TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AGM AND NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON TUESDAY 2OTH OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT – Robert mcclelland, ewart mcauslane, elma Mitchell, Robert mcauley, chris mccallion, melanie white, Elizabeth young, Ian Millar, Michael Taylor, Billy Shepherd and Alex Robertson

In attendance – archie Drummond, Donald balsillie, 2 members of the public (mop’s)

Apologies – John Mitchell and Graeme Clark

At the start of the meeting it was decided that the AGM should take place first with any changes to the Office Bearers being implemented prior to the normal business being processed.

Chairpersons remarks – Ewart McAuslane was in the Chair and explained that due to the changes in the Chair during the year and the illness of the Secretary some of the usual elements of the AGM would be missing – namely the Chairpersons Report and the Secretaries Report . He expressed the CC’s hope that Ian Gordon will make a speedy recovery. Notwithstanding the difficulties at the end of the year the CC’s core activities were successfully delivered – the Xmas Lights, the Gala, the Pensioners Trip. He thanked the Members of the CC, associated groups and other Agencies for their support and in particular the general public in Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton and Devonside for their interest shown in the work of the CC and their support over the year.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – There were no minutes available from the previous AGM.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson – Chris McCallion was proposed by EM and seconded by WS. There being no other nominations CMcC was unanimously elected.

Vice Chairperson – Robert McClelland was nominated by EM and seconded by WS. There being no other nominations RMcC was unanimously elected

Secretary – Ewart McAuslane was nominated by EM and seconded by RMcC. There being no other nominations EMcA was unanimously elected.

Treasurer – Elma Mitchell was nominated by EMcA and seconded by R,McC. There being no other nominations EM was unanimously elected.

An issue was raised over the status of the Co-opted Members and the Volunteers and whether their position could be regularised at the AGM.The CC currently comprises 9 Members, 3 Co-optees and 2 Volunteers . The Secretary outlined the position as he understood it but undertook to contact Leslie Baillie to check the position and report back to the CC.

The AGM was closed and the new office bearers assumed their positions with CMcC taking the Chair and EMcA the Secretaryship.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – The minutes of the meeting on the 8th September had been circulated and were approved. Moved by RMcA and seconded by EM. It was recorded that IM had been in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

Sub-Committee Decisions List – The list of decisions taken at the Sub Committee meeting on the 17th of June had been circulated. The decisions require to be homologated at a full CC meeting and the list as follows was unanimously agreed

• Finance Sub Group to be formed comprising EM, RMcC and EMcA with a remit to prepare a budget and produce a budget control framework.

• Gala Day – is a CC activity with IM and EM providing the links. The Gala Day Team to be identified and the budgetary control to be clarified.

• Xmas Lights – is a CC activity. WS, RMcC and CMcC to form the Technical Team and the Promotion Team to be identified. The CC to provide a budget for the PR.

• Tic Toc - Not CC but supported. MW to provide link.

• Pensioners Trip – CC activity. EM to co-ordinate.

• Community Week – Not CC but supported.

• EDF – CC activity. WS, CMcC and RMcC to represent CC.

• Hoolie – CC activity – group in place. WS, CMcC and RMcC

Police Report / PACT

Pc Styles had arrived and presented the Police Report for the month. He explained that the new named officers for our area, from 23rd November, will be James Millar and Brett Chambers. He tabled a written copy of his report which will be on the noticeboard with the Minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT

EM reported that the accounts were being audited this week. The CC account was unchanged however CMcA highlighted that the figure reported for the Xmas Lights Fund was wrong. WS reported that the new lights were on order and that would involve an outlay of approximately £1,600. EM to be given the updated figure. The Finance Sub Group will put in place new budgeting arrangements aimed at clarifying and better controlling the various accounts.

ACTION LIST

12/14/1 - Tillicoultry Glen – Councillor Drummond reported that there is to be a Council Meeting shortly to look at the budgetary implications of the Glen works.

