

Tynron Community Council

Annual General Meeting

Draft minutes 138

Monday 16th September 2024 7.30pm Tynron Parish Hall

Present: Sue King-Smith (SKS); Keith Lewis (KL); Mary Newbould (MN); Paul Jolley (PJ), Tina Jolley (TJ), A Member of the public

Welcome from the chair: KL welcomed all to the annual general meeting of the Tynron Community Council

Apologies: None all present.

Approval of minutes from AGM 28th September 2023

MN proposed the minutes and TJ seconded them.

Annual Report from Chair

Memorial Garden

Alastair Davies, who kindly cares for the garden, expressed concern about the condition of 3 large pines at the back of the garden, and pointed out other shrubs, cherries etc that need pruning. A report was obtained from a tree surgeon who recommended that the pines should be felled and also outlined work that should be undertaken to open up the garden area. Planning permission was required as the trees are in the conservation area. Unfortunately, this did not arrive in time for the work to be undertaken before the field being used for the operation had been reseeded. The work can still go ahead but it must be postponed until spring 25.

It is hoped that the clearance work undertaken in the Garden will allow the Coronation Tree to be planted in this area and that it might become a pleasant place for residents to gather.

Christmas events

- **Carols and Mulled Wine with musical entertainment** Thanks to all involved in organising the event which was on a Friday evening due to other events on nearby Sundays. Feedback was that a Sunday evening is a better time.
- **Light Up Tynron competition** — Thanks to Peigi Romano for encouraging people to enter the competition and to all competitors.
- **Festive Feast** – The Feast was very successful and was fully booked with 35 people attending for the meal provided by an outside caterer. Mary liaised with the Caterers and did shopping. Jill & Jane decorated tables and organised the front of house.

Lamb Craigs Woodland

Early in the year we were informed that the design was being reviewed. The owners Foresight Sustainable Forestry has been sold to ARIZONA BIDCO LTD and a plan

has now been submitted to Scottish Forestry. It does not contain the amenities promised, still includes deer fencing, no change has been made to access to the site, and they still have not finalised agreement to use the HoV route to extract timber. TCC have commented as have several members of the community.

Tynron Website

There have been a number of security issues regarding the Tynron Website which have required considerable time and effort to resolve and the site has been up-dated recently including the addition of Community Council Minutes. 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. Options for updating are being explored.

Ideas for Tynron Group

The group had concluded that before we could build a development plan there was a need to get engagement in community projects, based on the ideas for Tynron. 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 a community oil scheme, and a long term vision which may require consultation from external stakeholders once decided.

Planning

Concerns were expressed by residents regarding the new planning application for the Hen Hoose plot 2 site in relation to the flooding issue on the site which was visible in Dec 2022 when that part of the village flooded. The TCC therefore objected to the application. The application was passed after some debate in Committee.

Planters

Thanks to all involved in preparing the planters and providing a lovely display of flowers around the War Memorial, bridge and village through the year.

Resilience Team

Thanks for all their work throughout the year- such as cleaning drains before heavy rain events, reporting hazards like fallen trees to the D & G Council and the Community etc.

Corriedow Forestry Planting

TCC was represented by the only 2 members able to attend the site visit organised by Alec's agent, It provided the opportunity to discuss the scheme with particular reference to issues that would affect other members of the community, mainly more clarity on the access route for plant/machinery & eventual timber extraction & the issue/impact of deer fencing. As a result the plans were amended with the exact extraction route shown. The outcome was discussed at the following TCC meeting. For the purpose of clarity, at no point did TCC state that it was against the scheme & there was no intention to object to it.

Finally, I would like to thank all TCC members for all their hard work on behalf of the Community and particularly for the support they have given each other over the years. I would like to give a special mention to Linda MacDonald who has served the Tynron community tirelessly. Finally, I am pleased there is to be a new TCC and I wish them all the best in their efforts.

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

Tynron Community Council

Financial Statement for the year 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

This financial statement is prepared in support of the TCC AGM on 16/09/2024.

A formal examination of accounts has NOT YET been completed by Robert Waugh the appointed

auditor for these accounts as agreed at the TCC AGM on 10/10/2022.

The accounts will be presented to Robert Waugh after this meeting.

Funds at 01/04/2023 : £33,569.16

Income: £15,929.28

Expenditure: £9,156.08

Carried Forward Balance: £40,342.36 (including reserved/committed funding)

Reserved & Committed spending (see below): £26,650.72

Available Balance: £13,691.64

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 £6,773.20 over the 12 month period.

