

Approved minutes 110
Tynron Community Council AGM
Monday 26th October 2020 7.30pm
Held by Zoom

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

2. **Approval of minutes from AGM 21st May 2019**

Proposed: MN

Seconded: KL

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

It's a long time since May last year, when we had our last AGM. Covid has delayed this year's AGM until now, and we are limited to a Zoom meeting: something we will probably need to get used to. The Hall has been out of action since March, and so many of our usual activities have been curtailed. We held the Christmas lights event and the festive feast, and the Hogmanay ceilidh, but since then very little because of Covid: eg no litterpick, no summer event.

On October 23 2019 we held the inaugural meeting of the current TCC, consisting of myself as Chair, Sue Hall as Secretary, Mary Newbould as Treasurer; and with Linda McDonald, Keith Lewis and Adriano d'Oliveira as members.

The new council's first conquering action was to approve the constitution.

In June Adriano sadly left the district. We thank him for his contributions to the CC, and will sadly miss the whole family. In his place Peigi Romano was co-opted; in the amended scheme for the establishment of community councils in Dumfries and Galloway, it has been settled that Peigi may vote.

Cormilligan forestry has been planted up, but the issue of the Strathmilligan road is ongoing. The DGC began to make new laybys, but after consultation with local residents we asked them to stop; bollards remain in place. There are still concerns about the impact on water supplies among other things. DGC has been hampered by Covid in carrying out its duties, and roads seem to have been a casualty.

Wether Hill windfarm: the new arrangement has now been agreed, thanks to hard work by Mary, Linda, Steve and me, and should result in over £20k being paid this year, divided equally between the Hall and the TCC.

Heartiest thanks to the Community Resilience team who did immensely valuable work this year, not only keeping the roads and drains clear, removing fallen trees and all their usual things, but also shopping for vulnerable people during lockdown. A huge help.

Windfarms: Eucharhead has appeared on the horizon and Sue Hall has started a new group, "Stop Sanquhar 2 and Eucharhead Windfarms (SS2EW)" to object to that and to continue the fight against Sanquhar II. Tynron CC has until November to object to this, and Sue is drafting a proposed objection. Windy Rig, on the other hand, should be coming on-stream soon and delivering money. At the end of this report is a link to Scottish government guidance on the ethics of receiving community benefit and objecting to windfarms.

I express my very grateful thanks to all the council for their immense hard work and support throughout the year.

Sue King-Smith, Chair.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-good-practice-principles-community-benefits-onshore-renewable-energy-developments/>

Scottish Government guidelines specifically state that communities who object to a windfarm will still receive community benefit.

Contributing to community benefits discussions does not affect an individual's, community or organisation's right to express a view on the development proposals, and objecting to or supporting the development does not affect their right to discuss the community benefits proposals. There should be no implication that support for the development is contingent on the existence or size of a community benefits package. Renewable energy businesses are encouraged to make this clear to all community members at the outset of the project, underlining the separation between community benefits discussions and the planning process. This discussion between the renewable energy business and the community should be logged or noted, and reaffirmed when appropriate. Some people may be opposed to the development, but may still wish to have input on the community benefits discussions. This is one reason why a separate forum for consultations on the community benefits package is recommended.

Annual report from TCC chair:

Proposed: SH

Seconded: KL

4. Appointment of Office bearers

- Treasurer – Mary Newbould

Proposed: SH

Seconded: KL

- Chair – Sue King-Smith

Proposed: LM

Seconded: KL

- Vice-chair – Keith Lewis

Proposed: SKS

Seconded; MN

- Secretary – Sue Hall

Proposed: SKS

Seconded: MN

5. Statement of accounts from TCC Treasurer (MN)

A formal examination of accounts has been completed by Robert Waugh. This is a change to the auditor agreed at the 2018/2019 AGM held on 20/05/2019. The change has been ratified by Dumfries & Galloway Council.

Funds at 01/04/2019	£15,592.02
Income:	£16,543.69
Expenditure:	£21,491.73
Carried Forward Balance:	£10,643.98 (including reserved/committed funding)
Available Balance:	£4,733.54

The full report is in Appendix 1 at the end of these minutes

MN explained that the accounts are in a healthy state, deficits are due to re-allocation of funding and donations to the hall. However, things may change and TCC needs to review its payments and finances particularly with respect to ANCBC and KPT funding.

SKS suggested a 5 year plan for Tynron to make the best use of funding. The committee asked if 66% allocation of funds from community benefits is a fair sum to give to KPT and should ANCBC funds be ring fenced for all three communities.

LM suggested this matter should be raised at the KPT JCBF AGM which will be after all communities have had their own AGM. The question should be asked is 66% of wind farm monies too high to give to KPT particularly given the costs involved for those communities who own their hall. And clarity regarding the incorporation or not of ANCBC fundings should be sought.

