

**TYNRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Approved minutes 115**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 7.30 pm**  
Held outdoors accordance with Covid restrictions

Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS) Chair; Linda MacDonald (LM); Keith Lewis (KL); Peigi Romano (PR); 1 Member of the Tynron community: Fiona Diamond (FD), Peter Shaw (PS), Jo McGregor (JM)  
Apologies: Sue Hall (SH), Mary Newbould (MN)

**1. Approval of TCC Minutes of meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Proposed: KL Seconded: PR

**2. Matters arising**

Glass recycling bins – PS agreed to contact Fiona Daubney regarding the possibility of getting a glass recycling bin and restricting the hours that it is used to reduce disturbance to neighbours. Peter will then liaise with the Hall Committee on whether it is possible to site it in the Hall Car park.

**3. Police report**

Nothing reported by PC Lee Smith

SH raised an issue of antisocial behavior at the wild camp site at the bottom of Scaur Glen, this will be monitored.

**4. Treasurer's report**

**Expenses:**

- Email hosting for TCC and Tynron Help
- Monthly contribution to hall running costs
- Zoom – VC facility for CR and TCC meetings during lockdown (Covid DGC grant funding)

**Total expenses: £456.38**

**Income:**

SPR Windfarm funding 2019/20	£10,216.15
SPR Windfarm funding 2020/21	£10,366.29

**Total income: £20,582.44**

**Reserved funding:**

DGC Covid/CR grant (remainder of DGC Covid grant)	£517.22
---	---------

DGC Admin grant (Zoom, gmail, admin costs)	£399.95
--	---------

Funding committed to KPT JCBF from 2019/20 SPR windfarm income to be discussed in a separate paper at tonight's TCC meeting

**Considered committed funding at this time £917.27 plus commitment to KPT JCBF for 2019/20 & 20/21**

**Immediately available reserves: Dependent on SPR Windfarm funding commitment**

LM noted that the 2019/2020 SPR Windfarm payment had been delayed for a year due to protracted negotiations about a revised agreement demanded by SPR. Consequently 2 year's payments had been received in June.

**5. Secretary's report**

**War Memorial Competition and small grants** – As applications had to be in by 26<sup>th</sup> July and the grants were only a maximum of £200, it was decided that SKS would check with local people to see if any work was required and the CC would pay for it directly. PR mentioned that the bench in the memorial garden needed to be refurbished.

## 6. *Local planning matters*

No current planning matters required discussion.

## 7. *Update on timber traffic and forestry issues*

- Tilhill have 5 -6 loads to come out of Stenhouse Forest and they should be finished in 2-3 weeks
- Scottish Woodlands will begin harvesting at Appin and hauling from early August

## 8. *JCBF and KPT updates*

### **Joint Community Benefit Fund**

- **Tynron contribution to JCBF**

At the March 2021 meeting, TCC voted to propose a change to the payments made by the three CCs to the JCBF, having found that the current level of contribution of 66% of both Wether Hill and ANCBC windfarm monies is not sustainable. TCC has had to use reserves to meet on-going costs and there are specific criteria for the spending of ANCBC monies. The JCBF, consisting of two representatives from each CC then decides whether to approve grants to the KPT for particular projects. Penpont and Keir CCs have confirmed that they wish to retain the same contribution. It was noted that in the first 3 years of the operation of the JCBF, Tynron CC has paid in £16,295.55 Keir CC £12,412.50 and Penpont CC £12,300 approx as last year's monies still to be paid in. After discussion, it was decided that Tynron CC should aim to match the payments from the other CCs, with a payment after the AGM in September when accounts have been inspected of £4,050.46.

**AGREED:** It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Tynron Community Council will base its annual contributions to the JCBF on 40% of windfarm income excluding the £2,000 ANCBC local grant.

The Tynron representatives on the JCBF will take this to the JCBF AGM.

- **Arrangements for income from the Hydro in the event of the winding up of the KPT**

Keir and Tynron CCs had suggested that there should be some means of ensuring that, in the event of the Development Trust ceasing to exist, the hydro income gets equally divided between the three communities. Keir CC suggested that if a separate company was being set up for the Hydro, could the CCs be shareholders as well as the Development Trust? Or possibly something could be written in to say if the Trust folds then another body or bodies representing those communities would be able to step in and claim the future income. This was communicated to the KPT in an email on 5th April but no response has been received.

**Action:** Sue KS to follow up.

### **KPT Development Trust**

- SKS welcomed Fiona Diamond Tynron's new KPT Director
- SKS stated that the KPT was getting on pretty well in working on its priorities set from the original Community Consultation. However they were aware that some people in Tynron are not happy with progress.
- Funding is available for the development of empty spaces for community use. The KPT will be sending out a leaflet to all households in the three communities and to land owners asking for ideas about what people would like to see community land used for. Land owners would be invited to offer land which could be available for purchase. In the discussion that followed it was emphasised that the questions asked in the leaflet should be open and no examples or listing of suggestions should be included.
- It was strongly felt that any development suggested in Tynron should be based on the ideas and needs expressed by Tynron residents. SKS asked for views from people and there was a discussion about possible ideas.
- PR asked about the status of the electric bicycle proposals and felt that an electric car would be a better option for Tynron residents.

**9. Tynron SWI - Application for a grant from the ANCBC funds**

LM stated that the Tynron Scottish Women's Institute wished to apply for a grant from the ANCBC monies to cover costs for Hall Hire, speakers etc during the next year. Usually they were able to fundraise by holding a quiz, silent auction or similar event but it is unlikely that this will be feasible in the near future.

**AGREED** That a grant of £300 should be given from the ANCBC Local Grant funds.

**10. Windfarm updates**

- Sanquhar II - 6 local CCs including Tynron are jointly making representations to the Public Inquiry. SH is writing a precognition document on behalf of the 6 CCs.
- Lorg - A scoping document has been submitted to the ECU for a 12 x 200 metre turbine windfarm at Lorg. TCC was only notified of this on 5<sup>th</sup> July and it was felt that there was not enough time available to make a representation by the due date of 26<sup>th</sup> July.

**11. AOCB**

- Choo's bench – PR asked whether it was planned to replace the bench on the track ip to Auchengibbert. FD agreed to ask Philip Wilson if he would be prepared to make a suitable bench paid for by the CC. SKS will locate the plaque.
- Car damage due to potholes - PS asked whether other people were experiencing problems and if anyone had succeeded in making a claim from D & G Council. It was agreed that it is very difficult to get redress.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. Venue/format to be decided closer to the time in accordance with prevailing Covid restrictions.