

## **TORTHORWALD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)**

(TCC area: Collin, Dargavel, Douievale, Elizafield, Greenlea, Isle of Man, Racks, Roucan & Torthorwald).

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Torthorwald Village Hall**

Present: Mr Bob Watson (Chairman), Mrs Pauline Dear (Treasurer), Mrs Lindsay Florey (Secretary) Mrs Betty Paisley, Mrs Marisa McAdam, Ms Moira Weatherup, Mr Bill Hitchens, Mrs Cath Mundell, Mr Mark Hughes, Mr John Carson, Police Constable Chris Trosh

Apologies: Mr Miller Cameron, Mrs Lesley Gordon,

Also Present: Cllr. Colonel John Charteris, Cllr Ivor Hyslop, Mrs Agnes Carson, Mr Bill Meadows OBE, Ms. Jennifer Irvine and 6 pupils and parents from Collin school.

### **WELCOME**

Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Negotiations are taking place with the landlord re the siting of a bench on Hemplands footpath.

Mark Hughes will speak to Mr John Campbell re his joining the community council.

There are no further ideas for the 'phone box in Collin at present.

Repair of the Cruck cottage is progressing well. The insurance company has given the go-ahead, the electrics have been repaired, chimney repair and rethatching should take place within weeks with the aim to reopen in May.

There has been no response to reports re the malfunction of the underpass lighting in Collin. LF to speak to Derek Hextall to see if he can help. The underpass has been cleaned.

Bob has been in touch with Police Scotland re the speedwatch initiative. It would be necessary for the community council to purchase fluorescent jackets. The police would have input to follow up those identified as speeding.

### **POLICE REPORT**

There have been several road traffic offences within Collin and Dumfries.

There is a campaign against all hate crime about to start nationally.

Emphasis was placed to be aware of bogus callers (particularly prevalent at this time of year) and notify the police of any suspicions.

## **COLLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Acting head teacher Ms Jennifer Irvine and 3 children accompanied by parents, gave a presentation on their hopes and plans for participation in the 'Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign'. They have identified issues for change and improvement – school notice board, litter, speeding and dangerous driving around the school, problems with the Collin underpass, dog fouling etc. They would like to consider a local food box to help those struggling and perhaps reduce road travel to the shops. Local planters are also under consideration.

The initial plan is to set up a working group and Betty, Pauline and Cath expressed a willingness to be involved. They might look for match funding from the community council for any ventures but might also seek donations.

PC Kennedy Anderson is involved in discussions re use of speed cameras around the school.

Keep Scotland Beautiful have guidelines and visiting assessors.

Cllr. Colonel John Charteris brought the CC's attention to planned participatory budgeting and ward events. He suggested a presentation from the school children might carry great weight. Cllr. Ivor Hyslop indicated that participatory budgeting might be 1% of the council budget and that further information could be obtained through Derek Hextall. (LM to contact).

Bob emphasised the community council's role as a facilitator for communication.

## **SPEED WARNING SIGNS**

Pauline has obtained lots of quotes (varying from around £5000+ VAT to £2800). It may be best to use an existing lamp post and tap into mains electricity. Solar powered signs are more expensive although the community council would like to use green energy if possible.

LM suggested Pauline contacted Douglas Anderson at Glencaple as they have already installed signs and might be able to advise re pitfalls.

Pauline will continue to investigate costs etc.

## **COLLIN DEFIBRILLATOR**

Funding application response awaited.

## **WINDFARM APPLICATIONS**

Applications for funding are greater than the money available. After much discussion it was agreed to fund all the applications in full except that from the cycle club. Money to enable full funding to come from community council itself or 200 club. Simon McColm attended the meeting on behalf of the cycle club and it was agreed that as they were able to make a sizeable profit and donation to charity last year, it was inappropriate for windfarm funding to be given upfront. It was agreed that deficit funding up to the £500 would be available should they require this.

It was agreed that those applying to and being allocated funds would be given clarity re ANCBC rules and that evidence of appropriate use of the money was necessary with receipts and return of unused funding to the community council.

Match funding for Collin school Keep Scotland Beautiful cannot come from ANCBC but the community council are happy to consider this when projects identified.

Women's Rural - £200 for table cloths and polo shirts

Torthorwald hall - £400 for speakers and microphones

Cruck Cottage - £250 to enhance heating

Torthorwald Community Fund (for playpark) - £500 for playground equipment

Collin Village Hall - £300 for replacement carpet in the meeting room

Collin Gala – £500 to help with running of the gala.

Torthorwald Cycle Club - £500 deficit funding

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

It was agreed that a trip to Dumfries House would be an ideal senior citizens summer outing. The date of 11<sup>th</sup> August was agreed. Cath to find cost for groups to take a tour of the house and Lindsay to seek bus company quotes.

### **PLANNING**

David Handley applying to erect an extension at Roucan Byre, Torthorwald. JandJ Currie's application to extend sand and gravel quarry at Mid Dargavel granted conditionally.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Current Bank balance £4676.55 - including £2000 ANCBC grant to be distributed and £2000 D&G safety fund grant towards cost of speed signs Torthorwald.

No income

Expenses £256

£2000 awaited from 200 club for Christmas meal costs.

Online banking forms being completed.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Communication:

March newsletter Scottish Rural Transport

3<sup>rd</sup> sector D&G funding – The Garfield Weston Foundation grants might help village halls etc. LM to forward to community council members and Bill Meadows. Closing date 30.6.18

Sustrans grant for safe and desirable travel infrastructure.

Defibrillator suppliers

Galloway National Park Association –membership for those who wish £5. Presentation at Dumfries museum April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

Licensing consultation D&G

SNH newsletter – focus on young people and use of plastics – LM to send to school

Keep Britain Tidy information

Review of Scheme of Community Council phase 3 consultation – feedback by 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
Final amended scheme to be presented to council on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Aberlour policy update.

Health and Social care Newsletter – keep active.

### **AOCB**

The current issues with recycling planning in the region were mentioned although there is no clarity.

Our resilience plan needs to be updated and issues with storage and access to equipment in Collin highlighted this – to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Local farmers have once again provided great support during the recent snow.

Betty suggested a local memorial for Dan McKie (perhaps a bench) . Further discussion to take place.

Bill agreed to keep the community council informed of discussions at the Older people's Consultative Group. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 midday.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm . next meeting Collin Village Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm .