TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 11TH APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT –Ewart McAuslane, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Melanie White, Billy Shepherd, Tom Allan, Ian Gordon, Elizabeth Young, Damian Sherwood-Johnson

In attendance – Archie Drummond, Donald Balsillie, Graeme Clark, Constable Miller, Ann Hertwig, Joy Hendrey, Ian Walker and 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES – Mick Taylor, Robert McClelland, Alex Robertson, John Mitchell, Ian Millar

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – CMcC referred to the remit from the March meeting to meet with the Devonvale Hall Committee. That meeting had taken place and he had invited someone to come to the meeting ( Ann hertwig joined the meeting shortly thereafter)

POLICE REPORT/PACT – Constable Miller outlined the main elements of the report which will go on the noticeboards. Main points

1. Action has been taken to clear parked vehicles from the barnpark area.
2. Thefts from unsecured parked cars point to the need for drivers to secure vehicles better – even outside their own homes.
3. Request from police Youth Volunteers for detail on what they were to do at the Gala. EMcA will contact them.
4. Mobile CCTV will shortly be available operated by the community Wardens.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by IG and seconded by EY .

TIC-TOC Clock Tower – Graeme Clark had written to the CC asking for the TIC-TOC issue to be put on the Agenda. He outlined the limited progress to date and a discussion ensued looking at issues such as community ownership, asset transfer, Development Trust models and the Community Empowerment Act. The CC restated its support for TIC-TOC and pointed to the high priority put on it in the Community Plan. After the Election and the launch of the Community Plan in May the debate on a way forward will be expanded.

MATTERS ARISING – Not on Action List - None

ACTION LIST –CMcC went through the Action List

5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative - EMcA – with the project delayed till at least 2018/19 a number of issues in and around the high street flats had been passed to the Council.

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – no progress

10/15/2 – Two Fountains Project – EMcA – no progress

11/15/1 – Micro Grant Funding – RMcC – forms submitted to EDF – should start shortly.

11/15/2 – War Memorial Refurbishment – AD was congratulated on the repair works and interpretative signage. Financial details being finalised. Will be left on the Action list with a view to looking for funding for the Coalsnaughton Memorial.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA – continuing frustration over the delays in Lark coming up with the community contribution. CMcK suggested that Keith Brown would help if needed. EMcA will contact Lark again and refer to KB and Robin Murray the landowner if no success.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton Noticeboard – EMcA – the noticeboard has been reduced in height but is still too far from the footpath to be read. Criminal Justice say they will put in a couple of slabs.

9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – poor quality – EMcA – Site visit was carried out and a list of defects recorded. The list will be sent to the Roads Service and they will be invited to attend the next meeting.

10/16/1- City Fund – AD – no detail available yet.

2/17/1 – Stalker Avenue tree re-instatement. – ongoing.

TREASURER’S REPORT - EMcA – the signatories have now been approved by the Bank and EMcA will proceed to moving the funds that are in the wrong place into the right accounts. Thereafter a spreadsheet outlining the full financial picture will be circulated by the next meeting.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – Next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on the 2nd May in the Ben Cleuch Centre. The Plan is now at the printers and everyone available is asked to contribute at the Launch on the 20th May in the Devonvale Hall between 1pm and 3pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Given the lack of time EMcA asked if the CC would prefer to be sent the list of correspondence – this was agreed.

PLANNING REPORT –

There are applications with the Council for a house in Marchglen and for a travellers site at Sheardale.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

The Gala preparations are well underway. The Gala is on the 18th June with the usual Parade from the square at 12.45pm.

EDF – Applications to the Burnfoot Fund have to be in by the end of April. EMcA will put in an application for floral display barrels. EDF funding is promoting activity on the Youth front trying to connect youths in the communities. Issues such as safety in Parks and Park and Street Lighting are being looked at. A Youth Worker is being funded.

DEVONVALE HALL – Ann Hertwig, the Chair of the Hall Committee, was introduced and referred to the same issues of promotion, usage, repairs and maintainance, financial viability etc that apply at the Centenary hall and the Clock Tower. Again these issues will become standing agenda items with the launch of the Community Plan and Ann was assured of the CC’s commitment to supporting the local facilities.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

AD – The Council budget is in place with no compulsory redundancies but with planned reductions in managerial levels. Nursery Teachers to be maintained and money going to Head teachers for their local priorities. A new project involving EDF spend on footpaths and cycleways with Sterling Mills as a hub is underway.

EMcA asked if that project could look again at the desire line footpath across the grass next to the Bowling Green.

DB – The planned £550k TownScape Initiative is still in the forward plan. He complemented the CC on the Community Plan production, the links to the Youth Plan and joint activity with Alva CC. He referred to the Scottish Government initiatives on Asset Transfer and Community Empowerment which should be tools to achieve local progress..

ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

TA – asked for clarification as to whether the dual litter bins in use were producing usable recyclate and pointed out that some litter bins were too high for children to use. EMcA will write to Waste Services.

IW - highlighted burnside collapses in tilly Glen and his concerns over possible future closures. The issue of the Glen condition will be returned to the Action List and monitored closely.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Coalsnaughton Hall at 7.00pm on the 9TH of May 2017. NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE