

TORTHORWALD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)

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

Monday 18th June 2018

Collin Village Hall

Present: Bob Watson (Chairman), Lindsay Florey (secretary), John Carson, Betty Paisley, Lesley Gordon, Bill Hitchens, Miller Cameron, John Campbell.

Apologies: Pauline Dear, Marisa McAdam, Moira Weatherup, Cath Mundell, Mark Hughes

Also Present: Cllr Ivor Hyslop, Bill Meadows MBE. Nessie Carson, Police Constable Alistair Hope

Matters Arising.

- No update Collin underpass lighting – now only 1 light working. Lindsay to contact Derek Hextall. Also new fly tipping in Greenlea to be reported and overgrowth of vegetation on footpath Greenlea to Collin.
- Collin School – Keep Scotland Beautiful – letter from Jennifer Irvine thanking us for congratulatory letter and asking for dates to meet re KSB. Parent and pupil members now in place. Pauline and Betty to contact school. Headteacher to be added to circulation list of agendas and minutes.
- Torthorwald Community Group photograph – idea to be put on back burner at present.
- Collin bus shelter – feedback awaited from David Morton.

Co-option of John Campbell to TCC.

John Campbell was unanimously co-opted onto the community council, with voting rights.

Police Report – Constable Alistair Hope.

There is a fire-arms amnesty for 2 weeks. Ongoing awareness and reporting of telephone scams and suspicious behaviour to be encouraged.

Aldtree Road plans.

Summary report from Derek Hextall detailing recent meeting with himself, Derek Crichton (Director Communities), Alistair Speedie (Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure – EEI), Cllr Jeff Leaver and Cllr Ivor Hyslop, Ken Drewitt (roads dept.), Tony Topping (roads dept.) and Betty, Pauline and Lindsay from TCC. Proposal to re-determine the road as a cycle path with temporary road closure followed by formal planning and consultation. All on the community council were greatly in favour of the proposals.

There had been overnight travellers the previous week but no issues. Bob raised the question of a possible surveillance camera in the Collin underpass because of the new fly tipping. Lindsay to liaise with council.

Memorial Bench .

As the community group have returned their cheque for upgrading the playground in Torthorwald, it was agreed to go ahead with the plans for the memorial bench. Margaret McKie has requested that the plaque read : Dan McKie 1941-2018 King of the Road. Black 3 spar bench with arms to be purchased from Solway recycling at £399.60 including concrete fixings.

Speed Warning Signs.

A ward event is in the process of being arranged to discuss road safety issues. A second meeting with Alistair Speedie's roads team is also planned to discuss location of the signs, purchase and what exactly they should display. Lindsay to liaise with Bob and Bill Meadows.

Donna Rae had raised the issue of 19 children needing bus transport from Torthorwald to Heathhall primary school after the summer, and the extreme danger at the bus stops. This is to be discussed at the ward events.

Community Newsletter.

It was agreed to insert some information re the resilience plan. New storage and equipment needed in Collin as shed falling down and equipment stolen. Lindsay to contact council re replacement equipment. Torthorwald needs a new salt bin and this is to be raised at the ward event.

Senior Citizens' Outing.

McCall's coach booked. Bob agreed to contact Cath Mundell as invitations need to go out ASAP to allow finalisation of plans at the next CC meeting.

Planning.

- Mr and Mrs Hutchison The Manor, Torthorwald. Renewal of previously approved plan for erection of dwelling house and formation of access.
- Dundas chemical co. Mossbank, Annan Road – erection of shed.
- John Gibson and sons, Elizafield – erection of framed shed.

Treasurers' Report.

- McCall's bill for last year's senior citizens trip just received.
- Windfarm cheques returned from Torthorwald community group and Collin Gala group.
- Discussion took place as to whether windfarm money that had been returned could contribute to the speed cameras. Lindsay and Pauline to check the rules and circulate.
- Error in statement of finances last month – balance should have read £4491.55
- June 18 balance - £4491.55. No income or expenditure this month.

Secretary's Report.

- Letter from Fiona Mackinnon requesting support for Maggie's centre at DGRI. Lindsay to write for further information before letter of support sent. Concerns raised re current support centre for cancer patients and possible duplication of services, cost to NHS, and whether services were only for cancer and not other progressive illnesses.
- Letter from Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme – not relevant to TCC.
- Galloway National Park information meetings – list circulated to members.
- Community choices funding applications information received – for participatory budgeting events.
- D&G Youth Work Summer programme circulated to all.
- ANCBC AGM 28TH June 6.30pm, St George's Church Hall.
- SNH May newsletter – Circulated.

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- Donna Rae, Torthorwald, had raised the question of the green area at the corner of Castle View Terrace being converted to a parking area. Lindsay to contact Derek Hextall as to ownership of the land.
- Land next to Collin Hall in need of grass cutting. Discussion took place as to whether the community could be responsible for this and playing field in Torthorwald etc. Lindsay to request 'Street Scene' attend a CC meeting for information.
- The welcome leaflet needs to be updated. Pauline, Lindsay and Moira to liaise.
- Betty showed CC beautiful leaflets of walks around Kirkmahoe - ? consider production of leaflets for our CC area.
- Nessie Carson requested people contact her if the Hemplands footpath needs to be cut. Agreed article with photographs in CC Newsletter.

Meeting Closed at 21.04

Next Meeting: 16th July Torthorwald Village Hall, 7.30pm