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Tynron Community Council AGM

Monday 20th September 2021 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Sue King-Smith (SKS); Linda McDonald (LM); Keith Lewis (KL); Sue Hall (SH); Peigi Romano (PR)
Apologies: Mary Newbould (MN); Peter Shaw; Jane and Dougie Parker-Clark

2. **Approval of minutes from AGM 26th October 2020**

Proposed: LM

Seconded: KL

3. **Annual Report from the TCC Chair (SKS)**

- Thanks to all Community Council members and the Tynron Community Resilience Team, especially for managing to work with Covid restrictions. Also thanks to Alastair Davies for strimming the Memorial Garden. The bench there has been mended, thanks to rapid work from Tools and Timbers: many thanks to Fiona and Philip Wilson. Thanks also to Steve Price and Steve Mullane for constantly clearing drains and roadside obstacles on their own initiative.
- Covid has caused the community to miss many of our usual events and activities: Christmas and New Year festivities, litterpick, summer event, Hall activities.
- This month (September 2021) saw the sad death of our Returning Officer, John Cowdery. TCC sent a card to John's family and several members attended his funeral. Elections will happen next in autumn 2022. John's death has been reported to DGC who, in consultation with the Community Council, will appoint a Returning Officer who must not be a current member of the Community Council nor intend to stand for election to the Community Council.
- Forestry:
 - Pinzarie and Stenhouse forests completed their timber extraction programme this year, managed by Tilhill. The driving of the hauliers was not ideal.
 - A new programme of extraction in Appin Forest has begun, with Scottish Woodlands employing JTM, whose drivers who are known to be considerate and to observe speed limits; as well as Robinsons, who are also proving satisfactory.
 - Cormilligan has been planted up and a number of new roads have been put in. Some extraction from private forestry was carried out on the Strathmilligan road, but there is still a query about whether that road is safe for such operations.
- Local roads: A programme of surface dressing was carried out on the glen road this summer. There are outstanding problems on the Lannhall road which have been reported numerous times.
- Windfarms:
 - S2 is going to public inquiry this month and next. Huge thanks to Sue Hall in particular for co-ordinating an excellent response to this. Also grateful thanks to John Campbell QC who has been advising on how to approach and prepare for the Public Inquiry.
 - "Euchanhead South" windfarm, ie top of the Shinnel Glen, has been proposed and the TCC has objected to it.
 - Windy Rig has been having construction problems.
 - Wether Hill: payments are coming in.

- KPT: several members of the community are involved in KPT activities.
 - Work has happened on the Tynron- Ford/Keir core path;
 - The KPT sharing box has been fixed to the side of the Hall.
 - The TCC declined the KPT offer of a bike-repair stand and a map of Tynron.
 - There is ongoing debate in the JCBF about how much money the 3 participating Community Councils should pay annually to the KPT.
- Phonebox: last year I reported that the phonebox had been acquired for the community. It has been made over to the Hall Committee for management.

Sue King-Smith, Chair.

Annual Report from Chair proposed LM; seconded KL

4. *Appointment of Office bearers*

- Treasurer – Mary Newbould
- Chair – Sue King-Smith
- Vice-chair – Keith Lewis
- Secretary – Sue Hall

All office bearers proposed LM, seconded PR.

5. *Statement of accounts from TCC Treasurer (MN) for the year 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021 Presented by LM in MN's absence*

This financial statement is prepared in support of the TCC AGM on 18/09/2021.

A formal examination of accounts has NOT yet been completed by Robert Waugh the appointed auditor for these accounts as agreed at the TCC AGM on 23/10/2020.

The accounts will be submitted to him prior to this meeting for examination but due to the delay in submission it is unlikely that they will be examined & signed prior to the meeting.

Funds at 01/04/2020:	£10,643.98
Income:	£4,820.60
Expenditure:	£10,986.81
Carried Forward Balance:	£4,477.77 (including reserved/committed funding)
Available Balance:	£3,849.11

The breakdown of Income and Expenditure is shown on the attached Balance Sheet (BS) (Appendix 1).

The following considerations should be taken into account when reviewing the BS:

1. The accounts are in a positive position, despite expenditure exceeding income for this financial year, and a deficit in funds of £6166.21 over the 12 month period.
2. INCOME: The income is substantially less than that of the previous financial year due to a delay in the payment of the 2020/2021 Wetherhill Windfarm Community funding. This was caused by the protracted renegotiation of the agreement with Scottish Power Renewables. As a result of the new agreement the base line payment figure has been set at a substantially higher rate than originally agreed resulting in long term financial benefit to both TCC & Tynron Parish Hall Committee.
3. TCC has been grateful to receive additional funding from both DGC & ANCBC towards the costs associated with Covid, including protective equipment & alternative festive activities.

