

Approved Meeting Minutes 124

Tynron Community Council AGM

Monday 10th October 2022 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

1. Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS); Linda McDonald (LM); Keith Lewis (KL); Peigi Romano (PR), Mary Newbould (MN); Paul Jolly (PJ), Tina Jolley (TJ), Sharon Irvine (SI) Tony Berretti (TB), councillor, D&G Council, Members of the public)

2. Apologies: Nil

3. Approval of minutes from AGM Monday 20th September 2021 Proposed: LM Seconded: PR

4. Appointment of elected community councillors for the Casual Vacancy Election

Note from Jill Burgess, Returning Officer to welcome Paul, Sharon, Tina and welcome back to Peigi as official member

5. Annual Report from Chair (SKS)

A busy year. All ordinary meetings plus 4 extras: KPT Review, Appin Windfarm, Ideas for Tynron,

KPT Tynron

1. Storm Arwen: great thanks to Community Resilience team and all volunteers who helped clear mighty damage

Damage from storm, thanks to the community volunteers.

2. Milnton Road saw much felling after Storm Arwen and its Copse was proposed to be cleared

by Robert Hall; much protest by Tynron residents. This has stalled for time being. Robert Hall wanted to sell.

3. Windfarms: Sanquhar 2 (S2) windfarm: thanks to Sue Hall for raising money to engage a QC

to present a good case, and for spearheading the fight. Sadly Sue Hall has had to retire from ill health. We would like to thank Sue Hall for all her work over the years.

a. S2 inquiry, Oct-Nov21; no result one year later.

b. Windy Rig com ben settled (around April) at ~£18k (equally split, TCC and TPHC)

c. Appin windfarm proposed (24 Mar22): a Tynron EGM (9 Jun), & public exhibition by Statkraft (8 Sep).

- d. Mochrum Fell (Corsock) inquiry: windfarm turned down Sep 2022
4. 'Parnassus Hill' (aka Lamb Craigs/Fiddlers Moss/Auchenbrack woodland creation) sold by Sweerts to Foresight ("Sustainable Forestry company") July 2021; met Ted Downs, their forestry manager, in Feb 2022 online, attended July 2022 CC mtg. An independent ecology report paid for by 4 Tynron residents, soon to be received.
5. Ideas for Tynron Day (mid-June); 36% of voting sheets issued voted. Ideas will be reviewed by CC and the most feasible of the most popular will be adopted for taking forward.
6. Casual vacancy election: in June SH retired (big thanks to her, & to Linda for taking on Sec'y), CC short of people; decided on Casual Vacancy Election in Sep, but 4 (out of 6) nominations validated so no need for election. CC now: KL, LM, MN, PR (full member), SKS, plus Tina & Paul Jolley & Sharon Irvine.
7. Potpath: public access to the river along this path between 3 Kirk Cottages and the Hall was confirmed in Sep 2022. Still one issue (access to path from carpark) to be resolved.
8. KPT:
- a. 14.03.22 meeting re KPT Review in Tynron; Review still in draft.
- b. All KPT CCs decided to reduce payments to JCBF to a min of 40%.
- c. Café, hydro and Hub continue; Affordable Housing continues to debate a suitable plot (first one to be in Penpont)
- d. New KPT directors: Fiona Diamond (Keir, not Tynron), Ada Budzisz (Tynron), Kerry Grierson and Dave Hirst (Penpont). Mel Teale (Penpont) resigned.
- e. 9 ebikes bought, based in Penpont
- f. slow progress with Active Travel Path (Penpont-Thornhill). Home Energy Efficiency meeting to be held in Keir, 20 Oct 2022 at 5pm.
- g. community garden: June 2021 Fiona Diamond of Barr Farm had the idea of a plot in Tynron. Bridgend in Penpont the only site so far, going well.
- h. Tynron working group meeting (9 Oct22) to look at KPT purpose, history, structure and issues to decide if and how Tynron should stay in KPT (JCBF); soon to be voted on.
9. Tynron boundaries currently being queried, with possibility that the Scaur Glen houses will go to Penpont.

10. Tynron events:

a. Christmas events limited due to Covid, but we did have 'Lights & Carols' and 'Light up Tynron': thanks to organisers for these.

b. Platinum Jubilee celebrated with outdoor lunch; thanks to organisers

c. No other 'summer event' or harvest festival but should perhaps think of this next year

11. Choo's bench replaced (Choo previously lived in Stenhouse)

12. Speeding through Tynron: DGC did not agree to 20mph limit, nor to moving the 30mph sign

further up the hill. Ongoing.

13. War memorial: planters ready to go, cleaning should happen before 11 Nov.

14. Timber traffic: R Gladstone felled & extracted all timber from Lann Hill. No SW all summer.

Potholes: still dreadful. No progress. Many of the potholes have been present for >2 years.

6. Appointment of office bearers

Treasurer: Mary Newbould

Secretary: Tina Jolley

Chair: Sue King-Smith

Vice Chair: Keith Lewis

7. Treasurer's Report and Independently examined and certified Statement of Accounts

Proposed: SKS

Seconded: LM

Accounts examined by Robert Waugh

See additional attachment as Appendix:

This financial statement is prepared in support of the TCC AGM on 10/10/2022.

