

TCC Approved Minutes 127

Tynron Community Council

Monday 20th March 2023 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

Present: Sue King-Smith (**SKS**); Linda McDonald (**LM**); Mary Newbould (**MN**); Tina Jolley (**TJ**); Keith Lewis (**KL**) Councillor Tony Berretti and members of the Tynron community.

1. **Apologies** – Sharon Irvine, Paul Jolley, Peigi Romano

2. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 16th January 2023.**

Proposed: **MN** seconded: **LM**

3. **Matters arising.**

Flooding

MN Had not managed to identify a hydrologist yet. Scottish Flood Forum (SFF) don't provide that service & recommended contacting SEPA, which **MN** has done & awaits their response regarding the issues of the flooding in the village & any support we might be entitled to. However **MN** has established that to make any changes to a river or burn requires completing a very detailed form & the cost of the permission to do any works is dependant of the scope of the work....if it is permitted. **MN** suggested that we see if SEPA would be prepared to attend a TCC/CR Team meeting to explain the rules & make recommendations regarding the way forward as any hydrologist that we employ would need to work within their remit!

MN proposed that we work more closely with Moniaive who have recently had drone images of the river Cairn either side of the village taken for analysis purposes.

MN has also not received any funding requests for flood equipment following D&G council surveys. It was suggested that this may be due to the residents having not received the items recommended/ordered and the deadline date should be extended.

MN has spoken to DGC Flood Team about assessing the needs of all the properties on the main street in terms of flooding from the front. Although the properties didn't flood from the front in December 2022 it was very close & has happened previously. **MN** has approached some residents but not all are keen to have flood gates.

Hydro-snakes have been purchased & are stored in the cupboard in the hall. The yellow sand box in the Hall car park for filling sandbags has been refilled. However, none of the sandbags used by residents have been returned & those used by the Hall have disappeared. The sandbags need to be emptied out & stored empty to prevent them from rotting. CR Team would be grateful if anyone knows what happened to the ones that we filled?

These items were all agreed. **MN** to contact SEPA and the Moniaive Resilience Team.

It was also raised that other communities are looking at much wider scale ideas to combat flooding in their communities by installing reservoirs in low lying areas to use in the event of river flooding.

Cleaning of the village war memorial

TJ has instructed Edward Layden to complete the work, they will come back with a date once the weather has improved to complete this. **TJ** had been unable to obtain a quote for the re-setting of the stones which front the memorial. Some builders were suggested who may quote for this work and this will be followed up.

Statement to KPT

LM reported that following the issuing of the statement to the KPT, we had received an email acknowledging that this would be discussed at the next KPT directors meeting.

4. Election of a new Chairperson

We had one nomination for the position of Chairperson, Linda Macdonald who is happy to accept the nomination and fulfill the role of Chairperson. Linda thanked Sue for the great contribution she had made to the work of the TCC , having served as Chairperson since 2015.

5. Ideas for Tynron Working Group

MN Proposed that the working group should look into creating a five-year community development plan and/or a program of work for the village. This would be a guidance document and useful for completing Windfarm reporting in the future, particularly where grant funding is rolled on to future years for larger projects. A meeting of the group will be held asap. **LM, MN, PJ, TJ,** and **KL** have volunteered to form this group. **LM** to arrange meeting.

6. Suggestions for an event, or another way to mark the coronation?

After sending out a Grapevine email asking for ideas, several suggestions were received regarding marking the coronation, both positive and negative. The highest number of votes wanted a tree planting, so it was agreed a potential site would be investigated and perhaps combine the tree planting with a picnic. The TCC are going to see if any local groups would like to organise something for the coronation with TCC funding towards the cost? It was also noted that perhaps any celebration should be held on another date as the coronation coincides with the Moniaive folk festival? **LM** to explore possible locations for the planting of a tree or trees and contact landowners. Also to draft a Grapevine email regarding TCC financial support for an actual event and mentioning the Tree planting ideas.

