

**Tynron Community Council**  
**Approved minutes**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30pm**

Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS); Mary Newbould (MN); Linda McDonald (LM); Peigi Romano (PR); Sue Hall (SH); members of the Tynron community

Apologies: Keith Lewis

**1. Approval of TCC Minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Proposed – MN; seconded - PR

**2. Matters arising**

None

**3. Police report**

PC Luke Leslie was unable to attend, but sent a report. 2 cases of theft have been reported in the area, between 08/04/22 and 09/04/22 and again between 21/04/22 and 22/04/22, Clonrae Quarry has been broken into and quantities of fuel stolen. Police are appealing for any information and to remind residents to keep vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

**4. Treasurer's report**

See Appendix 1.

**5. Secretary's report**

• **SWestrans Transport consultation**

A new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) is being developed, to set out a strategy to improve transport networks and services and to influence travel behaviour in the south west of Scotland. The SWestrans draft Case for Change consultation would welcome TCC feedback on the draft Case for Change report, particularly the identified problems and proposed strategy objectives. This can be submitted through an online questionnaire which is available along with the draft Case for Change report and accompanying background reports at <https://www.swestrans.org.uk/article/23892/Regional-Transport-Strategy>

The consultation is open until 23:59 on the 5th of June.

**Action: PR/MN to respond on behalf of TCC**

• **Headstone safety**

All Community Councils across Dumfries and Galloway are being contacted regarding the Memorial/Headstone Safety Project. Officers will be in direct contact with Community Councils and other organisations within Communities. Lair (burial plot) holders are responsible for the maintenance and repair of Lairs which includes Memorials and Headstones and Dumfries and Galloway Council as the Burial Authority, are responsible for the safety of communities, visitors and staff within cemeteries/burial grounds. Dumfries and Galloway Council are progressing an inspection regime across all 215 cemeteries throughout the region and where required, making unstable Memorials/Headstones safe to ensure the safety of communities. For further information visit [Headstone Safety - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](http://Headstone Safety - Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk)) If you require any further information, email on [headstonesafety@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:headstonesafety@dumgal.gov.uk) or by telephone on 0303 333 3000

• **Local councillor elections**

Following local elections, we have as our Upper Nithsdale Councillors

- [Tony Berretti](#) (Scottish National Party (SNP))
- [Jim Dempster](#) (Independent)
- [Andrew Wood](#) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

**6. Local planning matters**

Nothing to report

## 7. Forestry

- **Fiddler's Moss**

TCC are looking into commissioning an ecological report by appropriate consultants on the area considered for afforestation by Foresight at Fiddler's Moss/Lamb Craggs, with a view to collating environmental data as soon as possible to inform TCC's response to the proposal. This information could also be used as part of an 'action plan' to respond to future proposals within the Tynron area.

**Action: SKS to start proceedings for tendering for contracts**

- **Tynron Copse**

Concerns have been raised regarding the proposals for felling trees in this area, and the lack of a clear mandate regarding which trees should be felled, possibly including well established native broadleaf trees. Applications to have Tree Preservation Orders on some of the trees have not been successful, and local residents are opposing the possible felling of the native trees (beech and copper beech), as opposed to the felling of the commercial crop. The felling licence does not appear to stipulate that the native beeches will be preserved if possible.

The woodland is currently up for sale but only advertised locally

**Action: TCC to review the situation following a report on the woodland expected 3Q 2022**

- **Other updates**

TCC have been made aware of a potentially dangerous tree at the junction of the A702 near the Clonrae quarry.

**Action: SKS to contact local land owners**

## 8. Windfarms

- **Appin Windfarm**

TCC have submitted a response to the scoping document for Appin wind farm. SH thanked the Tynron community who responded to the document with their concerns. The developers, Statkraft, have asked for a preliminary meeting with TCC to discuss the proposal. Members of the community will be welcome to attend, although the plans are just at initial stages; 2 public exhibitions will be held later in the year when the formal plans which will be submitted to the Scottish Government have been finalised. A tentative date of 9<sup>th</sup> June has been suggested for the TCC/Statkraft meeting.

