

## Approved Minutes 126

### Tynron Community Council

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall*

**Present:** Sue King-Smith (**SKS**); Linda McDonald (**LM**); Mary Newbould (**MN**); Peigi Romano (**PR**); Tina Jolley (**TJ**); Paul Jolley (**PJ**); and members of the Tynron community.

1. **Apologies** – Sharon Irvine, Keith Lewis

2. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

An amendment was requested to the paragraph in section 5 KPT of the minutes which read: It was also suggested that a working party is set up to draw up a strategy and investigate the financial implications of current active projects i.e the Hydro plant. It should have said “suggested and agreed”.

Proposed: PR seconded: PJ

3. **Matters arising**

Clarification regarding the statement to be issued to the Tynron community regarding the vote to leave JCBF KPT was requested please see section 5

LM had contacted Andrew Hodgkinson regarding Squirrel control work in Tynron. Andrew is now working full-time for the Scottish Wildlife Trust until January 2024 and undertaking grey squirrel control work for half of the week. He asked us to contact him later in the year, as funding for 2024 has not yet been obtained. **LM**

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. No incidents were reported to be fed back to PC Leslie.

5. **KPT JCBF working group update**

**LM** stated that after examining the KPT Development Trust’s Articles of Association on the Companies House site, it was clear that the Tynron Community Council and the Tynron Community in general are **NOT** members of the Trust and have no role in the running of the Trust. The Trust is made up of individual residents of the area. After the TCC had left the KPT

JCBF, she could see no remaining connection or obligation between the TCC and the Development Trust.

The KPT working group met and discussed the actions needed following the vote to leave the JCBF. After the meeting a statement was created to be sent to the Tynron community, however did not receive the full support of the working group, therefore it was decided that another meeting of the working group would take place ASAP to finalise this statement and create a statement to be sent to the KPT directors. It was agreed that the revenue from the Hydro plant would be dealt with at a future date.

## **6. Flooding**

The recent flooding was discussed and it was clear from the many comments that the Tynron community had come together to prevent / mitigate flood damage (community resilience team) assist /support friends & neighbours both during the flooding and for the days that followed. Thanks were given to all who assisted in anyway during and since the flooding. A special mention was made for the Sanquhar Fire brigade team who were called to assist a homeowner in difficulty and went above and beyond their duties to help.

As a result of the flooding, it was agreed that after consultation with the Scottish Flood Forum a Hydrologist / Drainage expert be engaged to look at possible long-term solutions to try and mitigate the impact of flooding in the future. **MN**

It was also agreed that any domestic household that uses the survey offered by D&G council in their flooding leaflet recently distributed on the grapevine who need to purchase flood defense items would receive a contribution to the costs, providing this is requested by 31.3.2023. This will be distributed via the grapevine.

## **7. Community resilience**

**MN** as a member of the resilience team reported on the actions of the resilience team before, during and after the flooding. On the day before the flooding occurred the resilience team filled and distributed sandbags to as many homes as possible, checked drains to ensure there were no obvious blockages and cleared where possible. During and after the flooding the team were out helping to clear away water from homes & buildings, trying to keep drains &

burns clear to help clear the water. The resilience team requested funding to purchase 100 additional sandbags, 10 packs of hydrosnakes and sand to refill the sand bin. This was agreed. The resilience team have produced a report for D&G council regarding the flooding, they have met with the road and drain representative from the council to ensure that the blocked drains, ditches & culverts and removal of excess accumulated grit & rubble on the road receive priority action.

## **8. Ideas for Tynron working group**

It was agreed that a working group of TCC councilors be formed to look at the structure of creating a development plan, and the ideas suggested. A sub group comprising TCC Councilors and members of the community will then be formed to create the plan and prioritise ideas which can be passed to project groups to complete. **MN LM**

## **9. Planning**

There were no planning applications to discuss.

## **10. Treasurer's Report**

Expenses:

- Communication: email (2) & Zoom (3) - £70.77
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Thornhill Food Bank - £250
- Festive Feast – £791.04
- Carols & Light Up Tynron - £243.33
- War Memorial Wreath - £37.40
- Other £35

Total Expenses            £1827.54

Income:

- ANCBC Annual Grant - £2000.00
- Festive Feast cash - £175.00

Total income    £2175.00

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£26,036.19	Cleared	<b>£26,036.19</b>
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Reserved Funding

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- £302.04 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)

*Considered Committed Funding* at this time: **£287.65**

*Immediately Available reserves* : **£25,748.54**

***WINDY RIGG Windfarm funding:***

No award received yet. Approximate expected income 2022/23 £9000 for TCC and the same for the Hall Committee, and annually for both organisations thereafter.

**1. Secretary's Report**

The cleaning of the memorial was discussed as we are still waiting for a third quote to get this work completed. It was agreed that we would instruct Edward Layden Monumental Mason in Dumfries who has quoted £771.36 to clean the memorial and repaint the letters. It was also noted that the stone/kerb fronting the memorial needs resetting. As the flooding has caused further movement. **TJ** to obtain quotes to get this work completed.

**2. AOCB**

The treasurer suggested that we limit any grants/donations to other groups/organisations to a maximum of £200 per application (we could still make multiple awards to one organisation

e.g. Food Bank) which will be sustainable using our ANCBC annual award (£2000) in order to ring fence our Windfarm funding for our own future projects. This was agreed.

An application for funding was received from Tynron WI centenary celebration in the form of a Sunday Lunch. It was agreed that we support this with a grant of £200 from ANCBC funding.

It was also agreed to continue to subsidise local (i.e. not for profit) groups/classes to hire the hall at a reduced rate. This subsidy is currently at £200 per month, to come from the residual ANCBC funding supplemented by TCC funds."

Gritting the Shinnel Glen road up as far as Pinzarie (the school bus route) which is not on the D&G gritting plan had been raised since the last meeting and it was agreed that a local company will grit this road if there is a red warning of ice, or if given the go ahead when there is a yellow warning. **MN** is dealing with this. We should add that, although it was not mentioned at the meeting, 3 other contractors (AMD, Gritit and Steven Snape) had been contacted to quote for this job. Steve Snape had not wished to quote, Gritit had not sent a complete quote, and AMD had quoted higher than Drew Watson, who was awarded the job.

### 3. **Date of next meeting** 20.03.2023

Following the meeting a motion which had been missed was made: It was requested that TCC pay Tom Bailey £100 towards the cost of using his digger to clear Kirkland Steading drain in an effort to reduce the amount of water running down the road that has on previous occasions caused flooding in the houses fronting onto the main road in Tynron. As a result none of the houses flooded through from the front of the property & the flooding of the hall was limited. This work was requested by a TCC Councilor and it was felt right that TCC make a contribution towards the cost of his diesel & running costs of his digger. (A digger with a driver costs in the region of £350 per day + VAT). This motion was agreed.