

TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 113

Monday 15th March 2021, 7.30 pm

Held by Zoom

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS) Chair; Mary Newbould (MN) Treasurer; Sue Hall (SH) Secretary; Linda MacDonald (LM); Keith Lewis (KL); Members of the Tynron community. Apologies; Peigi Romano

1. Approval of TCC Minutes of meeting January 18th 2021

Proposed: LM, Seconded: MN

2. Matters arising

TCC were made aware after its last meeting of issues of night hauling on the 23 December 2020 by AW Jenkinson. SKS rang SW Transport to complain of this occurrence and was told that the driver had been told there were no limits on timber transports in the Shinnel Glen. SW Transport apologised and has assured TCC this will not happen again.

3. Police report

No report had been received by TCC

4. Treasurer's report

See Appendix 1. Total disposable income FY 2020/2021 stands at £2043.66

5. Secretary's report

• Invitation to an Information Session on the New Waste and Recycling Service

Nithsdale sessions will take place on **Friday, 9 April 2021 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm**. Please advise if a representative from your Community Council would like to attend and provide their name and contact email to Julia.Kerr@dumgal.gov.uk along with which session they would like to attend so an invite can be sent.

Nithsdale roll-out will be April 2021.

The majority of residents will be provided with two 240 litre recycling wheelie bins:

- Blue-lidded bin for paper, card and cardboard.
- Red-lidded bin for plastics, metals and cartons.

Residents will also be able to recycle glass bottles and jars at Recycling Points and Household Waste Recycling Centres - when the new service is fully rolled out there will be over 80 Recycling Points across the region. Some properties will receive shared bins or reusable recycling sacks if there is no space for wheelie bins. Non-recyclable waste will now only be collected every fortnight - this waste type should be significantly reduced if residents make full use of the new recycling service. The new collection service will operate over a four-week cycle, meaning residents will have either recyclable or nonrecyclable waste collected once a week.

• Road closure

Application has been received for a temporary road closure of the C119n Lannhall -Tynron Clonehead road for Scottish Power Location overhead line works, 09:00 hours on 27/03/2021 to 17:00 hours on 27/03/2021

• Southern Upland Way

TCC has received an email from the D&GC Ranger service outlining plans for upgrading and developing the SUW. As this path goes through Tynron we have been asked if we have any comments to make regarding being involved in tourism and education opportunities that may arise from improvements to the route. TCC have replied they would like to be involved in any such developments, whilst expressing our concerns about the potential adverse impacts of Sanquhar II and Eucharhead windfarms on tourism in the area. The proposals have been forwarded to accommodation providers in Tynron.

- **Scottish Parliamentary elections**

An Election is to be held for

- the Member of the Scottish Parliament to serve the Dumfriesshire County Constituency *and for*
- 7 Members of Parliament to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the South Scotland Region. If the Election is contested, a Poll will take place on Thursday, 6 May 2021 between the hours of 7am and 10pm. The Schedule of Polling Places will be issued as soon as practicable after the 31 March 2021 along with the Notice of Poll.

- **Potholes**

D&G Council Pothole Service is now back to normal. Potholes can be reported on an interactive map at <https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/faultreporting/Road/Defect#>

- **Tynron – Keir core path**

The Tracks and Trails group have improved signage and gates along the Tynron – Ford route, and have improved safety on the Ford – Keir Mill route by installing a new section of off-road path between the Clone road and Flagg, just after the bridge. People who had walked the path acknowledged the improvements in the path but raised concerns about the provision of more waymarkers, particularly for people who do not know the area.

