

TCC 104 APPROVED MINUTES
TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Tynron Community Council
Monday 20 January 2020, 7.30pm
Tynron Parish Hall, DG3 4JZ

Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS); Linda McDonald (LM); Mary Newbold (MN); Keith Lewis (KL); Adriano de Oliveira (AdO); Sue Hall (SH); Peigi Romano (PR).

1. Apologies for absence

All TCC members were present at the meeting

2. Approval of minutes for Tynron Community Council meeting on Monday 18 November 2019 (TCC103)

Proposed MN, Seconded AdO

3. Matters arising from Tynron Community Council meeting Monday 18 November 2019

- LM explained the KPT JCBF's position – it cannot currently fund all KPT DT projects, but Chris Shirley has confirmed supporting the Development Officer position and the micro hydro scheme, funded from 2020 funds.

Paths are to be funded from the 2020-21 JCBF resources.

Keir have received funding from windfarm sources and have now paid their dues to the JCBF

- Scaur Glen road – a new survey will be required.

Action: MN and SH will resurvey the u404n Scaur Glen Road for potholes/general wear and tear and resubmit the list to D&G Council.

- Use of hall kitchen for private ventures – this is not straightforward.

Action: MN will raise this at the next hall meeting

4. Police matters

No police were present at the meeting.

5. Appointment of Peigi Romano as a co-opted member of TCC

Margaret (Peigi) Romano, Rose Cottage, Tynron, Thornhill, DG3 4JZ was proposed as a co-opted member of Tynron Community Council.

- Proposed by Sue King-Smith, Chair, Tynron Community Council
- Seconded by Sue Hall, Secretary, Tynron Community Council

Peigi Romano was appointed to TCC by a unanimous vote of TCC members.

6. Cormilligan/forestry updates

SKS updated TCC with the current position. Planting of Cormilligan has already commenced. Some 'improvements' (creating passing places) to the Strathmilligan road have been started by D&G Council but without consultation of residents most affected. A meeting with Strathmilligan residents, Scottish forestry, Tilhill, and the Scottish timber transport forum was held on 5 December, where the local community was asked if they want passing places or not? The majority view was no. Tilhill have considered an alternative route to Strathmilligan but this needs further discussion.

There are huge safety issues so an independent survey is required. Although the glen road is an approved timber consultation route there is a question as to who has approved Tilhill's application for planting at Cormilligan without first agreeing the extraction route. Plus the lack of passing places creates access issues for Tilhill if they wish to sell on Cormilligan.

TCC agreed that it needs to work with the authorities, but a robust infrastructure is needed to future proof extraction, not just of Tilhill but also other local areas, but with due regard to natural environment, safety, topography, water supplies, dykes, bridges and residents' concerns.

Action: SKS and MN

7. Windfarms updates

SH updated TCC with the current position.

Sanquhar II

D&G Council have received an extension until 6th May 2020 for submission of their response. This was seen on ECU web site, not from CWL.

5 community councils have now formally submitted objections to Sanquhar II – Tynron, Penpont, Glencairn, Sanquhar and New Cumnock. EAC has also objected.

A meeting with community councils and CWL was arranged by Cllr Andrew Wood last year to discuss community benefit and other issues, with a view to revisiting these issues January 2020. Cllr Wood is happy to facilitate this meeting again if so desired by CCs.

Rob Fryer of CWL has said one turbine in the Afton Glen area will be removed. However, given the 100 metre micro-siting request by CWL it was thought that, in terms of immediate impact on affected homes, this might not provide as great a relief from impacts as it might otherwise, as other turbines could be moved closer to the site of the removed turbine.

Use of the u405n has been 'approved' by D&G roads, despite concerns of the impact on the Southern Upland Way and structural integrity of the road.

Windyrig wind farm

SH had attended a meeting on 15 Jan 2020 in Moniaive

Statkraft have sold Windyrig to Greencote, but will still continue to build and administer Windyrig.

Construction will begin w/b 20 January 2020, by J McLeod. Lorcan Hayes will be Project Manager.

There will be 12 x 3.6MW Vestas turbines, total output 42MW.

