TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT – Robert mcclelland, ewart mcauslane, elma Mitchell, Robert mcauley, chris mccallion, melanie white, Elizabeth young, john Mitchell,

In attendance – archie Drummond, Donald balsillie, 5 members of the public (mop’s)

Apologies – Michael taylor, billy shepherd

Chairpersons remarks –

Ewart opened the meeting and apologised for the lack of minutes from the August meeting and the August Police Report. On behalf of the CC he expressed sincere condolences to elma following the death of her husband Robert. He also referred to Ian Gordon’s illness. Early indications had not been good but Ian seemed to be holding his own and ema undertook to try to get an update and circulate it.

In the circumstances EMA suggested the following actions

1. That the changes proposed for the AGM now be made, namely that EMA would assume the role of Secretary and that CMA would take the Chair
2. That the one remaining member of the public who had expressed an interest in joining the CC, Alex Robertson, be invited to join the CC as a volunteer.

These actions were unanimously agreed and Mr Robertson, who was in attendance, joined the CC members. In the absence of CMA at that point RMC

took the Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Due to IG’s illness there were no minutes from the August meeting.

MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LIST – RMC went through the Action List

1. Tillicoultry Glen – referred to Councillors Reports
2. Seating at Church Grove – Tom Allan (MOP) confirmed that the Council had undertaken to put seats and bins into Church Grove.
3. Community Plan Process – ema explained that the consultants STAR had been asked to attend the September meeting but could not do so. He suggested that given the October meeting was the AGM that they be asked to attend the November meeting. EMA to action. CMC to discuss the possible grant of £10k from EDF with Rachel Searle.
4. Potholes in Sewage Works road – EMA to contact Scottish Water.
5. Institution Place Housing Development – the Housing Service had held an open day at the Ben Cleuch Centre to allow the public to see the details of the development and to encourage input to the art work opportunity. Claire McKay undertook to contact the Primary School and PTA and EMA is to get back to the Headteacher of Alva Academy.
6. Search for storage facility – IG had been tasked with writing to the Housing Service re a lock up. EMA will action that.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – There was no Police presence at the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – EM reported little change to the financial position but read out a letter from the Council which proposes that the CC assume responsibility for Charity funds held by the Council on behalf of the Community, namely the Old Age Pensioners Outing Fund and the Old Folks Welfare fund which has been funding the Howff Trip. The CC agreed with the proposal and the Secretary and Treasurer were asked to confirm the detail of the transfer with the Council.

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

1. Review of the Alliance Performance on the Single Outcome Agreement – Gean House Thursday 10th September – EMA will attend and put out a note on what is discussed.
2. Licencing Board consultation on NISA store proposed for Hill Street – no objections were expressed. EMA to respond
3. VC Event – 27th September 2015 – the CC have been invited to be represented at the event on the 27th and the ground works to put down the two memorials are started. EMA, EM, LM AND EY will attend. EMA to respond
4. Street naming consultation – Former Community Centre Site – it was agreed to respond by endorsing the local Member preference for the use of the names of the two VC holders mentioned in the previous item. EMA to respond
5. Annual Grant reminder – Lesley Baillie had written reminding us that that annual grant of £600 was due to be claimed. The accounts require to be approved before the claim can be made – EM and EMA to action.
6. Clackmannanshire and Stirling Strategic Plan – this relates to the integration of health and social services. Workshops are being held and the Clacks one is in the Alloa Town Hall on the 7th October. EMA will attend and send out a Briefing Note.
7. Letter from Co-operative Funeral Care – Graeme Cochrane had written asking to attend a CC meeting. Members were unsure about what would be brought to the meeting and mentioned that other Funeral Care businesses operated in the County. EMA to get back to Graeme to clarify.

PLANNING REPORT

There were no routine applications to report but two issues were discussed

1. Lark Energy – Solar PV Farm at Balhearty, Coalsnaughton. – Lark had requested a meeting with the CC but it was not thought appropriate at that time. Leaflets had now been distributed inviting people to attend a Public Exhibition in the Coalsnaughton Hall on the 16th September between 2.30 and 7.30pm. EMA will be attending and any other interested parties are encouraged to attend.
2. Garden ground planning application – Kirktoun Gardens – EMA had reported to the last meeting that he had put in a qualified objection to the proposal. The decision will be made at a Council meeting in October however the general issue of the Council stopping maintaining ground not owned by them and the likelyhood of contentious planning issues arising from householders taking control of their own ground was discussed. The Councillors present said that this decision was not likely to be rescinded and it is unlikely that the CC could help much. Each case will be looked at as they develop however.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Given Ian Millar was likely to take a back seat next year the need for early clarity on who is doing what for next years Gala was identified. EMA undertook to discuss the position with IM and the matter will be on the agenda at the AGM and will be kept on the Action List.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Drummond

1. Tillicoultry Glen – a meeting with the Council Leader Les Sharpe had taken place and the specification for the works was being looked at to try to get it back to budget. The rock stabilisation works are likely to go ahead.
2. Police Deployment – people want clarity on what police presence will be on the ground and Operation CORE will target drugs, anti-social behaviour and road safety.
3. VC Event – AD referred to good work done by Ian Walker to get ready for the placement of the memorials.
4. Cycleways – problems over horse droppings on the mixed leisure ways had been reported.

Councillor Balsillie

1. Council Budgets – Donald referred to 10 to 15% cuts being required
2. District Heating Scheme and Hydro- Power - Feasibility studies are to be carried out involving the Glass Works and mini hydro schemes.
3. Education – extra Central Government money is being made available to the education service.
4. Syrian Refugees – the possibility of some refugees being settled in Clackmannanhire is to be discussed at Council.
5. Sustrans – are organising maintenance and wild flower planting on the Alva/Tillicoultry track. Anyone interested give names to DB.

Questions – ey asked about brown bin collections in town centre areas which will be a problem when the move to 3 weekly green bin emptying takes place. Evidently brown bins were taken away. DB to see what position is. AD advised everyone to refer any issues to Clacksweb as Council needs to know.

ANY OTHER REPORTS

CMC referred to the need to spread the message that up to £2000 can be bid for for community projects from the EDF. A visit had been made to the windfarm and there was a public walking path up the hill. The October round is likely to be closed but a note will be put in the noticeboard to advise how to link with EDF. EDF to become a standing agenda item.

CMK

1. Parent Council clean up of school grounds – there was a photocall with Keith Brown this week and there were moves afoot to carry out further improvements to lighting and CCTV.
2. Tillicoer – 27 adults and kids had come across this time with various events held. French classes are to resume. Some people going to France this week and interest is invited for the Christmas Market trip on 11th December.
3. Community Week – good participation again and feedback sought on this years experience and other possible activities.
4. Primary School – looking for a talk to Primary 3 on the work of the CC. EMA will do it.
5. Refugees – local collections being organised – details to go on noticeboard.

TA – there is a problem with water gathering on the Dollar Road at Beechwood – EMA will refer to Council.

CMC – there is a need for the decisions made at the Special CC meeting to be ratified at full CC. EMA to copy meeting notes to CMC and put on Agenda.

Devonvale Hall – reference was made to the grounds maintenance problems being experienced at the Hall. The CC was keen to help out where it could and a representative will attend the Hall Committee AGM to see where positive connections can be made.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 20th October 2015.

NOTE – Please note the change of meeting date