2. INCOME:

1. The annual Wetherhill Windfarm payment from Scottish Power Renewables increased from £10,129.86 to £11,150.63.

2. The annual windfarm payment from ANCBC increased this FY from £2000 to £4000

per annum. Each year TCC apply to Foundation Scotland for this annual grant. 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 remaining credit deducted from the following year's allocation.

3. Annual grant for DGC towards any administrative costs.

Funding from Windyrigg Windfarm via Foundation Scotland will be paid in FY 2024/2025

following receipt of the 2023/2024 Annual Report & examined accounts.

3. EXPENDITURE:

Allocation of windfarm funding this FY is based on WindyRigg income from 2022/2023, SPR

Wetherhill Income from FY 2023/2024 and ANCBC funding across both years

Expenditure is marginally less than the previous year mainly due to:

The withdrawal from KPTJCBF in 2022/2023 no annual payment was due this FY.

The savings were used to provide

- Additional community resilience:
- road gritting for the school bus run
- flood damage restoration & equipment
- grants were offered to members of the community to install flood defences.

Cover event expenditure:

- Coronation event
- Outside caterers for Festive Feast
- Christmas events
- Restoration of the War Memorial & surrounding stoneworks.

3.1 Revenue expenditure:

3.1.1 the cost of running Coronation event, Festive Feast & Christmas events was

covered by SPR Wetherhill windfarm funding & Community income

3.1.2 the cost of additional community resilience activity – gritting school bus route (not covered by DGC), Flood prevention & restoration activity was covered by SPR Wetherhill windfarm funding & Windyrigg windfarm funding

3.1.3 the cost of restoration of the War Memorial was provided by WindyRigg Windfarm funding

3.1.4 administration expenses were covered by DGC Administration grant

£5317.68

3.2 Grants awarded:

ANCBC Funding:

- Subsidised use of the hall for TCC events & local groups.
- Grants were also awarded to Tynron WI, Penpont Primary School, Cake & Ceilidh Club towards Hogmanay ceilidh band, Thornhill Food Initiative (foodbank)

WindyRigg Windfarm funding:

- Subsidised use of the hall for TCC events & local groups.
- Grants to Thornhill Food Initiative (food bank)

£3,800.00

3.3 Sundry expenses:

poppy wreath £38.40

4 RESERVED/COMMITTED FUNDING:

- Wetherhill Windfarm: Reserved funding of £13,593.09 from previous years underspend

plus £8457.63 from 2023/2024 underspend. Total **£22,050.72**

- ANCBC 2023/2024 grant: Carry forward into 2024/2025 £2,400.00
- Committed to TPHC to subsidise Tynron Hall use for local groups & events

£2,200.00

£26,650.72

Mary Newbould

Treasurer Tynron Community Council AGM Report 16/09/2024

Balance Sheet

	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23	2023/24
INCOME				
Brought Forward	£22,148.91	£33,569.16		
SPR Wetherhill Windfarm	£10,129.86	£11,150.63		
Windyrigg Windfarm	£9,000.00	£0.00		
ANCBC Annual Local	£2,000.00	£4,000.00		
DGC Grants	£455.15	£455.15		
Repayment Septic Tank loan	£507.37	£0.00		
Other - income from events & refunds from purchases	£195.00	£323.50		

EXPENDITURE				
Admin Expenses			£495.30	£259.56
TOTAL Grants Awarded:			£3,700.00	£3,800.00
<i>Local Community Grants: 2022/23 Wetherhill 2023/24</i>			£1,600.00	£1,400.00
<i>ANCBC - Local Group</i>			£2,100.00	£2,400.00
TOTAL Function Costs:			£1,326.94	£2,354.10
<i>SPR Community Funded Events</i>			£1,197.94	£2,285.26
<i>Community funding</i>			£129.00	£68.84
Windyrigg - War Memorial			£0.00	£1,455.08
Windyrigg - CR funding			£0.00	£841.20
Wetherhill - CR Equip			£652.25	£407.74
KPTJCBF Windfarm			£4,086.46	£0.00
TCC Loan re septic tank			£507.33	£0.00
Other - gifts, wreath,			£98.85	£38.40
Carried Forward			£10,867.13	£9,156.08
	£44,436.29	£49,498.44	£44,436.29	£49,498.44
BALANCE IN BANK			£33,569.16	£40,342.36
CASH IN HAND			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL C/F			£33,569.16	£40,342.36

Appointment of independent examiner of accounts

As there is a new community council it was felt appropriate that they should nominate their own auditor.

Any other competent business

Ordinarily dates and times for the years meetings ahead would have been posted at this point, however as there is a new community council they will decided when to hold their meetings and notify the community once this has been decided.