

Approved Minutes 135

Tynron Community Council

Monday 8th April 2024 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

Present: Linda McDonald (**LM**); Keith Lewis (**KL**); Sue King-Smith (**SKS**); Mary Newbould (**MN**)
Paul Jolley (**PJ**) Tina Jolley (**TJ**)

1. **Apologies** - none all present

2. **Approval of TCC Minutes from 12th February 2024**

Proposed (**MN**) seconded (**LM**)

3. **Matters arising**

Keir have informed us that they are not taking part in the local place plan proposed by KPT.

4. **Forestry Corriedow update**

Grapevine email sent to community asking for any comments prior to the final plan being presented for Corriedow. No comments received by TCC since that date. Now awaiting update from Tom Tryon. Foresight have not contacted TCC re: Lamb Craigs and no application has been submitted to Scottish forestry yet.

5. **Memorial garden tree removal update**

2 quotes obtained for removal and pruning of trees in the memorial garden, and grinding out stumps. Richard Gauld has been chosen from the 2 tenders. It is hoped that the work will happen mid may. If anyone would like some of the pine that is being removed can you please let us know.

6. **Police report**

There was no report from the police prior to the meeting. **SKS** reported that she had found a pile of acrylic blankets lying up the glen, which she had reported.

7. **Planning**

Hen Hoose Plot 2 – the committee met on 21 st March. Application passed after some debate. The motion proposed by one member of the Committee was to defer the application for a full Flood risk assessment by SEPA. This was supported by our Councillor Tony Berretti but rejected by our other Councillor present, Jim Dempster. Sadly the motion was defeated and the application was passed with various conditions. The full report is on Dumgal Website.

There have been no other planning applications submitted for the parish.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Expenses:

Communication: email (1), £15.67

Monthly contribution to Hall running costs & maintenance - £400

Grant to Penpont Primary PA - £200

Grant to Food Initiative Thornhill - £200

Replacement Defib Pads - £49.20

ICO – Data protection - £35

Total Expenses £ 899.87

Income:

Total income £0

Balance

Our current bank balance is:

Uncleared £40,142.36 Cleared £40,142.36

Reserved Funding

£650.74 - DGC Admin Grant (Gmail, general admin costs)

£2,200.00 – Tynron Hall Grant (committed at meeting on 08/02/2024)

Considered Committed Funding at this time: £2,850.74

Immediately Available reserves : £37,291.62

Additional comments:

1. Tynron SWI. TCC received email from Tynron SWI thanking TCC for the £200 grant we awarded last year. This was used to help with speaker expenses & hall rental
For information

2. Wetherhill windfarm – SPR audit.

TCC have had an audit request related to projects entered on our 2022/2023 Annual Return and are collating the information required to comply with the audit request.

LM has ceased to be a signatory on the TCC bank account, **KL** is now the second signatory.

9. Secretary's Report

There was a small turnout for the annual litter pick this year. In hindsight we should not have held it on Easter Sunday.

Tynron in bloom, was suggested to add colour to the village in the form of planters placed by the benches around the village. Steve Price has offered to plant and tend these once arranged. TJ to source potential pots and share with the TCC for approval. It is also hoped others will join in by planting pots etc for all to enjoy.

10. Grant Applications

The Auld Alliance twinning group have asked for a grant of £200 to cover transportation costs for this years visit. This was approved

11. Update on website and Ideas for Tynron

PJ is taking over the lead for the ideas for Tynron working group and plans by the next meeting to have compiled a document to share. He is also working on the Oil share idea and will provide an update.

He has approached 3 companies about designing our new website, all who currently have provided community council websites before and is waiting for replies to share with TCC.

12. Update from introduction to shared ownership event in Sanquhar

The first part of meeting was a presentation about Ccs DTs, etc buying shares in windfarms. Since July 2023 Windfarm companies should have been offering the share option. This should not affect/impact on the offer of Community Benefit funding. An investment of millions of £s would be involved with all the normal risks of investment. Second half involved discussion about what Community Benefit communities should be asking for and perhaps standardising rules around amounts, etc. Definitely a general feeling in the room that communities should be able to choose to have the funds to spend on their own projects rather than have windfarms implement projects or dictate what the community needed.

SKS spoke about Energy Local: the idea of a local group of residents using locally produced energy\electricity and getting their energy more cheaply, while the local energy producers - currently hydropower generators - get paid more for their product. This would be possible through economies of scale, as all participants would have the same energy supplier (eg Octopus). This could be part of the “ideas for Tynron” energy plan?

13. Hall update and phone box renovation

Hopefully everyone has noticed the lovely bright shiny painted phone box. The next stage is to get the replacement plain glass installed and move forward with the fused glass project. There is a meeting on 11th April to discuss and select the designs ready for a workshop on 27th April to make the panels. So far there are 9 willing participants who have entered designs including children.

Following an initial flood risk survey, TPHC will be discussing options as it appears to be unlikely that Planning permission will be granted for the much needed additional storage.

14. AOCB

PJ mentioned a dry stone walling course on 20th & 21st April in Loch Arthur, places were limited but if anyone in the community would like to attend a course please email TCC and we'll get dates for other events.

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 10th June