

Draft Minutes 134

Tynron Community Council

Monday 12th February 2024 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

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

1. Apologies

Sharon Irvine (**SI**)

2. Approval of TCC Minutes from 11th December 2023

Proposed (**SKS**) seconded (**MN**)

3. Matters arising

Tynron Website – (PJ) has conducted an analysis of the website, including reviewing the security, hosting and content. He has added 2 stage verification to improve security but recommends that once the new website is built a new web host is found that offers better support. He proposes to send a questionnaire to all in Tynron to ask what they would like to see on the website, what they might use it for etc He will then create a table of works to go out to Website design companies, obtain quotes and instruct once the TCC is in agreement. It was questioned as to whether a website is necessary, but most felt that an active website which is maintained is an asset to the village and to visitors.

4. Election of Chair

Following Linda's resignation Keith Lewis was nominated as the new Chairperson and unanimously elected.

5. Ideas for Tynron Group

(**PJ**) spoke on behalf of the group and outlined progress so far. The group had concluded that before we could build a development plan it was necessary to rebuild the community and get engagement in community projects, based on the ideas for Tynron but also it was suggested establishing a community work group to tackle tasks around the village. The ideas have been split into quick wins (projects and events that can happen quickly and people will see instant results, longer term projects such as the community oil scheme, and a long term vision which may require consultation from external stakeholders once decided.

6. Forestry, Lamb Craigs & Corriedow

The proposed planting scheme for Lamb Craigs has not been submitted to Scottish forestry for a grant yet. (**TJ**) continues to monitor and will report once it does.

Corriedow has approached the community council as they are planning to plant 78 Hectares. They have submitted a soil survey which shows no significant peat deposits, and indicate they will extract the timber via the Macqueston access and egress towards the agreed consultation route along the Glen. TCC has asked to arrange a site visit so that any interested party can attend. Once a date has been set a grapevine message will be circulated.

7. Litter pick

(TJ) suggested that we hold the litter pick on Easter Sunday (March 31st) and combine it with an easter egg hunt. This was supported and will go out to the community via the grapevine

8. Police report

There was no report from the police prior to the meeting.

9. Planning

There were no new planning applications and no date set yet to discuss the “HenHoose Plot 2” application.

10. Treasurer’s Report

Expenses:

Communication: email (2), £27.60

Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400

Grant to Tynron WI - £200

Grant to Tynron Cake & Ceilidh towards cost of Hogmanay Ceilidh - £200

Gritting of Shinnel Glen for School Bus run - £792

Total Expenses £ 1,619.60

Income:

Refund for tree lights - £140

Foundations Scotland Annual ANCBC Grant - £4,000

DGC Admin Grant - £455.15

Festive Feast cash - £98.31

Total income £4,693.46

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £41,042.23 Cleared £41,042.23

Reserved Funding

£701.41 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, general admin costs)

£200.00 – Tynron Hall Grant (committed at meeting on 16/03/2023)

Considered Committed Funding at this time: £901.41

Immediately Available reserves : £40,140.82

Additional comments/requests:

Are we prepared to continue to pay TPHC £200 per month towards the running costs of the hall
The Community Council voted in favour of this.

The price of our business account with Google who host our email will increase from £13.60 per month to £18.00. this could be reduced to £12 if the TPHC account is removed.

It was agreed to leave it as is as once the new website is built it may have email hosting as part of the package.

11. Secretary's Report

We have received a grant request from Penpont Primary School to help them purchase an outdoor storage shed and additional equipment. It was agreed that we would donate £200 towards this.

We also agreed a further grant of £200 to the Thornhill Food Bank.

12. Update from (SKS) regarding Thornhill workshop on local healthcare.

(SKS) reported that whilst the meeting was well attended the outcome was that no community hospitals will be reopened as there are not the funds to staff and operate them.

13. Cloud Hill Windfarm

(SKS) has produced an objection to the proposed Cloud Hill windfarm to be submitted to the Scottish Government energy consents unit. (TJ) to implement.

It has been agreed that the community will be contacted this year regarding large developments such as windfarms and forestry to ensure that we are still representing the majority view.

14. AOCB

A member of the farming community asked about the windfarm money and how prescriptive the companies were with regards to spending. (MN) explained how every penny has to be accounted for and we must prove a community benefit for the spend. They thanked (MN) for managing to get gritting up the Glen on the School bus route funded saying it made a huge difference to them to be able to get machinery in and out when the road is frozen.

(LM) raised a letter she had received from the KPT trust regarding a local place plan they are intending to construct with the local place team from D&G council on behalf of Keir, Penpont and Tynron, either individually or combined. It invited TCC members to attend an introductory meeting with the hope that they would join the steering committee afterwards. It stated that it intended to go ahead with or without TCC support.

This was unanimously rejected, as the residents of Tynron had already voted to leave the JCBF and KPT and we had advised them they no longer represented us in any matters. **(TJ)** to circulate a reply to all for agreement before sending.

A member of the community raised the question of KPT events. Anyone can be an individual member of KPT, and any event KPT hold is open to anyone in the area, our leaving the KPT has not impacted that at all.

Flooding was also discussed in relation to Plot 2 Hen Hoose, and the fact that the plot flooded, but also the damage caused to the properties off Lannhall drive in Dec 22.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 8th April