look into it but asked us to copy in all ward members to emails etc.

CC members suggested a 'Fill our grit bins' option to be added to the council website alongside the pothole reporting.

Following the recent bad weather Andrew confirmed the rules still state that it is the parent's responsibility to get their children the first two miles to school.

5. Community Councillor vacancy

Katie is unfortunately stepping down as a councillor as herself and her partner are moving from the area. We would like to thank her for her time on the committee and wish her all the best.

Linda is to advertise to post on the grapevine and in the noticeboard. Sue asked to contact anyone who may be interested.

6.KPT

The Development Trust paperwork is now ready for signing so future Development Trust meetings will solely be regarding the projects.

Current ongoing projects are- Broadband, Walks Paths and Maps, Marrburn Hydro (hydro scheme in middle of Penpont) and coming up next is Affordable housing.

Sue H wants to make sure everyone knows there are now two Facebook pages -KPT Development Trust and KPT Tracks and Trails for anyone interested.

Sue K to put out a call for membership for the Development Trust! Any interested parties please come forward.

7. Litterpick

Date set for 25th March -Soup and cake in the village hall after for volunteers

8. Planning

Kirkland Mary had the following reply from the Planning office-

“The Decision Notice was issued on 18/12/17 (following a long wait for a bat survey and mitigation plan). If you scroll down the document you will see there are 5 conditions attached. Condition 1 reads:

That, for the avoidance of doubt, this planning permission is in respect of the use of the building only. No extensions or alterations to the external appearance of the building shall take place unless a further planning application for such extensions / alterations has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority.

This condition therefore does not allow any physical works to take place until a further application has been submitted. An application TCC will again be consulted on.

The Tynron Community Council consultation response should have been posted in full online for public viewing. The document attached to your email for some reason was not put online properly. I have asked Admin to amend this. Your full consultation response was taken account of in the decision making process, as the delegated report shows.”

Linda reported that in the Delegated Report the comments made by the CC have instead been attributed to her. This has been questioned with the Planning Officer and she has admitted the error and has stated that she will explore ways to change It.

EE Mast

Concern was expressed that work to complete the Mast and instal an electricity supply might be undertaken during the Heron nesting season. Sue KS to contact EE.

9. Trees on Manse Road by Glebe

Sue has been in contact with relevant parties and confirmed a note has been made to ensure the work is to start before nesting.

10. Report on Joseph Thomson group

There will be an event in Tynron possibly in May, showing the Tynron resources held by the Heritage Centre including interviews and films made by Sophia Harkness.

11. Secretary's report and correspondence

Thornhill Station Action Group On to stage two and all sounding positive. There has been a meeting with the Minister of Transport and the Group has obtained offers of land at the site of the original station and to the north of it.

Galloway National Park Association Galloway is possibly to become a national park and this will include Tynron. GNPA are offering to come explain and discuss the idea with the community. [Linda](#) to arrange a suitable date.

Local Development plan

Stage 2 has gone through. [Mary](#) to go through and check for any local concerns

Consultation on Phase 3 of Review of the Amended Scheme of Establishment [Sue K](#) and [Linda](#) to check and respond

12. Treasurer's report

Current Balance in bank £19,955.71

Cash (to pay in) £145.00

Total Credit Balance £20,100.71

Expenses since last report

Christmas Lights mulled wine etc

Poppy Wreath

2 x Subsidy Payments to Parish Hall

2 x Payments for email hosting

Subsidy for Festive Feast

Community Resilience Kit

TOTAL £876.72

Income since last report

ANCBC annual funding grant £2000

DGC Admin grant £455.55

TOTAL £2455.55

The income has exceeded our expenditure in the last 2 months largely due to income from grants We have now purchased all our Priority 1 and 2 Community Resilience kit but need to be aware that there are annual revenue costs attached to the provision of CR: Maintenance & replacement of damaged equipment, Sand for sand bags, Batteries for flashing warning lights etc.

There was great discussion over our reserves in relation to the possibility of purchasing the gritter, associated equipment and its ongoing costs.

Our annual windfarm income is currently £8877.57

Reserved funding to TPHC £2400

Commitment to KPT £5326.54 for 2017/18 (@60%)

Uncommitted funds per annum £1152.02

Our reserves depend on whether we are committed to KPT for financial year 2016/17 -£4252.31.

If so our reserves are £10281.86

If not our reserves are £14534.17

Averaged over the last 3 years we have spent £565 per annum on events and admin – more than the £455 – our other guaranteed income from DGC

13. Hall matters

The Audio equipment has now been purchased and will hopefully be up and running for the film night on Saturday.

The committee are continuing to investigate better storage solutions for inside and outside the hall and obtaining quotes for re doing the drains and resurfacing the car park.

14. AOCB

[Sue H](#) to arrange a plant swap in June.

NEXT MEETING 26th MARCH 2018 7:30PM