7. Arrangements for litter pick 26th March 2023

11am start, as per previous years, with participants spreading out around the village to cover as much ground as possible. **LM** is collecting the equipment from D&G council, **TJ** is organizing the event, Soup, Cakes, bread to be provided by **LM, SKS, MN, TJ**. **PR** has offered to assist in the hall. **LM & RM** will be available to transport people to various locations around the village if needed.

8. Follow up on flooding conversation.

MN The event was reasonably well attended, so big thanks to those from Tynron who came along. We received an email from Fiona Daubney, our Ward Officer, thanking us for our hospitality, saying that the feedback from those that attended was very positive. There was lots of information available on the various tables from representatives across the public sector. We have thanked Fiona for managing to get the huge holes in Dunreggan side of The Bray patched to encourage Moniaive residents to attend.

9. Police report

PC Luke Leslie sent his apologies for not attending but there were 3 other Community Council Meetings on the same evening. He sent the police report which had no incidents in the last 2 months, he also asked for his thanks to be passed to the villagers that visited him at the mobile community surgery held in the Hall car park.

10. Planning

MN reported on HenHoose Plot 2. TCC sent in an objection to the deviation from the Planning Application specifically regarding the garage & removal of trees screening the site. This was done following complaints to TCC from local residents. The TCC objection was passed to the Planning Enforcement Team who, after a site visit, decided that work on the garage should cease and Mr Wood needed to submit a new application. To date this has not appeared in the weekly planning list that we receive.

For clarification purposes the main points of the objection were the increase in length of the garage by approximately 33%, the deviation from agreed materials of the garage, the additional width of the vehicle door, the distance of the garage from the plot boundary & the felling of some native trees that were helping to screen the plot.

11. Treasurers report

Expenses:

- Communication: email (2) & Zoom (2) - £57.58
- Other Admin (ICO & Printer paper) – £52.84
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Grant to Tynron WRI - £200
- Gritting School bus run - £480
- CR Expenses as a result of flooding - £131.80
- Loan for emergency Septic Tank work - £374

Total Expenses £1696.22

Income:

- DGC Admin Grant - 455.15
- Windy Rigg Windfarm grant - £9000.00
- Repayment of Loan for emergency Septic Tank work – £374.04

Total income £9829.19

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£34,169.16	Cleared	£34,169.16
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- £455.15 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)

Considered Committed Funding at this time: **£455.15**

Immediately Available reserves : **£33,713.61**

It was agreed that we would cancel our Zoom license as it was no longer being used. It was also noted that we have agreed funding towards the cost of the Hall Committees refurbishment of the village telephone box outside of the normal meeting process. The amount will be confirmed once a request for funding has been received from the Hall Committee.

12. **Secretarys report**

We have received 3 requests for funding.

Thornhill food bank thanked us for our support in 2022, however due to the number of people relying on this service they need further funding. It was agreed that we would make 2 payments of £200, one in March 2023 and again in May 2023.

Thornhill & District community transport contacted us to request help with funding a replacement ticket machine, which is necessary for them to be able to recoup the costs of travel for residents who use their weekly/monthly shopping service. It was agreed that we would grant them £200 towards the machine.

A request was received from a local resident regarding the newly formed Morton Thistle Junior football team. This is a local team established for primary children within the Wallace Academy catchment area and offers children the opportunity to train, and play football weekly, it is hoped that they will also receive accreditation and be able to take part in league and competition matches. The request for funding is to support the purchase of equipment, and insurance costs etc. It was agreed we would grant them £200.

Some of the funds for these causes will come from our ANCBC monies.

AOCB

Tynron Parish Hall Committee are intending to run an event every month in 2023 to celebrate the centenary of Tynron residents managing the hall & the fact that TPHC now own the hall on behalf of the residents of the Parish.

February – Quiz Night

March 18th – Scottish Theme Film night

April 22nd – Spring Ceilidh with Live Band

May 28th – Pop Up Café during Spring Fling Weekend

June- Centenary Gala Day (with pub night)

July - Walking Treasure Hunt

August - Pub Night

September - Celebration of Tynron's history

October – Film Night

November – Bingo

December - Music Quiz

More details will follow and it is hoped will receive wide support from our community.

13. Date of next meeting

Our next meeting is Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm.