

**Tynron Community Council**  
**Approved minutes 122**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7.30pm**

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

It was noted that sadly Sue Hall has had to resign from the Community Council for health reasons. CC Members expressed their huge thanks to Sue for all that she has done as Secretary and for her contribution towards preparing Wind Farm and Forestry submissions.

1. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 16th May 2022** Proposed – MN; Seconded – PR

2. **Matters arising**

a) **Jubilee Lunch** The CC would like to thank everyone who contributed food and helped with arrangements. Around 45 people attended and very positive feedback was received. The cost was £272.

b) **Speed signs for Tynron** D & G Council had refused the TCC request that the 30mph speed sign on the entrance to the village via the Clonrae road should be moved further up the hill to encourage drivers to slow down earlier on the approach to the village. The Council noted that no incidents concerned with traffic safety had been reported to the Police and that any problems should be reported to the Police. In the following discussion, it was noted that a number of residents objected to more signage or speed signals in the village area. The possibility of new/ replacement signs encouraging drivers to slow down or drive carefully through the village might be options but would need to be agreed with the D & G Roads Dept. It has been established that a 20mph restriction could only be imposed by the Roads Dept under conditions for which Tynron does not qualify, e.g. having a primary school.

**Action: KL, PR, MN and Peter Shaw to look at issues within the village and report back to the TCC**

c) **Tynron Copse** No action as the report expected 3Q 2022 had not been received as yet.

d) **Casual Vacancy Election** It was unanimously agreed to proceed with a CVE with a suggested closing date of 1st September allowing for people to apply on return from holidays. After Sue Hall's resignation, it was noted that the chance of meetings being inquorate was greatly increased and there is a chance of the TCC being dissolved in consequence. This would mean that wind farm monies would be in jeopardy. At present there are only 4 Elected Councillors and one Co-opted Councillor (who unfortunately doesn't count towards the meeting quorum of 4). An additional 7 TCC members can be elected.

**Action: LM to liaise with the D & G Council to organise a Casual Vacancy Election**

3. **Police report**

PC Lee Harvey reported that no incidents had been noted in Tynron. Police are reminding residents to keep vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour. It was mentioned that a vehicle was going around offering to do road/ drive repairs.

**Action: SKS to ask D & G Council if they are contracting people to do road work for the Council.**

4. **Ideas for Tynron Days and further action**

The sessions had been very productive with over 70 ideas put forward. It was agreed that residents would be asked to vote on the ideas, in order to identify the most popular priorities. SKS circulated a draft of the voting sheet. Most ideas related to the Hall would not be voted on and would be passed to the Parish Hall Committee for their consideration and future community consultation. A number of activities had been suggested and the community will be asked if anyone wishes to organize any of

these. Once the scope of some suggestions has been checked, the voting sheets will be delivered to houses (one per person over 16) and they could be returned to the Phone Box in the Village by the end of August.

**Action: SKS to finalise the voting sheet in consultation with other CC members, KL to print out, TCC members and others to circulate.**

## 5. KPT Membership

It was agreed to hold a discussion session on 9<sup>th</sup> October to allow Tynron residents **ONLY** to discuss their views about Tynron remaining as a member of the KPT, following the previous meeting with KPT Directors and Officers which looked at the KPT Review. Results from the 'Ideas for Tynron' vote would be available before then. After this meeting, a voting sheet will be distributed to houses to ask residents to vote on KPT membership.

## 6. KPT and JCBF updates

a) **KPT** - SKS reported that the KPT accounts had not been ready for the AGM and were expected to be available in early August. There are two new Directors resident in Tynron Paul Collins and Adriana Budzezi. Fiona Diamond who previously was a Tynron Director has discovered that her house is actually officially in Keir, so she is now a Keir Director. There seems to be some confusion about the Tynron Parish boundary and which houses are in Tynron. MN is liaising with the D & G Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer to establish the correct list. **Members were concerned about the relationship between Tynron Directors and the CC.**

**Action: MN to obtain a complete list of Tynron residences for the KPT membership vote.**

b) **JCBF** – LM reported that all 3 CCs had now paid in their 21/22 contributions of a minimum of 40% of windfarm monies excluding ANCBC monies. Tynron £4086.46, Keir £2100 and Penpont had chosen to retain its payment at the previous 66% rate £4200. A single grant has been made to KPT Dev Trust for 21/22 towards the cost of the Development Officer and Office costs of £11790.81 which includes £1404.3 from last year's bank balance leaving £10 in the account.

## 7. Forestry

### a) Fiddler's Moss

Edward Downs from Foresight attended the Meeting to outline their plans and project timescales to develop the 480 hectares purchased at Fiddler's Moss/ Lambs Craig, Auchenbrack. He stated that approx. 2/3 of land will be planted, rest will continue to be grazed. 40-60 hectares are unsuitable for planting. 60-80% sitka. Otherwise Douglas fir, Scots pine and broadleaves lower down. Harvesting will happen over 35-40 years with 1 cut every 5 yrs and thinning on lower slopes which will be cleared. Initial planting will have to be dense enough to fulfil grant conditions. From now until September surveys are being carried out by Direct Ecology – birds, mammals, habitat. i) archaeology is in draft. ii) birds: early Aug-Sep; iii) ecology, including peat probes. Copies will be shared with the CC for comment. He said that he is keen on achieving a biodiversity net gain.

