

Approved Minutes 102
of the First meeting of Tynron Community Council
Monday 14 October
Tynron Parish Hall, DG3 4JZ

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present:

John Cowdery, Returning Officer

Sue King-Smith, Adriano de Oliveira, Linda McDonald, Keith Lewis, Sue Hall

Apologies: Mary Newbould, Jackie Buckham

2. Appointment of the Chair

Sue King-Smith was elected as Chair of Tynron Community Council (TCC) (proposed Linda MacDonald, seconded Sue Hall).

3. Appointment of the Secretary

Sue Hall was appointed Secretary of Tynron Community Council (proposed Linda McDonald, seconded Sue King-Smith).

4. Appointment of the Treasurer

Mary Newbould was appointed Treasurer of Tynron Community Council *in absentia* (proposed Sue Hall, seconded Linda MacDonald).

5. Acknowledge and sign the Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway as Constitution

Signed by Sue King-Smith, witnessed by Linda McDonald.

6. The appointment of an Independent examiner of Accounts

Calum Osborne has offered to examine the accounts.

7. Dumfries and Galloway Community Council overview

The Returning Officer gave members details of the paperwork received from D & G Council

8. Requests to D&GC for discretionary grant for the current financial year ending 31 March 2020

TCC Intends to make an application for funds.

Action: MN to apply for discretionary grant.

9. List of Office bearers and Examiners of Accounts to be sent to D&GC within one calendar month of first meeting

Action: SH to forward all relevant paperwork

10. Co-option of community councillors

TCC will consider anyone eligible for co-option onto TCC, in accordance with D&GC co-option guidelines.

11. Appointment of sub-groups

It is not considered necessary at present to create any sub-groups.

12. Certified statement of assets

This will be covered in the independent examination of accounts.

13. Public liability insurance (PLI)

The PLI provided by D&GC is considered adequate for our requirements.

14. Dates, times and locations of future meetings

Meeting dates have been scheduled for the third Monday of every other month, with a proviso that these meetings may be rescheduled within the guidelines laid down by D&GC. All meetings, unless otherwise notified, will start at 7.30pm in Tynron Parish Hall. The AGM will be held in May 2020.

Monday 18 November

Monday 20 January 2020

Monday 16 March 2020

Monday 18 May 2020

Monday 20 July 2020

Monday 21 September 2020

Monday 16 November 2020

15. Any other competent business

Windfarm reps. TCC is currently in consultations with the developers of Sanquhar II, Lorg, and Troston Loch windfarms. Adriano de Oliveira and Sue Hall will be the contacts for any communications, with Linda McDonad providing cover if required.

KPT JCBF reps. These will continue to be Keith and Linda McDonald.

ANCBC – Annual Local Community Council Grant Application 2019/2020. A proposal to apply for a £2000 grant from ANCBC by Linda McDonald was seconded by Sue King-Smith. Following a vote on this proposal, there was a unanimous decision by the committee to apply for the grant.

Action: MN to apply for ANCBC grant

Forestry. Tilhill have notified immediately affected residents (but not TCC) that they will be upgrading the U401n with passing places, commencing 21 October for 4 days. There are concerns that the road is physically incapable of supporting these 'upgrades'.

Action: SK-S to liaise with Tilhill and D&GC Roads department.

Cairn Valley Community Transport. The CVCT initiative would like to include Tynron in their constitution. Tynron would not have to provide a committee member.

Action: LM to reply to CVCT email to accept their offer

Christmas celebrations. The dates for the Lights Switch-On will be on 1st December, and the Festive Feast will be 8th December. More arrangements will be made at a meeting on November 18th.

Validity of TCC meetings. It was accepted that with 6 members of TCC there may be occasions when the required 4 elected councillors may not be available for a scheduled meeting to make it quorate. LM had spoken to Hazel Kerr at D&GC who advised:

If it is known ahead of time that a meeting is inquorate, we can change the date so long as the meeting has not been advertised.

One inquorate meeting is OK, but if there are 2 consecutive inquorate meetings then TCC will be dissolved.

TCC can add an extra meeting to ensure that regulations are met (we are required to have 5 regular TCC meetings plus an AGM).

A TCC meeting requires 7 calendar days notification.

New TCC officers. Thank you to Linda McDonald who has stepped down as secretary of TCC. There are some new officers in place.

Action: LM to circulate Grapevine with details of TCC members and new officers.

Retiring councillor. George Freeborn has retired from TCC after many years service. George was instrumental in the establishment of Community Councils in Scotland, and his many years of service have been of huge benefit to local communities, and Tynron in particular. The current TCC would like to thank George for his hard work on behalf of the Community, and hope he enjoys his retirement!