TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE AGM AND OCTOBER MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 17th OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT – Robert McClelland, Ewart McAuslane, Elma Mitchell, chris McCallion, Elizabeth Young, John Mitchell, Ian Millar, Alex Robertson, Ian Gordon, Mick Taylor, Tom Allan, Melanie White, Damian Sherwood-Johnston, Robert McAulay.

In attendance – L Baillie, Donald Balsillie, Bobby McGill, Martha Bennie, Jane Edwards, John Biggam, two members of the public.

APOLOGIES – Billy Shepherd, Archie Drummond

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – CMcC opened the AGM and thanked Lesley Baillie for both attending the meeting but also for her help and advice over the years. This would be his last meeting as Chair and as a member of the CC. He referred to the excellent levels of activity over the last year with the Gala, the new Xmas Lights, the Community Plan preparation and many other things. He thanked the CC members, the four Councillors in the T,C and D area and wished everyone all the best in the future.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – the accounts had been circulated and EMcA went through the four accounts one by one –

OVER 70’S ACCOUNT – He referred to the fact that the provision of a meal on the Annual Trip has almost cleared the account. The Sundry Trust money due to come from the Council will replenish the account. He was asked to write to the Council asking when the transfer of the funds will be made. The accounts were approved – proposed by RMcC, seconded by JM.

XMAS LIGHTS ACCOUNT – The balance in the account comprises a combination of the 2017 contribution of £2,500 from the EDF Burnhill Fund and money held on behalf of the Tilly Ladies. The accounts were approved – proposed by IG, seconded by EY.

GALA ACCOUNT – EMcA referred to the significant shortfall from the 2017 Gala. He advised the CC that he has submitted an application to the EDF Burnfoot Hill Fund asking them to meet any shortfall in the finances of the 2018 Gala. He stressed the need to increase the number of volunteers with a view to raising the income, particularly from donations. The accounts were approved, proposed by IG, seconded by MT.

MAIN ACCOUNT – EMcA referred to the extraordinary level of income and expenditure in an organisation which exists on an annual income of £600.

**It** was, he said, a testament to the efforts from CC members, Tilly Ladies and Archie Drummond raising money and bidding for and getting income for War Memorial refurbishment, Community Plan production, Micro and Solar Farm income. The accounts were approved - proposed by IM seconded by RMcC

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

CMcC thanked everyone again for their support and invited Lesley Baillie to take the Chair to see the new Chairperson installed. LB did so and congratulated the CC on the way it operated and the level of local and County wide community activity it generated.

CHAIRPERSON – EY proposed DS-J and this was seconded by IM. DS-J was elected unopposed.

DS-J assumed the Chair and asked for nominations for the Vice Chair.

VICE CHAIRPERSON – DS-J proposed RMcC, seconded by EY. RMcC was elected unopposed.

SECRETARY – EY proposed EMcA, seconded by MW. EMcA was elected unopposed.

TREASURER – No nominations were received. EMcA offered to continue to carry out both the Secretary and Treasurer roles on the basis that anyone who had an interest in either role in future could get involved gradually with a view to taking over. This offer was accepted unanimously and EMcA was elected unopposed.

DS-J closed the AGM and opened the October meeting. LB left the meeting at that point.He thanked CC for his years of service and gave him a small token of the CMcC’s appreciation. He invited the members of the public who had attended to let him know what business they were bringing to the meeting to ensure that it would be dealt with. It related to the money from the Balhearty Solar Farm and would be discussed in the Action List.

OCTOBER MEETING

POLICE REPORT/PACT – Given the amount of business being transacted the Police had been advised not to attend. The Police Report had been received and would be put on both noticeboards.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes had been circulated and were approved. Moved RMcC, seconded by IG.

MATTERS ARISING – Not on Action List – the vandalism on the Devon Way had been reported to the Council and repairs were to be carried out.

ACTION LIST – DS-J went through the Action List

5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative – EMcA – no activity.

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – see reference to transfer in the Over 70’s Account section of the AGM minute.

10/15/2 – Local Community Plan Grant – Two Fountains Project – EMcA said he would be asking Mossman’s to carry out the work on the Fountains as soon as possible.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – suggestions for the spend of the £5,000 had been invited and two possible projects had been identified – the War Memorial refurbishment and improvement works to the Coalsnaughton Hall.. There was a general feeling of support for the Hall works and the Hall Committee and Coalsnaughton Regeneration Group were asked to get back to the CC with an indication of where the money would be applied and how the issues around the sustainability of the Hall could be addressed. Bobby McGill undertook to do this and the matter will be discussed at the November meeting.

2/17/1 – Stalker Avenue Tree Replacement – EMcA outlined the position to date and the CC agreed to drop this issue from the Action List.

3/17/1 – Seating on the pathway west of Tillicoultry - TA – the Roads Service have confirmed that they propose to put one seat on the path. EMcA was asked to write to Roads asking them to confirm where that seat was to go.

6/17/1 – Provost’s Light – EMcA – EMcA would be speaking to the householders around Curran Court to see if they have any objection to one of the lights in the gardens being used to put up the Provost’s Light. Thereafter a package of works will be drawn up and funding sought to do the works.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – There is significant activity on a number of fronts – in the High Street, the business community, the Glen etc. The CP progress will be looked at in more depth at the November meeting. The Participation Request letter had been sent relating to the condition of the house in Moss Road and the matter will be put on the Action List.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMcA will circulate the correspondence list.

PLANNING REPORT – MT – referred to a neighbour notice in respect of a fitness/gymnasium business being proposed in the industrial area to the south of Alexandra Street, Devonside.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Next event is the Lights Switch On on Sunday the 26th of November. Volunteers will be required. EMcA will put out a list of actions inviting involvement.

EDF – EMcA has applied to be a member of the EDF Panel. EDF have advertised for new members in the Press and notices have been put on the noticeboards.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

Martha Bennie –

1. Problem with people racing cars along the A91 – Land Services to look at the zebra crossing to improve the position.
2. Zebra Crossing – Moss Road – the Roads Service are to improve the guardrails to slow down pedestrians and cyclists using the crossing.
3. Tilly Traders – the Traders are getting together to discuss business issues

Donald Balsillie –

1. The summer recess has been used to look at issues around dealing with the £14 million budget shortfall.
2. A bid has been made to the Scottish Government to fund the streetscape and roads improvements under the Small Towns Initiative.
3. A back up pump is being installed by Scottish Water in Elistoun Drive to reduce the flooding risk

**Any other competent business –**

Ta raised the issue of the state of the wooden legs of the Clock in Murray Square.

EMcA undertook to look at the Clock and contact the Council if need be.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 14th of November 2017.