

Approved Minutes 133

Tynron Community Council

Monday 11th December 2023 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

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

1. Apologies

none all present

2. Approval of TCC Minutes from 23rd October 2023

Proposed (**TJ**) seconded (**KL**)

3. Matters arising

Lamb Craigs – Email from Julian Elsworth Foresight stating. -

“Further to the email below and given the concerns raised by Tynron CC we shall be reviewing the design and not adding it to the register for the time being.

We shall be back in touch once this exercise has been completed.”

(**TJ**) continuing to monitor the register.

Development Trust request for Funding - Letter sent to KPT Dev Trust. No response so far

Memorial Garden Trees – Richard Gauld has walked around the Garden with (**LM**) and Alastair Davies. He has confirmed that in his opinion the 3 pine trees should be felled and has suggested other trees that should be felled or trimmed to open up the overgrown garden area. We await his written report and quotation. His recommendations could be used for a planning application. Other quotations will be sought.

The ownership of the area is being explored.

There would be space to plant a Coronation tree and other trees suitable for the damp conditions. At present the area is little used, but it could again become a pleasant space for residents to gather.

Remembrance Sunday

Thanks to (**TJ**) for ensuring that the work on the War Memorial was completed before Remembrance Sunday and Peigi for replanting the tubs. Thanks to George for leading the ceremony and James for piping.

Christmas Events

(**MN**) key person for all events, thanks for everything she did

Tree – Thanks to Tom and Terry for obtaining the tree, Hugh Rorison for lending his tractor and trailer, the Jolley family for putting the tree lights up.

Carols and Mulled Wine Friday 1st Thanks to Jill and Jane for decorating the Hall; Mary for the Mulled wine; Tina and Paul for organising the event; Sue for Carols; Jackie, James, Jane and Dave for entertaining us with excellent music. Feedback was that a Sunday evening is a better time.

Festive Feast Sunday 3rd Dec – 35 people booked for the meal provided by an outside caterer. Mary liaised with the Caterers and did shopping. Maximum capacity. Jill decorated tables and organised the front of house.

Light Up Tynron – Thanks to Peigi for encouraging people to enter the competition and to all competitors.

Sharing box - In the last minutes we asked if anyone in the parish used the existing sharing box and what they used it for. We received 1 reply that it was used for taking and giving books.

Investigative Journalist – A journalist from the Times has approached (**SKS**) about large forestry projects, and the impact they have on the land used. They have had a discussion which may lead to an article in the future.

4. KPT Sharing box

KPT have purchased some small tool sheds to install as sharing boxes. They have sited the ones in Penpont and Keir Mill. We were approached but declined as we are unable to put the box in the hall car park without planning permission as the hall is within the conservation area. Senga has since replied and suggested we site it at the corner of the Shinnel Glen road, or on Kirkland road. These were discussed but felt neither was appropriate as there is no parking nearby which would not cause a hazard. We also felt that the parish would not use the shed as we already have sharing facilities throughout the year, and the refurbished phone box could potentially be used for sharing items. (**TJ**) to write to Senga with the outcome and request that KPT do not purchase any further items for our parish without consultation.

5. Events for 2024

We have been fortunate that the centenary year for the Hall has provided an event every month for the Parish by the Hall Committee, all well attended. To build on that success we hope in 2024 to be able to encourage the community new and old to get involved with ideas, hosting, and volunteering. We hope to work with the Hall Committee to provide a selection of events. Once we have spoken to all concerned, we will reach out via the grapevine to get the ball rolling. (**TJ**) This will happen in the New Year. We will also look at providing a calendar of activities in the hall with contact information that newcomers may find useful.

6. Police report

We have not received the report, however PC Luke Leslie is here on Sunday 17th December at 4pm in the Hall car park to talk to residents about any concerns. This is an opportunity for children to meet their local PC and see some of the equipment he uses.

7. Planning

An extension has been granted for TCC to reply regarding the new planning application for the Hen Hoose plot 2 site. Our concerns remain the flooding issue on the site which was visible in Dec 2022 when that part of the village flooded.

8. Treasurer's Report

Expenses:

- Communication: email (2), domain name renewal - £53.51
- Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400
- Donation to Thornhill Food Bank - £200
- Festive meal/Tree Lights & Carols Event Costs - £1525.95
- New tree lights - £315.00 (partial refund due)
- Light up Tynron initial event costs - £120.00
- Repairs to War Memorial - £683.72

Total Expenses £3298.18

Income:

- Festive meal bank - £65.00
- Festive meal cash - £120.00

Total income £185.00

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £37,968.37	Cleared	£37,968.37
Current cash balance (to be banked):	£98.31	

Total Balance: £38,066.68

Reserved Funding

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- £273.86 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, general admin costs)
- £600.00 – Tynron Hall Grant (committed at meeting on 16/03/2023)

Considered Committed Funding at this time: **£873.86**

Immediately Available reserves : **£37,192.52**

(MN) has completed all of the grant application forms and submitted them, thank you Mary this is a huge task.

It was agreed that ANCBC funds may be used as small grants to community groups etc.

9. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report from the secretary.

10. **Resilience** – With several new families moving into the village it was felt a grapevine message should be sent out reminding/informing people of the “Bat phone” number to call in an emergency i.e flood, fallen tree etc. And to reiterate the resilience team role. It was decided to also outline how residents can report blocked road drains, potholes etc to D&G council.

11. AOCB

Tynron Website – For some time we have had issues with the website being hacked causing constant emails and taking time to remedy. It was felt that a new website should be commissioned which has all of the necessary features needed to offer a useful parish website. (PJ) to investigate and report back.

“Ideas for Tynron” meeting Friday 15th December 7.30pm - All welcome

Cloud Hill windfarm planning application has been submitted TCC will object based on previous parish vote however in 2024 we will be holding new voting regarding windfarms, forestry and other major developments to ensure we are representing the residents majority views.

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th February