**Action: SH to organize the meeting.**

- **Windy Rig community benefit**

9 Community Councils will be entitled to share a Community Benefit fund of £215,000 pa/25 years from Windy Rig wind farm. Carsphairn, as the Windy Rig 'host' community, will receive 30% (£71,280 pa) and each of the other 8 communities, including Tynron CC, will equally share in the remainder, receiving 8.3% each (£18,900 pa). There will be a five year review to evaluate how funding might be redistributed. Funds will be distributed directly to the CCs according to their requests. Monies can be spent on short and long-term projects; after 3 years money can be invested for longer term costly projects, eg affordable housing. Micro-grants (for unconstituted groups and potentially individuals, limited to £500 and £250 respectively) can be awarded. The first payment will be in June. Annual reports will be required and a template is being drafted by Foundation Scotland. Caveats on the funding are:

- No funding of anti-wind farm, unlawful, religious or political projects
- Projects must attempt to be as green as possible
- Projects must have a local supply chain (where possible) to best benefit the local community
- No retrospective funding, loans or debts
- Projects are encouraged not to consider the Windy Rig Community Benefit as their only source of funding, and to additionally consider match funding for projects.

Concerns were expressed by members of TCC regarding the wording of a section of Foundation Scotland's working framework report on the community benefit

**Action: SH to feed back concerns to Foundation Scotland and ask for re-wording**

• **Sanquhar II wind farm**

Still no decision yet

• **Euchanhead wind farm**

SEPA have withdrawn their objection after resiting of some turbines and the use of floating roads have reduced the impacts on deep peat

**9. KPT & JCBF updates**

**JCBF** – the JCBF have approved a single application for 2021/ 2022 funding for the Development Officer position.

For the 2021-22 period, the three communities will be giving

- Penpont £4200
- Keir £2100
- Tynron £4086

There is currently £1400 funding in the KPTJCBF bank.

**KPT** – the KPT directors have suggested that they work with individual communities to discuss projects that may be suitable for each individual community. This suggestion was received positively by TCC.

**Action: SKS to discuss with KPT**

**10. Queen's Jubilee celebrations**

LM and PR are organising a buffet to be held to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Help would be appreciated with preparation of the food and organisation on the day.

**Action: LM to circulate a Grapevine message**

SKS investigated the possibility of a bonfire on Tynron Doon, as part of the national network of bonfires on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It has proved difficult to source a safe and appropriate location for the bonfire, as well as checking insurance, addressing safety issues, and liaising with the local Fire Brigade, in the timescale available. TCC would like to thank Hugh and Madge Rorison for their offer of help with this idea.

**11. Appointment of new Tynron Community Councillors**

TCC currently has 6 Community Councillors, and can have up to 11 in line with D&GC rules. With an increasing workload of wind farms, forestry, and community issues, plus a need to ensure continuity when current community councillors retire, it was voted unanimously to hold a casual vacancy election to recruit new community councillors

**Action: SH to draft a Grapevine and to ensure the appropriate D&GC regulations are met.**

**12. Speed signs for Tynron**

TCC will request that the existing 30 mph speed sign at the entrance to the village will be moved to further up the hill, where it will not be obscured by foliage and will be more visible from a straight section of the road.

**Action: SKS to draft and email to D&GC asking for this to be done**

**13. Ideas for Tynron Day**

TCC would like the community's ideas for projects for Tynron which would benefit the whole community. Suggestions so far have included a community campervan, community woodland, and community toolkit. An event will be held on Saturday and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June for the Tynron community to come and share their ideas for the community.

**Actions: SKS to organise. Committee to send ideas to SKS**

**14. AOCB**

The sign post to Tynron Doon is missing at the fork in the footpath.

**Action: SKS to investigate**

Improved facilities for gritting community roads in icy weather will be investigated

**Action: MN**

**15. Date of next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Appendix 1: Treasurers Report 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

*Expenses:*

• Communication: email & Zoom -	£56.90
• Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance -	£400
• Jubilee Celebrations -	£39.45
Total Expenses	£496.35

Income:

Total income	£0.00
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**Balance**

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£21,653.08
Cleared	£21,653.08

**Reserved Funding**

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- £104.00 - DGC Covid/CR grant (remainder of DGC Covid Grant)
- £562.16 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)
- £960.55 – Jubilee Weekend Celebration Event
- £4086.46 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2020/2021 SPR Windfarm income  
Potential Reserved funding (dependant on position regarding KPTJCBF)
- £4146.51 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2021/2022 SPR Windfarm income

*Considered Committed Funding* at this time: **£9859.68**

*Immediately Available reserves (taking into account reserved KPTJCBF windfarm funding):* **£11793.40**