Action: LM to raise these issues at the KPT JCBF AGM

Annual report from TCC Treasurer:

Proposed: SKS

Seconded: SH

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Robert Waugh has kindly agreed to be the Examiner of Accounts for the next AGM.

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

7. AOCB

MN asked if the TCC would be agreeable for the ring-fencing of £500 for a gazebo to allow community activities to happen in an outdoor setting given the current Covid-19 restrictions. The Committee were all in agreement that this could be done.

SH raised the issue of Community Benefit funding from Sanquhar II, should it be consented. CWL propose to split funds between the ANCBC, and Penpont, Keir and Tynron. However it is unclear how this will be carried out.

Action: SH to seek clarification regarding CWL's community benefit funding process

MN asked that KPT should be made aware of TCC's concerns regarding funding and future contributions when the next tranche of funding is paid to KPT JCBF

Action: LM to raise this at the next appropriate meeting.

APPENDIX 1
Tynron Community Council
Financial Statement for the year 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020

This financial statement is prepared in support of the TCC AGM on 23/10/2020.

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

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 £4948.04 over the 12 month period.

2. **INCOME:**

Increased income over the previous financial year is largely due to the fact that the annual payment from Wetherhill Windfarm is linked to inflation so increased from £9,719.07 to £13,910.17.

3. **EXPENDITURE:**

Expenditure is higher than previous the year by £5,188.04.

- 3.1 Major expenses:

- Payment to Tynron Parish Hall Committee (TPHC) – 50% of Wetherhill Windfarm payment as per original contract between Wetherhill Windfarm suppliers and TCC/TPHC (increase £2095.56)

£6955.09

- Improvement Grant to TPHC towards the refurbishment of the car park & additional storage facilities

£6132.00

- Payment to KPTJCBF based on 2018/2019 fund from SPR Wetherhill Windfarm (Reduction in expenditure of **£1231.90**). This is due to the allocation of 50% of Wetherhill Windfarm funds to TPHC (as per the original agreement) prior to calculating TCC 66% contribution to KPTJCBF. This reduced the TCC total windfarm income to £4859.53 from SPR for Wetherhill Windfarm plus £2000 from ANCBC prior to applying 66%

£4527.29

- 3.2 Other expenses include the funding of community events. An increased number of events/functions took place this year (increase in costs £397.23)

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| • Easter themed film event | £238.37 |
| • Community Summer Events | £498.63 |
| • Festive Feast | £244.83 |
| • Carols & Christmas lights, general event refreshments | £89.65 |

Total	£1071.48
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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 funding was awarded towards the upkeep of our hall to allow community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations the benefit of affordable rental.

£2000.00

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4. RESERVED/COMMITTED FUNDING:

It should be noted that under the current agreement 66% of future Windfarm Income, reserved for payment to the KPTJCBF, will only include 50% of the Wetherhill Windfarm Funding as 50% of this fund will be deposited in Tynron Parish Hall Committee bank account.

Funding reserved for payment to KPTJCBF for FY 2020/21 based on FY 2019/2020 windfarm payments

£5910.36

Mary Newbould
Treasurer Tynron Community Council
AGM Report 23/10/2020

TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - BALANCE SHEET 2019/2020

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
INCOME				
Brought Forward	£19,424.21	£15,592.02		
Wetherhill Windfarm – Scottish Power Renewables	£9,719.07	£13,910.17		
Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company Local Grants	£2,000.00	£2,000.00		
Admin Grant	£455.55	£455.15		
Other (Income from functions)	£296.88	£178.37		
EXPENDITURE				
Admin Expenses including Signage			£194.09	£370.22
TOTAL Grants Awarded:			£2,850.00	£8,532.00
<i>TCC - Local Grants</i>			£100.00	£0.00
<i>TCC - Hall Local Community Grant</i>			£750.00	£400.00
<i>TCC - Hall Improvement Grant</i>				£6,132.00
<i>ANCBC - Local Group Grants</i>			£2,000.00	£2,000.00
TOTAL Function Costs:			£674.25	£1,071.48
<i>Easter Event</i>				£238.37
<i>Community Fun Day</i>			£107.55	£498.63
<i>Festive Feast</i>			£481.16	£244.83
<i>Other Events</i>			£85.54	£89.65
ANCBC Funded Equipment			£1,864.73	
Tynron CC Funded Equip			£33.90	
KPTJCBF Windfarm Payment			£5,759.19	£4,527.29
TPHC Wetherhill Payment			£4,859.53	£6,955.09
Other			£68.00	£35.65
Carried Forward			£15,592.02	£10,643.98
	£31,895.71	£32,135.71	£31,895.71	£32,135.71
BALANCE IN BANK			£15,592.02	£10,643.98
CASH IN HAND			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL C/F			£15,592.02	£10,643.98

I certify that the accounts for the year ending March 31st 2020 for Tynron Community Council are correct in accordance with all books and records.

SIGNED: 

NAME: ROBERT WAUGH

DATE: 21 September 2020

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