Action: SKS to raise this issue with Tracks and Trails group

6. Local planning matters

No planning matters were discussed

7. Update on timber traffic and forestry issues

- Tilhill has been hauling 4 loads per day without any complaints received from local residents, therefore this will continue.
- There are concerns that some roadside dyke damage is happening which is believed to be as a result of timber wagons. This will continue to be monitored.
- SKS has spoken to the Scottish Timber Traffic Forum to ask that timber traffic is coordinated between all the hauliers who are wanting to use the Shinnel as a route for timber extraction. Local land owners who need to extract timber from their lands will currently have to comply with the limitations and restrictions currently in place for large companies such as Tilhill and SW. TCC are of the opinion that the Heads Of Valley route needs reconsidering and the issues that currently preclude its use need urgent review.
- A low-loader from Stenhouse Woods turned the wrong way out of the forest. A considerable amount of damage to the road occurred as a consequence. TCC are unaware of any repairs being done as yet.
- Residents at Shinnelhead have highlighted the issues they are facing with forestry access and cars, and the consequent state of the road and potential issues with emergency services access.

8. JCBF and KPT updates

KPT updates

- MN gave a brief update on Affordable Housing, stating that at this stage all 3 villages were being considered for affordable housing and discussions were taking place with SOSCH (South of Scotland Community Housing) about how to proceed.
- Funding had become available at short notice for notice boards with maps of the KPT area and a space for 100 words to describe 2 points of interest in the area. It had been pointed out by TCC that the KPT boundaries on the map were wrong, this has been rectified in line with maps available from the National Library of Scotland. Tynron has selected Tynron Kirk and Tynron Doon as its points of interest. There will need to be a discussion as to where the map board will be located.

- The bike stands provided by KPT remain undecided as to location. Safety is a key issue, particularly with timber traffic in the area. Location at the Hall car park, given that it will be resurfaced, there is a lot of demands on limited space, and restrictions from Tynron's Conservation Village status mean it is not possible to locate it at the Hall.
- Concerns were raised that consultation about issues are happening after the events, and given how much work CCs have at the moment, it was decided that when it is safe to do so an EGM will be held to discuss Tynron's future in KPT.

JCBF updates

- **Hydro income: a) involvement of the JCBF and b) arrangements for the monies should the Trust be wound up**

a) Spending of Hydro income by the Trust. TCC had proposed that the Trust should ring fence income from the hydro scheme, to be spent in consultation with JCBF, but Penpont and Keir CCs did not support this view and were happy that the Trust should use the monies without oversight by the JCBF to support the objectives set by the Community Action Plan. Therefore LM and KL did not feel that the Tynron JCBF reps could progress this idea.

b) arrangements for the hydro monies should the Trust be wound up. Keir CC members had voted that there should be some stronger means of ensuring that, in the event of the Dev Trust ceasing to exist, the hydro income gets equally divided between the three communities. If a separate company was being set for the Hydro operation, it was suggested that CCs could be a shareholder as well as the Dev Trust? Or possibly something could be written in to say if the Trust folds then another body or bodies would be able to step in and claim the future income. Tynron and Penpont CCs were asked to discuss this.

TCC voted on the proposal 'In the event of the KPT Development Trust being wound up, hydro income should be distributed equally between all communities'.

TCC voted unanimously to support this proposal.

- **Percentage of wind farm monies contributed to the JCBF by CCs in future**

Currently the CCs of KPT give 66% of their total income to the JCBF. There are now concerns this is not leaving communities enough funding to deal with their own community plans especially as ANCBC monies should be used to give grants to constituted local groups.

LM proposed that TCC suggests to the JCBF that

- the ANCBC money received by all CCs (£2000 pa) is ring fenced and is excluded from income used to calculate JCBF donation
- Donations to the JCBF is reduced to 50% of the remaining wind farm monies.

TCC voted unanimously to support this proposal

- JCBF 2020/21 contributions

TCC	£5910.36
Keir CC	£4200
(Penpont	c £4,000 not yet paid)
Balance remaining from 2019/20	£812.98

Account balance **£10,923.34**

Minus two Grant applications previously approved but not paid due to lack of funds -

Hydro loan £6,011.67

Keir/ Tynron Path £1,000

Balance **£3911.67**

Balance when Penpont CC has paid their contribution **£7,911.67**

An application from the KPT asking for a grant of £6250 towards the extension of the Development Officer's post, office and core Trust costs has been received (Total cost £24,400).

