

## Meeting Minutes 129

### Tynron Community Council

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

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

1. **Apologies** Paul Jolley (**PJ**); Peigi Romano (**PR**);
2. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

Proposed : Keith Lewis (**KE**), seconded Sue King-Smith (**SKS**)

3. **Matters arising**

(**LM**) has still to organise a meeting with the local place plan representative to ascertain whether the scheme is suitable for Tynron community plan. (**LM**) thanked (**TJ**) for organising the vote for the coronation tree. The silver birch was chosen and arrangements for purchasing and planting will be made for later in the year.

4. **Feedback from Ideas for Tynron Group**

There has been one meeting of the group so far, which now consists of (**LM**), (**MN**), (**PJ**). Other councillors are most welcome to join this group. Based on the ideas for Tynron the group is assessing the feasibility of each idea which is a huge task. Focusing on the more popular ideas initially they looked at rewilding (which it was agreed needed a separate meeting ideally with the people who voted for this to try to understand what they meant by rewilding).

Supported and shared shopping, involving bulk buying of wholefoods etc, which would require a volunteer/s to shop and distribute the goods. Initially it was agreed to provide an opportunity for villagers to sell their own produce in the Hall Car park, using an honesty box. Produce can be delivered on a Saturday and any unsold will be removed on Sunday evening. A grapevine message will be coming out to find a volunteer to come the hall on Sunday and clear any unsold produce.

Tree planting, which can be incorporated into several schemes including the subsidising of tree replanting following storm Arwen

## 5. Community Resilience

For clarification following a request from a community member:

Rivers and burns are the responsibility of SEPA in Scotland. Any issues are between Landowners and SEPA. Making any deliberate change to the riverbed or structural changes to river bank require approval and licensing from SEPA by the Landowner or riverbed owner. Clearly changes caused by erosion or scouring are regarded as natural occurrences. However, if the owner wishes to carry out any work as a result of natural occurrences, then a license is still required.

Flooding is the responsibility of councils in Scotland – Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Following concerns from members of the community about the distance between the road and the river between Shinnel Road end and the village, **MN** has contacted DGC Flooding Team and Roads service. A call has been logged in the system and a follow up email sent to Head of Roads Services. The call also covers the potential collapse of the road into the burn at the bottom of the Dalmakerran Bray where continuous erosion of the bank and traffic driving over the verge has created a problem.

### **Flood Prevention:**

- Only 2 members of the community took advantage of the TCC offer of financial assistance towards flood gates
- CR Team have had the sand box in the car park filled. Just to remind everyone that the contents of this box are not for spreading on the car park in icy weather. The salt box and sand boxes are clearly marked.
- Additional sandbags have been purchased. Please return the bags to the car park when no longer required. The sand should be emptied back into the box to prevent the bags from rotting.

Big thanks to **LM** and **KL** for carrying out drains inspection and preventative clearing on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> in anticipate of possible flooding following the warning from Scottish Flood Forum.

## 6. Lamb Craigs Woodland Creation

The public consultation for the Lamb Craigs woodland is scheduled for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 23, however since the community council meeting the consultation was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances by the host a new date will be announced in the next few weeks.

The community council had invited some local experts to attend to assess the plan etc. They will of course be invited to the next meeting.

We have asked that the scheme might include some or all of the following:

- a) An area of broad leaf woodland
- b) Wildlife ponds
- c) Picnic area
- d) Parking
- e) Bird hide
- f) Mountain bike trails
- g) Wildflower meadow
- h) Orchard

These suggestions came mainly from our original “ideas for Tynron” vote.

## **7. Police report**

PC Luke Leslie was unable to attend but sent his report prior to the meeting. There have been no incidents in the last 2 months in the Tynron area.

## **8. Planning**

There was nothing to report with regards to planning applications or decisions.

## **9. Treasurer’s Report**

### **Expenses:**

- Communication: email (2) - £27.60
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Donation to Thornhill Food Bank - £200
- Community Flood Grants - £362.74
- Community Resilience - £45.00
- War Memorial Cleaning - £771.36

Total Expenses £1,806.70

### **Income:**

- Scottish Power Annual Wetherhill Windfarm Grant – £11,150.63

Total income £11,150.63

## **Balance**

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £42,104.31 Cleared £42,104.31

## **Reserved Funding**

- £368.77 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, general admin costs)
- £1,000.00 – Tynron Hall Grant (committed at meeting on 16/03/2023)
- £400.00 – ANCBC funding for small grants

Considered Committed Funding at this time: £1,768.77

Immediately Available reserves : £40,335.54

## **10. Secretary's Report**

Belshaw builders have been contacted to arrange a quote for resetting the stone slabs in front of the war memorial and also repointing following the cleaning of the memorial. The work will be done in Autumn as it involves lime mortar.

The state of the road from the war memorial to the Shinnel Glen road was reported to D&G Council, in the hope we may be able to have the chipping work on the rest of the road extended to cover this area. Their reply was: "Thank you for your enquiry regarding a defect at U399N. I can confirm that the defect has been previously identified and has been added to a future programme of works for repair. While we are unable to provide a timescale for repair, please be advised that regular inspections are carried out on all outstanding repairs to monitor the severity of the defect. In the event that a defect becomes a severe risk this will then be prioritised for repair in line with our statutory obligations."

## **11. AOCB**

Village Hall Committee report:

### **Flooding:**

TPHC have purchased flood gates & automated vents for the hall utilising TPHC Windfarm funding plus a DGC flood grant available to businesses.

### **New Furniture**

Additional folding tables have been purchased for the hall including some smaller tables to replace the current tables which are showing signs of wear. The old tables will be available for sale. New chairs have been ordered to replace the pink chairs which will also be for sale. Please contact Steve Mullane or Mary Newbould if you are interested in purchasing either.

#### **Hall Exterior**

A new slate sign to go on the gable end of the hall has been purchased. This will be in place once the exterior of the hall has been painted following the appointment of a local painter (several local professional decorators had the opportunity to quote for the work in line with correct procedure).

#### **Phone Box**

Sent 4 samples of paint away – tested positive for lead so not appropriate to get members of the community to strip the paint off the box. The following alternatives have been costed & are being considered:

1. Professional painter to strip the box, dispose of the old paint & repaint the box £3,200. Run a couple of workshops with professional glass worker to make fused glass panels for the upper panes £780. Internal shelving, etc. Approximate total cost £5,000 inc VAT

2. Replacement phone box from a BT approved supplier includes box, delivery & installation £5,400 plus VAT

A Conservation Area Consent Form is being completed to check whether it is possible to relocate or remove the phone box. This could also be required prior to a Planning Application to extend the Hall to provide additional storage.

#### **Ownership & Centenary Celebration Events:**

Dates for your diary:

Saturday August 26th. Duck Race (organised by Finlay Bailey) followed by a Pub Night

Sunday October 1st Tynron Heritage Day

Dates to be confirmed:

October Film Night

November Bingo Night

December Music Quiz

**Rowancraig windfarm:** We have been made aware of another proposed windfarm, Rowancraig which consists of 8 turbines 180M high and is located approximately 4KM west of Sanquhar. We have sent feedback to the company involved and asked to be notified of further meetings/developments.

**Electricity standing charge**

Councillor Tony Berretti raised an issue he had encountered at a previous CC meeting in another village whose Hall electricity tariff had expired and unbeknown to them the new one they had agreed had a huge increase in standing charge costs. This was fed back to the Hall committee for them to check/be aware of when our contract ends.

**12. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The date for the AGM will be agreed and advertised.