

Tynron Community Council

Approved minutes 123

Monday 12th September 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

2. Approval of TCC Minutes from 18th July 2022 Proposed – MN; Seconded – LM

3. Matters arising

a) **Tynron Community Council Boundary** MN spoke to D&G council to clarify the properties which fall within the Tynron parish boundary which differs from the polling boundaries. There were a couple of anomalies which MN was able to clear up with the council immediately. This information was needed should it be decided that any monies from the windfarm are distributed to Tynron residents. There was one property on the boundary in Scaur Glen which the D & G council placed in Penpont so did not appear on Tynron list. The boundary is due for review by D & G Council in 2024. SK suggested that TCC could ask those who thought they were previously in Tynron whether they would prefer to be in Tynron or not but there is no guarantee that TCC could do anything about it

b) **Casual Vacancy Election** Following the election we now have 4 new councillors on the community council. Paul & Tina Jolley, Sharon Irvine, and Peigi Romano (previously co-opted). They will officially start on 23.9.2022. We have 2 further residents who offered their services but are not yet on the electoral roll, once this has been rectified, they could join us.

4. Police report PC Luke Leslie sent his apologies due attendance at an incident. He had reported that there had been no incidents in the Tynron area since our last meeting.

5. Ideas for Tynron Survey 40 completed sheets have been returned, which is 36% of the number distributed. It was agreed to extend the deadline for completed sheets to the 30th September to give members of the community time to complete them, and return them to the phone box.

ACTION: MN & SKS to investigate whether specific areas of the community declined to complete the questionnaire & if there was a reason

6. KPT Membership - arrangements for consultation session on 9th October and later Vote

It was agreed to hold a consultation session to discuss our membership of KPT moving forward. This will be held in the Parish Hall on 9th October from 2pm to 5pm. There will be an opportunity to ask questions from 2pm to 3pm and also to look at the information displayed on the display boards, this will be followed by presentations at 3pm regarding our membership, benefits, costs etc. At the end there will be time for discussion and suggestions. These suggestions will then form part of vote for the whole community to decide what our involvement with KPT looks like moving forward. The voting forms will be distributed to every home within the Tynron parish. Refreshments will be available.

ACTION: MN to prepare financial statistics for presentation & boards

7. KPT and JCBF up- dates

KPT has 3 new directors bringing the total to 10, 4 from Keir, 4 from Penpont and 2 from Tynron.

The hiring of E-Bikes was raised and has been discussed as the booking system seems to need improving. As it is early days we have been assured this will be improved, and the possibility of delivery of an E-Bike to your home or chosen location may be available. Currently 24hours notice is needed to hire an E-Bike.

8. Funding request from Thornhill Community Food Initiative. A request has been made for a donation from our local foodbank in Thornhill. In conjunction with First Base Dumfries the food bank was set up during the pandemic, and it was expected to be a temporary measure, however due to the current rise in the cost of living and the rise in utility bills the food bank is busier than ever. It was agreed that £250 would be donated immediately, followed by a further £250 at the end of November. The council will then review further funding in the new year dependant on demands on community funds.

ACTION: LM to raise an invoice

9. Funding request for Warm Space session in Hall It was suggested that with the increase in fuel costs, and the winter months approaching it would be an idea to organise an afternoon each week for Tynron residents to meet in the hall, enjoy soup and a roll and perhaps a craft session, should we be able to find volunteers to offer to share their skills. This will be discussed further at the next meeting, but it is hoped they will begin on Monday 21st November. SKS will make soup.

Action: PR to look at possible craft sessions

MN to look into the cost of hall hire & electricity

10. Purchase of Wreath for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that MN would purchase a community wreath to be laid at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Memorial: The new tubs bought last year are ready to be planted. Cleaning: SKS to contact Fiona Daubney re DGC/fund for cleaning memorial.

Action: MN to order wreath; MN and SKS to look up plants for tubs; SKS contact Fiona Daubney; PR to contact person in Moniaive re cleaning.

11. Planning. There were no planning proposals to discuss.

12. Windfarms

- Appin Windfarm. Statkraft held 2 exhibitions last week in Moniaive on 7.9.22 and Tynron 8.9.22. Both sessions were well attended with upwards of 20 people at each. There were displays showing the revised proposal of 17 turbines, virtual viewpoints from various places around the area, and Statkraft staff on hand to answer questions. A further exhibition is planned for later in the year, or early next year.

- Windy Rig community benefit.

Actions: MN to chase outstanding payment and signing agreement.

13. Forestry - Fiddler's Moss 4 Tynron residents have commissioned an independent ecological survey of Fiddlers Moss to ascertain whether there is an alternative to commercial forestry that Foresight may consider.

14. Treasurer's Report

Expenses:

- Communication: email & Zoom - £41.98
 - Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
 - Other £25
- Total Expenses £466.98

Income:

Total income £0

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£26,483.10	Cleared	£26,483.10
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Reserved Funding

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- £427.80 - 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: **£8626.25**

Immediately Available reserves (taking into account reserved KPTJCBF windfarm funding):
£17,811.85

Wetherhill Windfarm funding:

The amount of funding received for FY 2022/2023 is less than the previous year due to a fall in the index in May 2022.

The annual report for 2021/2022 was submitted by the end of August 2022 in line with our Windfarm agreement with Scottish Power renewables. We have received no feedback to date.

15. Secretary's Report LM has received a letter from the Power of Attorney Campaign she is going to confirm that this is a bona fide company and will then share with the community via the grapevine. **Action: LM to investigate and send Grapevine message**

16. AOCB

It was raised that the road surfacing works on Lannhall road due to have been completed by 1.9.22 have not been done.

It was also raised that the drainage grate opposite Kirkland House and adjacent to farm silage storage area was backing up with stones that needed to be cleared using machinery otherwise flooding would take place with the overspill. The drain itself is clear.

Action: MN will speak to the landowner.

Tynron copse: Peter Shaw has arranged an arboreal report to analyse the carbon capture potential of the site.

17. Date of next meetings

AGM 10th October, followed by ordinary meeting 21st November.