Should this be approved the remainder of the 20/21 funding would be approx c £1661.67

9. Additional CR funding from DGC - COVID-19 Community Resilience Team Second Funding Allocation Phase 3 Hardship Fund

MN outlined proposals for the spending of these funds

This grant was paid into account on 26/02/2021

The money has to be spent & report presented to DGC by 31st March 2021 with surplus returned to DGC

Proposal to be considered (costings are approximate):

Community Resilience:

£120.00 - 4 x Replacement led cone lights with rechargeable batteries

£240.00 - 12 strong yellow plastic shovels to spread the grit from the bins

£250.00 - 1 x grit spreader

OR

£225.00 - 1 x additional grit bin for where tarmac ends at top of Shinnel Glen. (We have been allocated 6 extra grit bins following a request to DGC for additional bins. However one for top of Shinnel & one up Scaur at Auchenhessnane were refused for valid reasons).

Covid:

£300.00 - 2 x Additional Hand Driers for hall WCs. (One was procured, installed & tested bought from previous Covid grant funding)

£120.00? - 2 x Clinical cleaning of hall prior & post elections on 6th May by qualified cleaning company to be booked & paid for prior to 31/03/2021.

10. Windfarm updates

Sanquhar II

- Originally the DPEA had scheduled a pre-exam meeting for April 20th with a view to a public inquiry in July. D&G have now asked for this to be delayed until January because of workload. CWL have objected to any delays. John Campbell QC has responded on behalf of Stop Sanquhar II supporting D&G. The DPEA has not yet made a decision.
- An incident up at Shinnelhead occurred when 3 sub-contractors working for CWL entered the area without permission from FCS, and by removing 2 gates at the entrance to the site. TCC wrote to CWL to complain. We have received assurances that this entrance will not be used again to access the site.

Euchanhead

- Nothing to report, still waiting on D&G response.

Online event on Planning Democracy

7-8.30pm Tues 30th March - A Reporter's Guide to Planning Appeals and Local Development Plans

The workshop focuses on two aspects of Planning: Appeals and Local and National Development Plans.

Developers have the right to appeal planning decisions, and often do. What is less clear is the public role in appeals, and how you can have your voice heard through the appeal process. There is very little help for communities to understand the process of Local Development Plans, or to have a real chance of

influencing them. Dan Jackman, a senior reporter at the Scottish Department for Environmental Appeals, will explain both processes and help you understand the Reporter's role. To Book go to <https://pd30mar.eventbrite.co.uk>

11.AOCB

Peter Smith asked if it would be possible to have a glass recycling bin in Tynron village. Currently this facility is only available in Moniaive, Penpont and Thornhill. Concerns were raised about the possible noise it might create but a suitable site might be found.

Action: PS to look into the issue

12.Date of next meeting

Monday 17th May

Appendix 1

Treasurers Report:

Expenses:

Email hosting for TCC and TynronHelp

Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance

Zoom – VC facility for CR & TCC meetings during lockdown (Covid DGC Grant Funding)

ICO annual payment

KPTJCBF Annual payment

Total Expenses £6387.35

Income:

DGC Annual Admin Payment £455.15

DGC Covid/CR Payment £910.30

Total income £1365.49

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £4793.60

Cleared £4779.21

(£14.39 Zoom payment pending payment)

Reserved Funding

£910.40 – DGC Covid/CR grant to be spent by 31st March 2021

£455.15 – DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)

Potential committed funds in FY 2020/2021

£1320 to KPTJCBF (66% x £2000)

£50 – Hogmanay Piper (ANBCB & TCC funds)

Considered Committed Funding at this time £2735.55

Immediately Available reserves £2043.66

Total disposable income FY 2020/2021 £2043.66