Community benefit at £5000/MW/pa index linked guaranteed for 25 years will be paid - £216,000 pa index linked between 9 communities, probably commencing October 2021

There was a discussion at the communities meeting on how this was to be paid. The general feeling was that Foundation Scotland was currently not the best route for managing payments. Delays in receipt of funds had meant delays to payments of local groups; rules and regulations were felt to be prohibitive in some cases; plus there is an 'admin charge' of around 8-10% payable to FS by communities. All communities present wished to manage their own funds, within guidelines set by the windfarms, as they felt appropriate.

The key discussion now is how to allocate the monies. Carsphairn argued for a lion's share because they would get the greatest impact during the 2 years of construction. Allocation according to community population was not considered a viable option.

Next meeting Carsphairn 1st week April 2020.

8. Tynron and climate change

Although climate change is an urgent issue which is important to both TCC and the Tynron community, the members of TCC believe there are too many current issues (eg forestry, windfarms, roads, community activities) for the limited manpower of TCC to take on any additional projects.

However, if anyone is interested in becoming part of a Tynron climate change group please contact SKS who will organize the group outwith TCC.

9. Treasurer's report

Expenses:

- Email hosting
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance
- Festive Feast Costs – Ingredients (food & drinks), table wear
- Carols & Christmas Lights – Mulled drinks, mince pies, etc

Total Expenses **£690.19**

Income:

- zero

Total income **£0**

Balance:

- Current bank balance **£10,592.80**

Reserved Funding

Identified committed funds in FY 2019/2020

- monthly contribution to maintenance & running costs of Tynron Hall

Potential committed funds in FY 2020/2021

- Contribution to KPT JCBF in FY 2020/2021 **£4,590.36**
- ANCBC Grant minus amount committed to TPHC (£2000 - £800) **£1,200**

Considered Committed Funding at this time: **£6590.36**

Emergency reserves @ 20% **£800**

Total disposable income FY 2019/2020 **£3201.96**

TCC annual income after payments to KPT is:

£2364.73 – TCC benefit from 2019/2020 Wetherhill Wind Farm Funding

£680.00 - ANCBC (34%)

£455.00 – DGC Admin Grant

Total annual income **£3499.73**

Future Financial Planning/Wetherhill funding

There is to be a discussion of funding received from Wetherhill windfarm on 21 January 2020 with representatives of TCC, Tynron Hall Committee and Wetherhill windfarm. The contract with SPN, referred to as the Wetherhill fund, also states that the funding should be use to benefit the Tynron community. Our ANCBC funding also has criteria set regarding its expenditure.

It is possible that our Wetherhill Funding will be substantially reduced, and once TCC is aware of future payments, MN recommended that TCC reconsiders annual & regular financial commitments, to ensure our annual expenses do not exceed our annual income.

10. Secretary's report

SH has had an email from Senga Greenwood, the new KPT DT Development Officer. Senga has asked for a current Community Council Local Plan for Tynron to better understand communities and their key drivers and aims.

There is a KPT DT forum on 27 January at Tynron village hall on affordable housing in the area. All welcome.

Marcus Hogan is now secretary of Glencairn Community Council (GCC). Marcus has been forwarding GCC minutes to SH as secretary of TCC, which has been interesting and informative in the light of mutual areas of concern (windfarms, timber traffic). TCC members indicated their wish to be circulated with GCC minutes, and agreed that TCC minutes should be forwarded to GCC.

Cairn Valley Community Transport are looking for Trustees. TCC specifically requested not be asked to be representatives on the CVCT.

Action: SH to confirm details of Tynron's use of the CVCT bus.

It has been noticed that the D&G communities website has the wrong dates for TCC meeting.

Action: SH will contact D&G communities to get it changed.

11. Hall matters

A wide range of clubs and activities have continued to make regular use of the hall. There is to be a hall meeting this week to organize a hall maintenance day.

Car park resurfacing is on hold until decisions made on shed siting, and construction and cabling.

Christmas events had been very successful. SKS proposed a vote of thanks to the organizers cooks, waiting staff and helpers of the Festive Feast and Hogmany Ceilidh, and also for generous donations of local produce from Madge Rorison and Hilary Osborne.

12. AOCB

- TCC have asked been asked to be a part of the design working group for the KPT DT Consultation for the Penpont-Thornhill footpath

Action: MN to be the TCC contact

- Concern was raised about double gates by Stenhouse where the timber wagons access the woods. Water running on the road has been resolved by new drains. D&G are responsible for keeping ditches clear but have limited resources.

Action: SKS to contact D&G about ditches and potholes in Scaur Glen.