

TCC 107 Approved Minutes

TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18 May 2020, 7.30pm

Zoom Meeting

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

In attendance: Peter Shaw

1. Apologies for absence

Adriano de Oliveira, Sue Hall, Peigi Romano

2. Approval of minutes for Tynron Community Council meeting on Monday 16th March 2020

- Approved KL
- Seconded LM

3. Matters arising from Tynron Community Council meeting Monday 16th March 2020

Item 7 Wether Hill Wind Farm Agreement: Discussions have been held about the Revised Agreement and Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) have responded with a second draft. This has been examined and a reply from the TCC and Hall Committee is being drawn up. MN is contacting SPR to confirm, in writing, the basis on which the example calculations of benefit to be paid in future years have been made. MN has now sent in a report to SPR on the allocation of the 2018/ 2019 benefit.

Item 9 Auld Alliance visit grant: LM reported that the visit had been rescheduled to August 2021. It was agreed that the £200 grant awarded to the Auld Alliance could be paid still to allow the Association to pay for tickets etc before the visit.

ACTION: LM to arrange for the Auld Alliance to invoice TCC for the grant

Item 10 KPT Update: SKS reported on developments

Home Energy Efficiency Questionnaire – All asked to complete. Lorraine Scotson can be contacted for help if required

KPT Hub – TCC had been asked to suggest items for the Hub. MN thought that information could be taken from the Tynron Web site and Tynron Community Facebook page. LM asked how the information on the Hub was going to be up-dated.

ACTION: SKS to ask for further information about who would be responsible for up-dating the Hub

Hydro Scheme – Subject to approval from the KPT, construction is planned to commence in early June, following COVID-19 Construction guidelines. Penpont residents will be informed about plans.

4. Police matters.

PC Lee Smith's report noted that there had been thefts from the Sawmill Yard (Marchbanks).
MN suggested warning local people walking at night to watch out for lampers using laser lights.

5. Treasurer's Report

Expenses:

• Email hosting for TCC and TynronHelp	£24.85
• Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance	£400
• PPE for Covid-19 volunteers & Swap Shop	£288.89
• Zoom – VC facility for CR & TCC meetings during lockdown	£24.85
Total Expenses	£734.59

Income:

• DGC Grant reserved for Covid-19 expenses & PPE	£455.15
• Diners cash contribution to Festive Feast in Dec 2019	£90.00
Total income	£545.15

Balance:

Our current bank balance is:

• Uncleared	£10,427.33
• Cleared	£10,370.90

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
- **£200** – Auld Alliance funding approved – **source ANCBC Grant**
- **£1800** – TPHC maintenance grant (£200 per month x 9 months)
- **£166.26** – DGC Covid-19 Grant

Considered Committed Funding at this time:	£6756.62
Immediately Available reserves:	£3614.28

Additional considerations

• Emergency reserves @ 20%	£720
• Total considerations	£720
• Total disposable income FY 2019/2020	£2894.28

Annual income after payments to KPT:

TCC benefit from 2019/2020 Wetherhill Wind Farm Funding	£2364.73
ANCBC (34%)	£680.00
DGC Admin Grant	£455.00

Total annual income	£3499.73
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6. Secretary's Report

SH expressed grateful thanks to the Tynron resilience team and Tynron community members who have worked so hard during the Coronavirus pandemic to ensure the wider Tynron community stays safe and well.

TCC, as statutory consultees, have had an email from CWL regarding submission of plans for Sanquhar II to the ECU. SH has asked for details to be sent to the TCC email address, and the details will be sent by post on a pen drive. SH will circulate further information as available.

TCC has had an email from Hazel Kerr regarding an online video conference on 'Support for volunteering during COVID-19'. More information is available at <https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/article/20850/Chat-with-us-on-Community-Support> and a video of the event is also available.

SH thanked everyone 'present' for the TCC meeting via Zoom for enabling the meeting to go ahead, and suggested that when the Coronavirus situation has eased perhaps the use and availability of platforms such as this for all members of the TCC could be investigated for emergencies, particularly given the challenges of living in rural areas.

ACTION: MN to put question at D & G Community Support online Q & A to see if D & G COVID-19 grant could be used for ZOOM meeting subscription

7. COVID-19 and impacts on the Tynron Community

SKS proposed a vote of thanks to the Tynron Resilience Team and community volunteers who have worked hard to support the Tynron Community and operate the Swap Shop.

MN reported on the Community Resilience Team activities -

- *Lots of volunteers stepped forward and have been added to the CR Project Plan to provide them with DGC insurance cover*
- *Set up of TynronHelp email address and Facebook page. Reminded the community that we have the single point of contact mobile phone for urgent requests*
- *Agreed to use grapevine email list & Tynron Community Facebook page to disseminate information. Big thanks to Linda & Jill for keeping us all up to date*
- *Set up centralised Buddy scheme for one-to-one shopping*
- *DGC sent out letters & passes for all volunteers in CR Plan to be distributed by the CR Team*
- *DGC Grant of £455.15 restricted to very specific Covid related expenses to support the volunteer team including PPE. A report of all spend is required by DGC in September and any unspent funding must be returned.*
- *All active volunteers and the CR team have now received their letters/passes & been provided with PPE (Gloves, mask & gel) with top ups available. We have also had donations of sanitized hand wash from Keith (Thanks Keith)*
- *CR team are holding weekly meetings via Zoom to report back on activities/actions and consider future actions/requirements*

- *Telephone Swap Shop has been a great hit. Thanks very much to Jill, Jackie & Linda for managing this and posting updates on what is available*

SKS noted that a possible proposal for a KPT Hardship fund was not going ahead.

It was noted that the Citizen's Advice Bureau was a good source of assistance and information.

ACTION: It was agreed that, after expenses have been deducted, any money donated to the Swap Shop should be passed to the First Base Thornhill Community Food Initiative. NB People are NOT expected to pay for items.

8. Any Other Business

a. Planning

Quarry – MN reported that TCC had responded to the original unsuccessful Planning Application and TCC had requested additional time for the subsequent application to enable further work to be undertaken. Application was approved and work has commenced. It was agreed that no further action could be taken by TCC

Kirkland – TCC has requested and been granted an extension until 12th June to make comments.

Euchanhead Wind Farm – TCC has been granted an extension in order to enable us to make a site visit.

ACTION: MN to discuss comments with Sue Hall by email

b. KPT Affordable Housing Project

MN reported that members had been asked to look at potential sites in each parish and that she had been looking within Tynron. The deadline for a Grant application to undertake exploratory survey work has been extended. She understood that there had been a Zoom meeting between the KPT Development Officer and Mike Staples from the Small Communities Housing Trust but no feedback had yet been received.

c. Thornhill Community Food Initiative

TCC had been informed that a Food Bank for has been set up in the Friendship Club in association with First Base. It is open to all in Mid Nithsdale.

ACTION: LM to advertise on the Grapevine and put up posters.

d. AGM and Examination of Accounts

Unfortunately, the nominated auditor for the CC is now unable to undertake the work. MN has informed D & G Council and a new auditor is being sought. The May AGM has been delayed and once accounts are signed off, a new date will be set and, if necessary, the meeting will be held over ZOOM. The possibility of paying people their data usage charges to enable them to participate was raised.

9. Date of next Meeting

Monday 20th July by Zoom, if necessary