A Woodland Creation application for grant will be made to the Forestry Commission in Oct 22. It will be placed on the Public Register and will be subject to public consultation for comments from SEPA etc and there will be a 28 day window before a decision is made Dec 22?, so a possible timetable would be: Feb-Mar 2023 ground prep and fencing, work with Council on paths, repair, water needs; Nov 2023 – early 2024 planting.

Mr Downs suggested that it might be possible to make the woodland accessible to the public with a carpark, paths, wildflower corridors etc and the CC could liaise with Corsock CC about Foresight's work with them.

When asked about the extraction of timber, he stated that he was determined that the Heads of the Valley road would be used and that discussions were being held with the owners. He thought that the charge might be £2-£4 per tonne and had built that payment into Foresight's financial

model. They plan to build a new bridge (to circumvent weak Croglin bridge) and new road as necessary from Fiddlers Moss to Shinnelhead road.

b) **Other updates** Scottish Woodlands felling has been delayed.

## 8. Windfarms

### a) Appin Windfarm

A meeting had been held with a representative from StatKraft to discuss the proposals which are at an early stage.

### b) Windy Rig community benefit

A framework agreement has been drafted but not yet signed. Tynron's community benefit payment will be approx. £18,000 per year and half will be paid to the Cc and half to the Hall. If either body is dissolved the payments will be made to the other body.

### c) Other windfarms

Lorg - re-applying for planning permission

Cloud Hill - proposed for top of Scaur Glen

Sanquhar II - no decision yet

Cornharrow - consented with conditions

## 9. Treasurer's Report

a) **ANCBC Grant** Members voted to apply for the annual £2,000 ANCBC local grant.

**Action: MN to apply for ANCBC grant**

b) **DGC Admin Grant** not received is being chased.

c) **Wether Hill payment from SPR Ltd** is less than previous two years. Being queried with SPR.

## 10. Secretary's Report

All items covered in Meeting.

## 11. Strimming of Churchyard

SKS has raised the issue with the Council and will continue to pursue.

**Action: SKS to pursue**

## 12. AOCB

a) **Pot Path** – Sue KS read out the statement from Helen White, as agreed with Sue KS in April 2022. (copy in Appendix) This confirmed that there is public access to the river for Tynron residents via the small garden gate. However, the position regarding access via the Hall car park was not resolved. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Tynron Hall Parish Committee to discuss with the householder.

**Action: MN to discuss with the Tynron Hall Parish Committee**

b) **Planning - Thistledown** An application to DGC Planning Service has been made to take off the planning condition "which limits the occupancy of the dwelling house to persons who are engaged to a substantial extent in an occupancy or business activity requiring an appropriate rural location....." Since this was the key factor in permission being granted for the construction of the house the TCC felt that it should remain.

**Action: MN to contact the Planning Dept**

## 13. Date of next meeting

**CHANGE OF DATE** It was agreed to change the date of the September Meeting to 12<sup>th</sup> September from 19th September

## Appendix 1: Treasurers Report 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Expenses:

- Communication: email & Zoom - £56.38
  - Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
  - Jubilee lunch celebrations food & drink - £233.12
  - Other (Varnish for Planters & Replacement defibrillator pads) - £56.90
  - KPTJCB annual payment for 2021/2022 (from 2020/2021 SPR funding) – £4086.46
- Total Expenses      £4832.86

### Income:

- SPR Wetherhill Windfarm – £10,129.86
- Total income      £10,129.86

### Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£26,950.08	Cleared	£26950.08
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### Reserved Funding

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- £104.00 - DGC Covid/CR grant (remainder of DGC Covid Grant)
- £469.78 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)

Potential Reserved funding (dependant on position regarding KPTJCBF)

- £4146.51 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2021/2022 SPR Windfarm income
- £4051.94 - Funding committed to KPTJCBF from 2022/2023 SPR Windfarm income

Considered Committed Funding at this time: **£8772.23**

Immediately Available reserves (taking into account reserved KPTJCBF windfarm funding): **£18,177.85**

### Events:

#### Jubilee Lunch

- Food & drink - £233.12
- Decorations - £39.45

Total costs - £272.57

## Appendix 2

Statement re potpath by Helen White, as agreed with Sue KS in April 2022:

1. Access to the river is not going to be denied, and has never been denied, along the path between the garden of 3 Tynron Kirk Cottages and the Hall car park.
2. We all accept that public access to the river along this path is a binding clause on 3 Tynron Kirk Cottages; and that whether or not the original purpose was for the sole purpose of taking water from the river, the use is now also recreational.
3. We noted that 'public access' will mean access by Tynron residents rather than by the general public, although this of course cannot be controlled.

4. Access to the path is to be via the small garden gate on the public road past the cottages, which will not be locked (and never has been).
5. We agreed that the red line round the property on the deeds runs down the carpark side of the path as well as across the small garden gate, and therefore is not a clear indicator as to whether it can be crossed by access points. [This to be discussed between the Whites and TPHC, as owners of the Hall.]
6. The turfing over of the path occurred because (owing to an error) too much turf arrived to cover the garden patch for which it was intended, and so was used to cover the path. It was not intended to imply that the path had thereby been incorporated into the garden.
7. Whether the hedge will or will not be reinstated is still under consideration.