TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE ON THE 8TH AUGUST 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT –Ewart McAuslane, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Tom Allan, Ian Gordon, John Mitchell, Ian Millar, Alex Robertson, Mick Taylor, Ian Gordon.

In attendance – Dave Clark, Martha Benny, Archie Drummond, Scott Cameron, Nick Morris, Leslie Baillie.

APOLOGIES – Damian Sherwood – Johnson, Billy Shepherd, Elizabeth Young, Melanie White.

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – CMcC welcomed all to the meeting.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – No Police were present and no report had been submitted. EMcA to contact James Miller.

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

MATTERS ARISING ( Not on Action List) –

Moss Road Zebra Crossing – EMcA wrote to Roads re-stating the CC’s concerns over the crossing. Roads have written back confirming their continuing position whilst undertaking to keep monitoring the position.

EMcA had contacted Martin Dean regarding the condition of the Glen but had not invited him to the August meeting. Martin has written back with a position statement which will be circulated.

ACTION LIST –CMcC went through the Action List

5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative - EMcA – no change

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – no action.

10/15/2 – Two Fountains Project – EMcA – copper plates have been donated by Diagio and EMcA has written to them thanking them. He will now contact Mossman’s to get a price for the completion of the work.

11/15/1 – Micro Grant Funding – RMcC – EMcA confirmed that the £1,500 was now in the bank. The draft paperwork had been circulated and was approved for use. The availability of the grants will be advertised widely and the first applications will be considered at the November meeting.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA – although the company who have taken over Lark have undertaken to pay the £5,000 it was not yet in the bank. EMcA to find out what the position is.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton Noticeboard – EMcA – slabs now on the grass area courtesy of the Criminal justice team – action complete.

9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – poor quality – EMcA – most of the work to repair the poor workmanship has been carried out but the Roads Service have confirmed that the south side will still have to be done.

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

2/17/1 – Stalker Avenue tree re-instatement. – EMcA contacted Land Services and suggested that the replacement trees could be planted on the grass area to the south of the previous site. Members approved that.

3/17/1 – Seating on the pathway west of Tillicoultry – TA – EMcA had written to Roads who have confirmed that their Structural Engineer will have to design a solution to the siting of the seats – continued.

4/17/2 – Tillicoultry Glen – Bankside collapse – see matters arising

6/17/1 – Provost’s Light – EMcA still to get Roads response to availability and suitability of the vintage lights in the Curran Court gardens. He will continue to develop the costings prior to looking for a source of funding.

TREASURER’S REPORT - EMcA – The 4 accounts will be prepared for audit after the end of August. The micro grant and Xmas Lights money from EDF are in the bank. The Gala made a significant loss and sources of income/ ways of reducing outgoings will have to be looked at before next years Gala. RMcC informed the CC that EDF operated an events grant scheme which pays up to £2,500. EMcA will look into the possibility of applying for that. The Over 70’s dinner cost had been settled. EM commented on the excellent work done by Marion Penman and Nancy Dawson in organising the trip. The CC asked EMcA to write thanking them.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – In the absence of DS-J there was no co-ordinated report. There is activity on the Town Centre, Glen and business fronts however. EY had submitted a report which EMcA will type out and circulate.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – the list of mail received since the last meeting was circulated as follows –

1. Seafarers UK - Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day - noted
2. Emma Straughan – Enabling Projects in Clackmannanshire – link to Community Plan Action Group – refer to Community Plan Groups
3. Keith Brown – School Uniform Bank and Exchange – was put on noticeboard.
4. Scottish Government – Community Choices Fund – past the date.
5. Councillor Drummond – Councillor Enquiry – Tilly High Street/ Dollar Road – High Street repairs made.
6. Armstrong Energy – Balhearty Solar Farm – financial contribution. See Action List
7. Lesley Baillie – Review of Community Councils – consultation – open till 8th September – special meeting to be held on 15th August to discuss response.
8. Scottish Government – Consultation on Community Empowerment and Common Good Property – 29th September to be circulated to members.
9. Lesley Baillie – JCCF Autumn Conference – Saturday 28th of October 2017, 10am to 2.30pm in Sauchie Hall – Community Plan basis – noted.
10. Claire McKay – Tillicoeur Visitors 17th August to 20th  - noted.
11. CardiacSafe – defibrillator in community – check Ben Cleuch position and write to Clacks Council re the sites in the county equipped with de-fibrillators.
12. Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief – small grant scheme “ To Absent Friends” – noted.
13. Ea O’Neill – Grow Clacks – community growing opportunities – refer to Community Plan Groups.
14. Roads Service – proposed roadworks – A91 east of Tillicoultry – anti skid surfacing to be laid – noted.
15. Road Service – Zebra Crossing in Moss Road – see matters arising..
16. Allotments Association – invite to Allotments Open Day 20th August – 1 to 4pm
17. Scottish Water – invite to Annual Consultative Meeting – Stirling – 29th August – MT will look at this one.
18. Keith Brown – Bus Summit -Forth Valley College – 25th September – 2.30pm – EM will attend.

PLANNING REPORT – MT – the major development linking Coalsnaughton to Devonside was being considered by the planners and Council. No other significant applications.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – IM referred to the success of the Gala but the failure to attract sufficient helpers and volunteers is a problem.

EDF – Two of the three CC representatives on the EDF are to retire and CMcC informed the meeting that reps did not have to be CC members. EMcA to contact Rachel at EDF re representation.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

AD - Little to report given Council in recess. Attending a meeting looking at the City Deal

MB – Meeting with Tilly Traders monthly to look at improving High Street shops

DC – Walkabout referred to last month went well. Has written to the Council CEO re the systems in place to ensure better control and accountability over the quality of Council service provision.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Overgrown trees in Moss Road – the trees are evidently hitting the heads of pedestrians. AD will ask that they be looked at.

Overgrown hedges becoming a problem. Hedges which obstruct the footpaths should be reported to the Roads Service who have power to get them cut back.

Complaint received about the banner on the guardrail at the top of Moss Road. EMcA will speak to shopkeeper.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre at 7.00pm on the 12th of September 2017.