12/14/2 - Seating at Church Grove – EMcA to write to Kenny Inglis re the provision of the promised seating.

1/15/1 - Community Plan Process – ema stated that a rep from the Consultants STAR will be attending the November meeting to discuss the possible Community Plan.

1/15/2 - Potholes in Sewage Works road – EMA had spoken to Bill Nicol who had undertaken to look into the Scottish Water responsibilities..

3/15/1Institution Place Housing Development – EMcA had written again to the Head Teacher of the Academy but had no response. It was decided to take no further action.

4/15/1 - Search for storage facility – EMcA had written to the Head of Housing Services and we had the offer of a lock up in Roundelwood. It was agreed that we would take up the offer and defray the costs over the various budgets using the facility.

5/15/2 - Small Townscape Initiative – no activity on this front.

8/15/1 - Solar PV Farm – EmcA had attended the meeting in Coalsnaughton. He did not feel that the proposal would cause any significant problem in the area.

8/15/2 - Transfer of Charitable Trust Funds – EmcA had not heard from the Council and was asked to write to Calum Ferguson again for an update.

8/15/3 - Health and Social Care Strategy – EMcA had attended the meeting in the Town Hall and it was clear that changes were sfoot designed to better integrate health and social services.

8/15/4 - Co-operative Funeral Services – EMcA intimated that he had invited Graham Cochrane of the Co-op to attend the next Meeting to tell the CC what the Co-op has to offer in the town.

8/15/5 - Review of Single Outcome Agreement – EmcA had attended a meeting to look at the quality of service provision in the area.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMA read out the correspondence as follows

•Local Community Plan Grant – from Lesley Baillie – Council offering £2000 to communities for a community project or projects. EMcA will write a confirm we will apply.

•Scottish Civic Trust – Housing Conference – noted

•Fairer Scotland Funding – first application rejected but follow up to be considered. Bid period being extended.

•University Student Approach – EMcA to contact Ms Forbes re her project.

•Dialogue with Head of Council Service – from Lesley Baillie – EMcA to invite Stuart Crickmar to December meeting.

•Enhancing Role Of CCs – various from Lesley Baillie – EMcA has been attending JCCF meeting re this but little firm proposal to date. He outlined the position of our CC he has been putting – namely that we will settle our core functions and make available any spare capacity as and when opportunities arise.

•Letter from Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh the local MP – looking to improve contact. EMcA to write with contact details, minutes etc.

•MARS 300 – Festival Event in Alloa on 29th October. Flyer to go on noticeboard.

PLANNING REPORT

No new applications to report but the Kirktoun Gardens Open Space application was refused by the Council Committee against a recommendation from approval

Michael Taylor offered to take on the Planning Remit and EMcA will liaise with him over handover.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Xmas Lights – New lights on order. EMcA, EM and EY agreed to act as the Promotions team for the switch on. Claire McKay provided a list of actions required from last years experience.

Hoolie – Tickets on sale from 1st November but demand likely to be high. £11 a ticket with proceeds split between the Lights Fund and the Alzheimer’s Society.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Drummond

•VC Event – went very well and community to be congratulated for looking after the memorials.

•Glenochil Nursery Site being sold.

 Councillor Balsillie

•Workforce Strategy being implemented which will reduce staffing numbers.

•Bin Cycle moving green bin emptying to 3 weekly system.

Questions – Flooding on Dollar Road – Council evidently to take no action till next year. EMcA will write to Roads Service.

ANY OTHER REPORTS

EDF – 4 applications approved with £12k committed. 3 changes being made to support young people, community event/celebration funding and multi-year grants for 1,2 or 3 year timeframes. The Minutes will be circulated.

Hillfoots Football Club/ the PTA and Allotments Society were all awarded the full amount bid for and the Parish Church Garden Project was deferred.

A micro grant scheme aimed at providing funds (£2.5K) for CCs to distribute small grants locally and the meeting confirmed that the CC intend to access that funding.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 10th November 2015.