

Minutes of Tynron Community Council meeting, Monday 28 November 2011,
7.30pm

Present: Colin, George, Elaine, Bryan, Madge, Sue, Alec.

Apologies: Rona, Andrew Wood, Steven Wylie.

Approval of minutes of 25 July 2011; proposed by Brian, seconded by George.

Matters arising:

- Roads. Steven Wylie had been unable to get to the meeting, so Colin will ask him to come on another evening before the next meeting in January, and Sue will email the community with the date when arranged. 2 more grit bins have been promised; it was decided that these, if they materialise, should be strategically placed near steep parts of the road. Colin Maxwell asked for a 3rd bin to be positioned on Quarry Brae, but pointed out that there is so much water running down the brae that the grit might be wasted. Sue suggested that community members might take responsibility for clearing drains and ditches and filling potholes, in return for some recompense from DGC. Colin pointed out that if community members were to fill in potholes, this would need doing about once a month; Alec was worried about the insurance angle on this. Various people suggested we might at least clear drains and ditches.
- Main Street drains: this problem has now been resolved.
- Bench: is now in place.
- Trees on roads into Tynron: Madge will consult with Bob Green, the DGC man now responsible.
- Kirk: George reported that the owners, Tods Murray, have organised the re-leading of the roof and a plasterer is repairing the damp patches and plans to replaster the whole inside. Tods Murray plan to renovate Tynron and Keir churches and give them back to the Church of Scotland for community use.
- The Hallowe'en Children's Party and the Created Coffee Morning went well.
- Windfarms. Alec said that Tynron is not within the benefit area for Blackcraig but is for the Quantans windfarm, which is likely to have £450-500k pa to split between 20 councils. DGC want half the fund, but EON (the owners) want to give it all to the community. Madge said we could get a tarring machine, and Elaine thought a gritter too.

Other windfarms in the area:

- Twentyshilling Hill (Carronbridge) has had a meeting to which Tynron was not invited; Bryan and Alec will investigate this with a letter from the TCC, as Tynron must be within the catchment area for benefits.
- George has had messages re windfarms on Harestanes and at Auchencairn. Mary pointed out that the DGC objects to several windfarms on grounds of detriment to tourism, and windfarm owners can sometimes railroad them through Scottish Executive
- Administrative expenses grant: Colin needs the TCC accounts audited to apply for this. Mary agreed to do the auditing.

- Christmas Lights will be switched on at 5.30pm on Sunday 11 December. George and Alastair will find a tree; Terry will help if he's here, Colin if not. Colin will see if John Cowdery's free. Madge will ask Marchbanks in Thornhill for mince pies. Margaret will make some shortbread. Mary will provide mulled wine, and ask Jane and Dave if they would like to provide some music. There are carol sheets in the hall, and enough paper cups in the kitchen. There will be a collection for the Thornhill Hospital.

Hall Matters.

- Linda reported that 2 air-to-air heaters had been installed in the Hall, but that we needed feedback on how they were working to be able to work out optimum fan speed and temperatures and to programme them to come on at appropriate times for regular hall functions. Terry had read the meter when they were installed so we should be able to calculate how much electricity they are using. Frank said that the temperature had been fine for the bowlers.
- There would be a Hogmanay ceilidh, with no sitdown meal, just light refreshments in interval: tickets from Terry and Mary at £10 for adults and £5 for children.

Secretary's report and correspondence: nothing.

Treasurer's Report: Total in funds £3,830.90.

AOCB:

Colin noted that the premium for insurance for the TCC needed to be paid; Sue would see if she had any relevant paperwork

Margaret was thanked for her fundraising for the Poppy appeal, which made £192.

Elaine pointed out that SRDP might provide funds towards road maintenance: she, Colin and Sue would investigate.

The next meeting will be held on 30 January 2012.