4. EXPENDITURE: Expenditure is lower than previous the year by £10504.92. Mainly due to:
5. The new SPR Wetherhill agreement no payment was made to TPHC as they will receive their 50% of the funding paid directly into their own account by SPR. This will also reduce the amount of funding TCC will pay to KPT Joint Community Benefit Fund (KPTJCBF) in the future.
6. Covid has reduced the amount of functions that it has been possible to organise

3.1 Major expenses

Payment to KPTJCBF based on 2019/2020 fund from SPR Wetherhill Windfarm This represents an increase from the previous year of £1416.97. This amount represents 66% of TCC total windfarm income: 2019/2020 Wetherhill Community Fund payment (£6955.08) plus annual ANCBC income (£2000) prior to applying 66%

£5944.26

- 3.2 **Other expenses** include the funding of community craft events, festive competitions & gifts for all households in the Parish. These events were largely funded by a Covid grant for ANCBC

£1002.08

3.3 Allocation of annual ANCBC Grant:

Each year we apply for a £2000 revenue grant from ANCBC (Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company – formed to distribute Harestanes Windfarm benefit funding). This funding has a restricted spend and can be used to award small local grants. It is awarded in September based on our satisfactory completed return for the previous years' spend. It is a stipulation of the grant that the income and expenditure are both shown separately on the Balance Sheet. This FY we had no applications from local constituted groups requesting grant funding other than the default request from Tynron Parish Hall Trustees

- The majority of the funding was awarded towards the running costs of our hall to assist with the shortfall in income due to lack of revenue caused by Covid.
 - A small grant was awarded to the Auld Alliance group following a request for funding
- £2000.00**

4. RESERVED/COMMITTED FUNDING:

- It should be noted that under the current agreement 66% of Windfarm Income normally reserved for payment to the KPTJCBF, has not been placed in reserves this year. Due to the delay in payment from SPR, it has not been financially possible to meet this commitment at this stage. Once payment from SPR is received then payment will be considered.
- DGC Additional Covid Grant - Funding reserved to be specific used for purposes related to Community recovery from Covid. Remaining reserves:

£628.66

Mary Newbould
Treasurer Tynron Community Council
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Annual Report from the Treasurer proposed SKS, seconded SH

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Robert Waugh will be asked to continue as Examiner of Accounts for the next AGM.

Action: MN to express thanks to Robert on behalf of TCC.

Proposed LM, seconded PR

7. AOCB

MN has been granted Leave of Absence.

Appendix 1; TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - BALANCE SHEET 2020/2021

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2019/2020	2020/2021
INCOME				
Brought Forward	£15,592.02	£10,643.98		
Wetherhill Windfarm - Scottish Power Renewables (SPR)	£13,910.17	£0.00		
ANCBC Local Grants	£2,000.00	£2,000.00		
DGC Admin Grant	£455.15	£455.15		
DGC COVID Grant		£1,365.45		
ANCBC Covid Grant		£1,000.00		
Other	£178.37			
EXPENDITURE				
Admin Expenses including Signage			£370.22	£348.91
TOTAL Grants Awarded:			£8,532.00	£2,600.00
<i>TCC - Local Grants</i>			<i>£400.00</i>	<i>£0.00</i>
<i>TCC - Hall Local Community Grant</i>			<i>£6,132.00</i>	<i>£0.00</i>
<i>ANCBC - Local Group Grants</i>			<i>£2,000.00</i>	<i>£2,000.00</i>
<i>SPR - Hall Local Community Grant</i>				<i>£600.00</i>
TOTAL Function Costs:			£981.83	£1,002.08
<i>TCC Funded Community Events</i>			<i>£981.83</i>	<i>£2.08</i>
<i>ANCBC Covid Fund – Festive Events</i>				<i>£1,000.00</i>
DGC COVID fund - equipment expenses to date				£756.59
ANCBC Funded Equipment			£89.65	
SPR Wetherhill funded equipment				£334.97
KPTJCBF Windfarm Payment			£4,527.29	£5,944.26
TPHC Wetherhill Payment			£6,955.09	
Other			£35.65	
Carried Forward			£10,643.98	£10,986.81
	£32,135.71	£15,464.58	£32,135.71	£15,464.58
BALANCE IN BANK			£10,643.98	£4,477.77
CASH IN HAND			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL C/F			£10,643.98	£4,477.77