

## TCC Minutes 128

### Tynron Community Council

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

**Present:** Sue King-Smith (**SKS**); Linda McDonald (**LM**); Tina Jolley (**TJ**); Keith Lewis (**KL**); Sharon Irvine (**SI**) and members of the Tynron community.

1. **Apologies** – Paul Jolley(**PJ**), Peigi Romano(**PR**), Mary Newbould(**MN**)

2. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Proposed: **SKS** seconded: **KL**

3. **Matters arising.**

At the last meeting it was decided to ask the community whether anyone would be prepared to organise an event to mark the coronation? Janet Alastair and Madge offered to organise an event which the TCC via email vote agreed to fund £350 to cover the costs.

This event was very successful, with over 50 people attending and joining in the fun and games organised. The Community council would like to thank Janet, Alastair, Madge and all who helped to make this event a success.

The community council would also like to thank everyone involved with the Tynron Litter pick event 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We had more volunteers than ever before, good weather and delicious soup and cake afterwards.

Statement to KPT; We have not heard from KPT since their previous email acknowledging receipt of our statement and an indication that it would be discussed at the next KPT directors meeting.

4. **Ideas for Tynron working group**

The Working group for "Ideas for Tynron" met on 20th April 2023 to discuss how we can move forward. The meeting was attended by LM, MN, PJ and KL. The group recommend that a sub-group of the Community Council should be set up and should meet monthly. The Scheme of Establishment says that a sub-group can make decisions which would be reported back to the

next Community Council meeting, must consist of a majority of the sub-group members to be elected members of the Community Council, and that meetings of such sub-group whether held in person or virtually shall be open to the general public as observers and shall be minuted. The attendees at the first meeting agreed to do brief analysis of the ideas suggested and report back at the next meeting. The date of the next meeting has not yet been finalized.

The Sub- group is to be named initially as the Ideas for Tynron Group with an initial membership of Paul Jolley, Mary Newbould, Keith Lewis, Linda McDonald. Other members can join at a later date.

The remit of the group is to:

- a) Review the “Ideas for Tynron” and other suggestions put forward subsequently and draw up an outline Community Plan which could then be put to the Community for consultation and a vote.
- b) Initially the Ideas for Tynron Group would consist of Community Councillors but other members of the Community would be invited to join once the Community Plan had been accepted.
- c) Project groups of local residents will be set up to develop and deliver a specific project.
- d) The Ideas for Tynron Group would then act as a Steering Group with a review and vote on membership every 3? years.
- e) The Ideas for Tynron Group will also identify “Ideas” that can be partly or fully implemented in the short term
- f) The Ideas for Tynron Group would explore grant opportunities and link with organisations and people who have delivered community projects related to the proposed Ideas.

## 5. **Local place plan**

The TCC have received an email from Dumfries and Galloway Council who have a new initiative which they are offering to community councils in D&G to create a community plan. Concerns were raised that this may detract from the work already started but may also potentially provide a framework for progress. Some community members have been involved in this service elsewhere in the county and found it beneficial for larger projects. **(LM)** to contact and get dates for an initial conversation to decide whether to use this scheme.

## 6. **Tree to commemorate the coronation?**

Apart from the Hall car park and the memorial garden the Community does not own any land, so it was necessary to ask villagers if anyone was prepared to have a tree planted on their land to mark the coronation. A couple of residents offered, and having viewed the potential sites it was decided that the best option was on the corner at the bottom of the Shinnel Glen,

by the bench. Due to this location, it was necessary to ensure that the tree planted does not have a height or spread which could cause future issues with water pipes, and road debris from branches etc. Having consulted the RHS 2 options were proposed, a bird cherry, or a purple weeping birch. Both trees offer seasonal interest, and fit the growth criteria. **SI** raised that the tree should be selected by the village, and perhaps a tree which King Charles favours should be added to the list. **(TJ)** to source an additional option, agree with landowner then send a vote to the Community via the grapevine to get residents preference.

**7. Other tree planting / amenity ideas received.**

The other planting offers will now form part of the “ideas for Tynron” plan and be explored further in the future.

**8. Application to remove condition 11 of planning in principle in Thornhill**

Tyron Community council were approached by Thornhill community council to request support regarding a planning application by Wheatley Homes South regarding the proposed development at the rear of Thornhill Health Centre. The application is to remove Condition 11 of Planning Permission in Principle 18/0429/PIP to allow more than 50 dwellings from a single point of access.

Having discussed the benefits these houses could provide to local people, and businesses verses the potential issues caused, and the fact that this is outside of our area it was felt that the Community council would not comment on this application at this time.

**9. Police report**

PC Luke Leslie sent his apologies for not attending but Ian the local police constable from Sanquhar came in his place.

He presented the police report which had no incidents in Tynron in the last 2 months, but did raise 3 items from the Sanquhar area.

Firstly, the high value theft of heating oil from a depot, secondly suspicious vehicles in areas of woodland in the middle of the night and thirdly telephone scams targeting the elderly to obtain cash. He advised that if anyone experienced anything suspicious, they could call 101 or alternatively use the “contact us” form on the Police Scotland website. You can ask for your details to remain anonymous should you wish.

## 10. Planning

Henhoose Plot 2 - At the March CC meeting it was reported that the D & G Planning Enforcement Team had ordered that work on the "Garage" must cease and that a new planning application for the garage should be submitted. To date a new application has not appeared in the weekly planning list that we receive. However, the Garage shed has been removed.

## 11. Treasurers report

### *Expenses:*

- Communication: email & Zoom - £58.78
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Donation to Thornhill & District Community Bus - £200
- Donation to Thornhill Food Bank - £200
- Donation to Morton Thistle Junior Football Club - £200
- Coronation Event (budget) - £350

Total Expenses     £1408.78

### Income:

Total income        £0

### ***Balance***

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared	£32,775.97	Cleared	£32,775.97
-----------	------------	---------	------------

### ***Reserved Funding***

Reserved Funding

- £411.96 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, zoom, general admin costs)

*Considered Committed Funding* at this time: **£411.96**

*Immediately Available reserves* : **£32,364.01**

## **12. Secretarys report**

We have received 3 emails thanking us for funding from Thornhill food bank, Thornhill & District community transport and Moreton Thistle football team.

The War memorial has now been cleaned and (TJ) is still to source a builder to relay the granite stones in front and repoint any area to the monument now visible after cleaning.

## **13. AOCB**

## **14. Date of next meeting**

Our next meeting is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm