

Approved Minutes 125
Tynron Community Council
Monday 21st November 2022 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

Present: Sue King-Smith (**SKS**); Linda McDonald (**LM**); Keith Lewis (**KL**); Peigi Romano (**PR**), Tina Jolley (**TJ**), and members of the Tynron community.

1. **Apologies:** Mary Newbould, Sharon Irvine, Paul Jolley.
2. **Approval of minutes from Monday 12th September 2022**
Proposed: PR Seconded: TJ
3. **Matters arising**
The warm space idea raised previously was revisited and it was agreed that for 3 Monday afternoons (9th, 16th, 23rd) in January 2023 the hall would open from 1pm – 4pm for hot soup, games, crafts or company. **PR & LM** organising, **LM** to issue Grapevine notice
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. **KPT Joint Community Benefit Fund Membership – result of the community vote.** 90 Voting sheets were distributed to the community, 47 were returned and the results were as follows: Leave KPT JCBF 28 (59%) Remain in KPT JCBF 13 (28%) Take a Break until April 2024 6 (13%). Based on these results a resolution was passed to leave the KPT JCBF. As the KPT JCBF Constitution does not outline how we officially leave it has been suggested that an EGM of the JCBF be organised as soon as possible to arrange for our departure. **LM** speaking to other JCBF members to organise. 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. Suggested & Agreed.
All TCC Councillors are invited to join this group currently **MN, KL, SKS** and **LM** have volunteered.
6. **Ideas for Tynron**
111 Voting sheets were distributed 40 were returned with the 5 most popular ideas as follows:
Re-wilding/tree planting/wildflower meadows
Generating renewable power for the Parish Hall
Generating renewable power for homes
Generating renewable power for a mini grid
Installation of a rapid charging electric car point in the village.

All the above ideas will require fully scoping to understand how these things could be achieved, timescales and responsibilities. Costs and feasibility will need to be explored. It was agreed a working group would be established hopefully with input from the community. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was also suggested to include some of the suggested ideas which can be achieved in a shorter timescale.

7. Festive Feast

All preparations for the festive feast are in place, with almost all spaces taken.

8. Lighting up Tynron & Carols

11th December 5pm meeting in the car park. Music to be provided by James, Jackie, Jane & Dave, and **SKS** will lead carols. **MN** organising Mulled wine & mince pies. **TJ & PJ** to set up the hall & assist **MN**. Terry George & Stu Williams organising the tree. **MN** to purchase additional lights if necessary. Voting for the Light up Tynron competition will take place following the carol service **PR & LM** trying to find judges from outside the village. **LM** to send details to the community via the Grapevine. It was agreed that the musicians and prize winners would be rewarded with vouchers from Piccola Italia in Moniaive.

9. Memorial Cleaning

A further quote has been obtained to clean the memorial from Edward Layden (monumental stonemason Dumfries) and a third quote should be provided in the next 2 weeks. **TJ** dealing with these quotes. Once 3 quotes are obtained and a preferred contractor agreed it may be possible to obtain a grant towards the cost of works from the war memorial commission.

10. Planning

The Thistledown planning application to have the Business condition removed from the property, which TCC objected to for various reasons in an effort to preserve it as small holding or at least a permanent residence, went before the planning committee who decided to lift the clause in line with the latest Scottish Government guidelines despite the opinion of officers involved.

11. Treasurer's Report

Expenses:

- Communication: email & Zoom - £56.38
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Thornhill Food Bank - £250
- Website Domain renewal & site hosting - £44.99
- Hire of display boards for Ideas Day & KPT Session - £30
- Other £13

Total Expenses £794.37

Income:

Total income £0

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£25,688.73	Cleared	£25,688.73
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Reserved Funding

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- £358.42 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)
- £250.00 - Grant to Thornhill Food Bank (scheduled payment 21st November 2022)

Considered Committed Funding at this time: **£608.42**

Immediately Available Funds : **£25,080.31**

WINDY RIGG Windfarm funding:

No award received yet. Approximate expected income 2022/23 £9000

12. Secretary's report.

We have received 3 requests for members of the Tynron community to complete surveys from SWESTTRANS (South west regional transport), NHS Scotland Share register and your Police 2022 – 2023. Links to these surveys to be sent via the Grapevine so that interested parties can take part.

13. AOCB

It was with sadness that SKS announced the death of Frank Irving who lived at Shinnelhead for 49 years before moving to Penpont 3 years ago. After a long illness Frank passed away at home with his family by his side. **SKS** organising flowers and attending the funeral on 25th November **LM** to issue details via the Grapevine

SKS thanked PR & MN for the memorial planters.

It was raised by a community member that funding for Andrew Hodgkinson who works for Scottish Wildlife Trust as part of the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Project has had his funding cut and is now only working part time. Several local estates have contracted Andrew to work on the removal of the grey squirrels. **LM** to discuss with Andrew how we could potentially utilise his services?

PR raised the state of the telephone box, it is no longer waterproof and in desperate need of renovation. The phone box is now the responsibility of the parish hall committee and PR advised to speak with them.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm