

TCC 106 APPROVED MINUTES
TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Draft Minutes of Tynron Community Council
Monday 16 March 2020, 7.30pm
Tynron Parish Hall, DG3 4JZ

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

1. Apologies for absence

Adriano de Oliveira

2. Approval of minutes for Tynron Community Council meeting on Monday 20th January 2020

- Approved KL
- Seconded LM

3. Matters arising from Tynron Community Council meeting Monday 20th January 2020

Potholes: SH and MN have surveyed the Scaur Gen road, identifying over 40 areas of degraded, and in some cases dangerous, road surface within a 3.7 mile stretch of road. These have been uploaded onto the Dumgal pothole web site, as well as being directly reported to the Roads department of D&GC. MN has also added them to the Tynron pothole database to ensure follow-up action is taken.

Forestry: SKS report is below (item 5)

4. Police matters

PC Lee Smith sent apologies and a report which includes concerns about off-lead dogs worrying sheep, and to be aware of increased dog mess in the area. Please report any incidences to PC Smith.

5. Cormilligan and forestry

SKS has emailed James England and Mike Grunwell. Finding alternative routes for timber extraction from Cormilligan is still being explored, although there is some confusion around these discussions and it seems unlikely that any other alternative route would be feasible. Safety is a major consideration, and the Strathmilligan road should be assessed for safety; the majority of residents on and around the Strathmilligan road don't want passing places, and have asked could the road please be reinstated. SKS is currently trying to contact other residents of property in the area to ascertain their views of the situation.

6. Eucharhead wind farm and Tynron community consultation

The recent 'information day' on 17 February by SP Renewables for the proposed Eucharhead wind farm was very well attended by local residents. SP Renewables has asked for the Tynron community's advice on the scope and content of the EIA for the current proposals, and initial thoughts on the proposals including any potential environmental concerns. TCC have asked for an extension to the stated deadline to allow for consulting with the Tynron community, and have been given until 3rd April. SP Renewables are happy to come and talk to the wider community about the proposal but feel it might be better to do this later in the year when they have a more defined idea regarding the layout of the turbines.

Comments and concerns about the proposal include: Access; cumulative impact; noise; peat; impact on sensitive areas; actual GHG savings; saving energy at home – is this a better way of saving energy?; impact of concrete in acidic conditions; run off and long-term pollution; lighting of aircraft warning lights; infrasound; ornithology impacts; Green energy is critical way forward but right place right energy; against Scottish planning policy of 'right thing right place'; proximity to homes; shadow flicker.

Action: SH to draft letter replying to SP Renewables. Document to be circulated on Grapevine and ask for residents' response

7. Wether Hill wind farm updates

An email has been received from SP Energy with a Draft Community Benefit Agreement formalising the revised terms and conditions, and new initial payment and indexing for the community benefit payment made to Tynron CC & Tynron Parish Hall Committee in relation to the Wether Hill Windfarm Grid Connection. The new funding agreement has been agreed to start at the 2019 payment value of £13,910.17, RPI index linked. The agreement is currently between SP Energy and TCC, but it is felt it should also include the Parish Hall. TCC and TPHC are discussing the terms and appropriate wording of the draft contract and will respond to SP Energy.

Action: SKS to co-ordinate a response between TCC, TPHC and SP Energy.

Tynron CC will forward their Community Benefit Annual Report to SP Energy.

Action: MN

8. Tynron community litter pick

The annual group litter pick has been cancelled with respect to the current Cov19 situation.

9. Auld Alliance 25th Anniversary visit in August

An application for funding has been received from the Auld Alliance. LM explained that 2020 is the 25th anniversary year for Auld Alliance. 35 French visitors have signed up for a 4 day visit in early August 2020. A special programme of events would be planned. The host group pays for all entertainments and expenses including proposed visits to Rothesay to Mt Stewart, Edinburgh or Wigtown, and Dunscore Gala. Approaches have been made to Dunscore for £450; Blackcraig wind farm for £600; the Auld Alliance group also fund raises themselves. LM asked would Tynron be prepared to put some money towards this visit?

Vote carried unanimously to make a contribution of £200 towards the Auld Alliance visit.

10. KPT DT update

SKS explained the new Community Energy Future's (CEF) project within KPT DT. CEF have offered £2000 plus expert consultancy, and Lorraine Scotson is now in post, working for 120 hours until mid June. She is hoping that Community Councils and communities will support projects aimed at conserving energy in homes. Community 'green days' will explore community members' needs. SKS suggested one home in each community as a guinea pig for home efficiency. PR could be important.

LM raised the issue of the way this post was advertised, particularly its limited advertising on Facebook. Information is now disseminated electronically to members. LM suggested that the Tynron Grapevine could be used as an addition to venues, which works very well in our scattered community.

Penpont-Thornhill path is still under development. The initial path has been developed and there has been a community consultation.

The KPT Hydro project is still on course

11. Treasurer's report MN

Expenses:

Email hosting; Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance; ICO – Data Protection Fee
Food for film night (to be invoiced to TPHC) **Total Expenses £493.97**

Income:

DGC Admin Grant **Total Income £455.15**

Reserved Funding

Potential committed funds in FY 2020/2021

- £4,590.36 to KPT in FY 2020/2021 – Contribution from 2019/2020 Wetherhill Windfarm income
- £1,200 - ANCBC Grant minus amount committed to TPHC (£2000 - £800)

Considered Committed Funding at this time:	£6590.36
Immediately Available reserves:	£3,963.62
Additional considerations	
Emergency reserves @ 20%	£792
Total considerations	£800

Total disposable income FY 2019/2020 **£3171.62**

Our 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**

Our current bank balance: **£10,553.98**

12. Secretary's report SH

A reminder that all email correspondence for Tynron Community Council should be sent to TynronCC@Tynron.org.uk with immediate effect.

SH has filled in a DGC Report It (Roads and Pavement Defects) Service – Survey regarding reporting potholes. Suggestion included more information as to when the potholes will be repaired, and to make it easier to report multiple potholes.

Residents can report a road or pavement defect:

- By accessing the Report It Service online at <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/>
- by telephoning D&GC Contact Centre 0303 333 3000
- by visiting one of D&GC's Customer Service Centres.

TCC has received an email from Local Energy Scotland, who recently reported that over £20m has gone to communities across Scotland in the last 12 months from Community Benefits from renewable energy projects. LES are offering free and impartial support to help with planning for, managing and evaluating community benefits. They have launched a new, free Community Benefits Toolkit, available on the Local Energy Scotland website. They also offer an enablement grant to help community groups identify the needs and aspirations of their community, or to support the securing and setting up of community funds; Frameworks of Contractors to help community groups select legal, financial, project management and community engagement services quickly and with confidence; a Community Benefit Register that

details community benefits provision across Scotland. More information can be found at <https://www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits/>

13. Hall matters

All clubs & other organisations have stopped meeting following the advice on Covid-19

14. AOCB

Covid-19

Penpont village shop has offered to help anyone who cannot leave their home. Ring 01848 330907
6.30am – 5pm

Watsons Grocers in Moniaive will deliver door-to-door. Ring 01848 200204 or 07867904465, or email watsonsgrocers01@gmail.com

Community resilience - the community 'yellow phone' will be expanded for use in the covid 19 plan

The sand bin bin was accidentally filled with rock salt by the council

Action: MN to sort out

D&G climate group – do we want one? Contact SKS is interested.

Date and time of next meeting - Monday 18 May 2020

The AGM scheduled for May needs reaffirmation with regard to the current Covid outbreak.

Action: SH to write to Hazel Kerr to clarify the position.