

Tynron Community Council

Approved Minutes 118

Monday 15th November 2021

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

1. Approval of TCC Minutes from September 20th 2021

Proposed: PR Secinded: KL

2. Matters arising

- Glass recycling: The feasibility of a glass recycling bin at the car park of the village hall has been abandoned due to concerns around noise, broken glass and rubbish, and the planned D&GC glass deposit scheme being rolled out in July 2022. SKS thanked Peter Shaw for his work looking into this.
- KPT DT E-bikes: PR is continuing with reviewing Tynron's position on this

3. Police report

No police report had been made available for the meeting.

SH noted that:

- An incidence of fuel oil being stolen in the Thornhill area has been reported.
- Several incidences of fly tipping have been reported. Dealing with fly tipping is the responsibility of the land owner, TCC has no authority in dealing with these matters.

4. Treasurer's report

Expenses:

- Email hosting for TCC
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance
- Zoom – VC facility for CR & TCC meetings
- Planters & varnish for war memorial area
- Annual website hosting fee

Total Expenses £699.15

Pending transaction £14.42

Income:

Total income £0

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £22,295.74

Cleared £22,281.35

Reserved Funding

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- £104.00 - DGC Covid/CR grant (remainder of DGC Covid Grant)
- £290.06 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)
- £4086.46 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2020/2021 SPR Windfarm income
- £4146.51 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2021/2022 SPR Windfarm income

Considered Committed Funding at this time:

£8,627.03

Immediately Available reserves (taking into account reserved KPTJCBF windfarm funding): **£13,654.32**

Future Income:

Grant income due prior to next meeting:
(ANCBC £2000, DGC Admin Grant £455.15)

£2455.15

5. Secretary's report

Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4).

TCC has received an email from Graham Robinson, Scottish Government, a member of the team developing Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4), a long term plan for Scotland that sets out how the Scottish Government's approach to planning and development will help to achieve a net-zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045. Alongside scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament, ***the draft is being consulted upon until 31 March 2022.*** Once adopted (summer 2022), NPF4 will form a part of the development plan, guiding local development plans, relevant to regional spatial strategies and important for communities (including community councils) as they develop their Local Place Plans. It will also contain a range of national developments covering the whole or a part of Scotland, whilst others have the potential to affect particular communities directly.

Communities may wish to engage with the consultation and Scot Gov has prepared a range of resources to help responses, including:

- online discussions which people can sign up for.
- online material on NPF4, including on regional and thematic issues.
- details of a community grant scheme to support communities have their own discussions.

These, and other resources, can be found on www.transformingplanning.scot

If you have a question or comment contact scotplan@gov.scot

Action: SH to communicate this matter to the Tynron community with a view to formulating a response from TCC

6. Local planning matters

Kirkland Steading

Report to be with DGC by 26th November

MN reported that some issues about these plans that TCC raised previously haven't yet been addressed.

MN proposes drafting a report suitable to submit to the council planning team and circulate it for comment by Monday 22nd with responses back to Mary by Wednesday 24th. Mary to circulate links to the planning and listed building documents on the DGC Planning website prior to those dates.

TCC is concerned that it appears some works have been already carried out to a Listed Building in a conservation area without Planning or Listed Building consent, as it seems there are visible structural changes that would not be permitted. The owner has already been made aware that he should have obtained Listed Building Consent and a Building warrant even for urgent maintenance works.

Community Councils have a statutory responsibility with regard to Planning and therefore TCC should raise this issue with D&GC, having previously expressed concerns when speaking to the owner on more than one occasion.

Action: MN to email the Owner and CC to D&GC advising of TCC's concerns.

7. Update on timber traffic and forestry issues

Nothing to report

8. JCBF and KPT updates

LM reported that the proposed revised minimum contribution by each Parish to the KPT DT has been accepted. Each Parish will now give 40% of their funds (after the £2000 ANCBC funding has been

ringfenced) with the option of donating more monies should individual circumstances allow. There will be a meeting on November 22nd to discuss the next tranche of payments, and to attempt to co-ordinate the payments of monies from all three Community Councils

SKS reported that the Three Villages café has been successful in its first few months of operation. A community garden at the old tennis courts at the start of the Keir-Penpont path is being developed.