A formal examination of accounts has been completed by Robert Waugh the appointed auditor for

these accounts as agreed at the TCC AGM on 18/09/2021.

The accounts were signed off as being correct on 23/09/2022

Funds at 01/04/2021: £4,477.77

Income: £23,037.59

Expenditure: £5,366.45

Carried Forward Balance: £22,148.91 (including reserved/committed funding)

Committed Reserves: £9,132.98

Available Balance: £13,015.93

The breakdown of Income and Expenditure is shown on the attached Balance Sheet (BS).

The following considerations should be taken into account when reviewing the BS:

1. The accounts are in a positive position, with income substantially exceeding expenditure for this financial year, and an increase in funds of £17,670.33 over the 12 month period.

2. INCOME:

The income is a substantially increase on previous financial years as due to a delay in the payment of the 2020/2021 Wetherhill Windfarm Community funding, we received two years payments of Wetherhill funding (2021/2022 and 2022/2023) from Scottish Power Renewables during this financial year. The delay was caused by the protracted renegotiation of the agreement with Scottish Power Renewables.

TCC also received the annual windfarm payment from ANCBC & the annual grant for DGC towards any administrative costs.

3. EXPENDITURE:

Expenditure is lower than the previous year by £5,620.36. Mainly due to:

- The TCC annual payment to KPT Joint Community Benefit Fund was not paid during this FY*
- Covid reduced the amount of functions that have taken place.*

3.1 Major expenditure on assets included:

- 2 benches supplied by Solway recycling, 2 wooden tubs to be placed by the War Memorial, replacement visibility mirror for road end and Community Resilience, all equipment funded from the Wetherhill windfarm grant.*
- Covid equipment funded by carried forward 2020/2021 DGC Covid grant*

£1,979.45

3.2 Revenue expenditure: the cost of running Christmas events was covered by Wetherhill windfarm funding and administration expenses by DGC Administration grant

£487.00

3.3 Grants awarded:

ANCBC: Each year we apply for a £2000 revenue grant from ANCBC (Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company – formed to distribute Harestanes Windfarm benefit funding). This funding has a restricted spend and can be used to award small local grants. It is awarded in September based on our satisfactory completed return for the previous years' spend. It is a stipulation of the grant that the income and expenditure are both shown separately on the Balance Sheet with credit carried forward to following TCC FY.

- Subsidised use of the hall for TCC events & local groups.
- Grants were also awarded to Dalgarno Singers, in memory of John Cowdery, and Tynron WI

Wetherhill Windfarm funding:

- Grant towards the running costs of our hall to assist with the shortfall in income due to lack of activities/groups using the hall during this period.

. £2900.00

4 RESERVED/COMMITTED FUNDING:

- Wetherhill Windfarm: two years' payments of the annual commitment to KPT Joint Community Benefit Fund.

o 2021/2022 Payment: Due to a delay in the 2020/2021 by Penpont CC, it was decided that TCC would withhold their 2021/2022 payment until Penpont CC were able to contribute their 2020/2021 payment

o 2022/2023 Payment: This is based on the previous year's Wetherhill windfarm payment. Therefore 40% of the 2021/2022 Wetherhill payment is held in reserves

- ANCBC 2021/2022 grant: Carry forward of £900 into 2022/2023

£9,132.98

5 CHANGE TO PAYMENTS TO KPT JOINT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND:

The annual payment to KPT Joint community benefit Fund (KPTJCBF) has been reduced.

Previously all 3 CCs paid 66% of their total windfarm income to KPT JCBF. Under the new

agreement Community Councils will pay a minimum of 40% of their total windfarm income EXCLUDING the £2000 ANCBC Harestanes windfarm funding.

8. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts

Robert Waugh

Consensus to buy him a gift

9. Confirmation of dates and times of future Meetings and month on which the AGM is to be held

Suggestions regarding a different time of the year

Possibilities to make it July - Supported

Meetings of the 3rd Monday of odd numbered Months (Jan, March, May, July, September, November)

10. Any other competent business:

a) Discussions around geopolitical issues around renewable energy, private solar powered units

with TB.

b) Concern over blocked field drain/overflow from Auchengibbert. Work under way authorised by Madge/Hugh Rorison.

c) Unsafe tree around the back track.

d) SKS: Remembrance Day arrangements. Wreath arranged, laying of wreath organised. 11am on 13th. LM to organise

SKS, PR: Cleaning of the war memorial

Planting of Planters: MN will arrange

e) Festive feast on 4th December. Arranged by Hall Committee To be funded by the CC.

Festive Feast 4/12: 5-course meal, local produce, vegetarian option. Usually £5 per head.

Subsidised by the community council. Jill front of house, Peigi to help with decorating. £800 to come from the CC.

f) Carols: 27th November versus 11th December. Thornhill shopping on 27th November.

To be held on 11th December: Mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas lights, Carols, competition

g) PR/SKS: Warm space events (name to be dropped as worries around labelling).

Ideas around events once per week.

Rock painting sessions – kids, adults. 1-4pm afternoon. Date TBC (Sat Nov 26th afternoon).

Need to check with Jill regarding hall.

Small paintbrushes and acrylic paints.

Hall fairy lights not working

Meeting closed.