MN reported that architects have been appointed to carry out initial works for the Affordable Housing project, including valuation survey, site survey, proposed site layout options, etc. A Meeting with architects was scheduled for the 16th November. The Penpont site was selected partially based on the fact that it is in the Local Development Plan. MN is investigating getting potential sites in Tynron assessed for inclusion in the next LDP and obtaining advice from a qualified independent Planning consultant.

Caroline Buck of the KPT DT Tracks and Trails group attended part of the meeting to bring two Interpretation boards which have been prepared for each of the three KPT villages. The boards include a map of the KPT area, areas of interest, and some local footpaths. The boards can be mounted on frames so they can be free-standing. Initial views were that the boards could be sited at the pull-in on the A702 by Ford, close to the Tynron-Keir footpath. It was also asked if the pull-in might be extended to allow more cars to park here.

Action: SKS to ask KPT Tracks and Trails to look into putting up the boards at these points and to investigate extending the pull-in

9. KPT review, TCC comments, and future membership

Following a working group meeting to review Tynron's future in KPT, it has been decided to hold an EGM at a date to be decided to review this matter. With regard to this issue, Tynron should inform KPT that they will not be paying further funds into the DT until the issue has been discussed with the community and a way forward resolved.

Action: SKS to arrange EGM and inform the KPT of this; KL& LM will inform the JCBF

10. Windfarm updates

Sanquhar II Public Inquiry was held over three weeks in October. SH (as Chair of Stop Sanquhar II) thanked everyone for their support in opposing the scheme. No decision is expected until Spring 2022 at the earliest.

Euchanhead windfarm – SP Energy network are proposing an overhead cable grid connection for Euchanhead wind farm (which is still at the planning stage). A Routing Consultation is available at https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/euchanhead_wind_farm_grid_connection.aspx from 22 November - 17 December

Action: SH to respond on behalf of the Tynron Community

11. Christmas events

Because of Covid there will be no Christmas Feast or Ceilidh this year. However a number of Christmas events will still go ahead.

- Tynron Christmas Carols and Tree Lights – Sunday December 5th. Mulled wine and mince pies (to be purchased) to be available afterwards

Action – MN & LM

- Light Up Tynron – Christmas lights in our homes, Sunday 12th December

Action – PR to organise

12. AOCB

- Community Resilience – the recent high rainfalls highlighted some important issues for Tynron. Following a potential flood risk on 22nd/23rd October members of the CR Team & parish were out clearing drains and grates. LM sent out a thank you message to all those who turned out on a horrendous night to help out.

Lessons learned included:

- Clearing of drains as soon as leaf fall occurs, and even earlier, to stop drains becoming clogged is essential
- Larger drains required in places to allow standing water to clear - Tom Bailey has been approached and has agreed to an additional /larger drain into his land (Steve Mullane is dealing with this)
- The flood monitoring system that has been installed is to protect local cottages, not the village. Therefore a hydrology report is required to investigate the Shinnel and potential flood risks to the village. Steve Mullane has contacted Scottish Flood Forum regarding other preventative measures and is arranging a site meeting with them. The option of employing a hydrologist is also something that is under discussion. The CR Team would need to approach TCC for funding both for the hydrologist & any additional preventative measures implemented.

Action: TCC agreed to fund the hydrology report

- Common Good – this refers to the public ownership of lands and properties. D&GC, working with Community Councils, are currently compiling a list of ‘common good’ properties as defined by the Land Commission in Edinburgh. There are no listings yet for Tynron.

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15778/Common-Good-Register>

- Choo’s bench – it has been decided after much discussion to replace Choo’s bench with a recycled plastic bench appropriately inscribed

Action: SKS to organise

- Planters at the War Memorial – these have now been varnished and will be planted with suitable shrubs. Cleaning of the War memorial is to be investigated

Action: PR, MN

- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee- we will reserve the hall for the appropriate times for celebrations. Item to be discussed at the January CC Meeting.

Action: SH to place on agenda for January Meeting

Action: LM to book Hall

- **Speeding in Tynron village** – PR raised the issue of the dangerous speed of traffic coming into the village on the Clonrae road. The possibility of installing a speed display sign on the approach and moving the 30mph sign further back was discussed.

Action: SKS to contact the Roads Dept to discuss and to investigate costs of a speed display for the village

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 17th January 2022