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TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT – Robert mcclelland, ewart mcauslane, elma Mitchell, Robert mcauley, chris mccallion, melanie white, Elizabeth young, john Mitchell, Alex Robertson, , Michael Taylor, Ian Gordon

In attendance – archie Drummond, Tom Allan

Apologies – Donald Balsillie, Billy Shepherd, Graeme Clark

Chairpersons remarks –CMcC opened the meeting and congratulated all concerned in the lights switch on which had gone well.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. Moved by EM and seconded by MT.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – The Community Constable James Miller read out the detail of the monthly report. The report will be put on the NoticeBoard. From the floor the problem of poor parking was raised again. The CC and members of the public were advised to report all instances of dangerous or illegal parking.

COUNCIL BUDGET ROUND – Stuart Crickmar the Councils Head of Strategy and Customer Services explained the rationale for his visits to many of the CC’s and Community Groups in the County. The Councils budget in 2016/17 will be subject to significant reductions and the Council was seeking to engage with the communities to explain the position, and to establish the priorities the communities had to protect services and reduce the adverse effect of budget cuts. He pointed to reductions in discretionary spend of between 10 and 15%. Around £23 million would need to be saved over 3 years £10 million of which would be in 2016/17. He asked CC members to use the new budget simulator in Clacksweb which would allow for the application of possible cuts and their likely effect in terms of both savings and service reduction. He made the point that even allowing for the cuts the Council would still be spending £120 million next year. There was a short discussion on possible new ways of providing services and the need to maximise the usage of existing facilities such as libraries and sports facilities if they are to be sustainable. CMcC thanked Mr Crickmar for coming along to the meeting

COMMUNITY PLANNING – EMcA referred to an e mail he’d had from the consultants STAR. They had completed an application form to Local Energy Scotland the organisation which had funded Dollar CC’s ongoing Community Plan preparation. Members agreed that the document should be circulated for comment and if the consensus was that the CC should submit the application EMcA would do so. Get back to EMcA by 22nd December.

MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LIST – The Action List and Matters arising from the last meeting had been consolidated. EMcA went through the list as follows

1. Tillicoultry Glen – nothing new to report
2. Seating at Church Grove – nothing new to report
3. Community Planning process – see above
4. Pot Holes on Sewage Works Road – JM reported that work was ongoing but he commented on the poor quality of the repair work.
5. Small Town’s Initiative – AD confirmed that the funding for the work would largely be from the HRA account and Capital Programme which may protect the project from the budget cuts.
6. Transfer of Charitable Funds – EmcA to contact Calum Ferguson re the delay and copy AD in.
7. Flooding on Dollar Road – EMcA reported that the problem arose only in heavy rain and when wide wheelbase vehicles passed. He will write to Roads explaining and asking for an early resolution.
8. Micro Grant Funding Scheme - RMcC was hopeful that the micro grant scheme would be in place in the New Year.
9. War Memorial Refurbishment – AD is seeing the Monumental Mason to look at the Memorials and gauge the extent of the works required.

TREASURERS REPORT – EM confirmed the balance on the main account was £6,575. The Bank is to be approached again to change the signatories on the other accounts where necessary. A Finance Sub Group meeting is to be held on the 18th of January.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMcA went through the correspondence. He asked the Members if they would be prefer to get a list of the correspondence received that month with any urgent matters being highlighted and CC members to get back to EMcA where they wanted further details on any items. There was general agreement to that.

1. e mail from Kenny Inglis the Councils Grounds Mantenance and Burial Grounds Team Leader apologising for the state of the path network at the Cemetery. The poor weather has hampered the works reported at the last meeting and he anticipated complaints from users particularly given the Xmas and New Year holidays were approaching.
2. Letter from Tasmina Ahmed – Sheikh promoting the Big Lottery Fund New Programme – copy to go to all CC members for info.
3. Malawi 2016 – letter from Alva Academy asking for a contribution to their Malawi Trip next year – there was general support but concern over starting to give grants to groups or individuals. It was suggested that the Micro Grant Scheme could make a contribution and EMcA to write on the basis that this will be considered once the scheme is in place.
4. Greenhouse in Tillicoultry Cemetery – an approach had been received from an individual seeking to utilise the greenhouse for an Artists Studio – AD is liaising with the person concerned.
5. Clackmannanshire Community Health Partnership Draft Strategic Plan – Easy Read copy available from EMcA.
6. Presentation from Area Commander on Police Deployment model available from EMcA

PLANNING REPORT – MT reported no major developments. A Planning Appeal has been lodged in respect of the Kirktoun Garden refusal previously reported.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – CMcC reffered to the lights and the New Year Party at Coalsnaughton Hall where the tickets are going well.

EDF – RMcC referred to the need to encourage applications. He will send EMcA a note to allow him to put up a poster informing the community of the process and contact details.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

AD highlighted the disruption caused by the Forth Road Bridge closure. He had received a major detailed report on the Police Call Handling problems. The Collylands Roadworks had been criticised because the bends had not been removed entirely. The accident record for the area concerned was not however very bad.

He asked the CC members to consider voting for the Tillicoeur application to the Co-op Community Fund. This can be done online.

ANY OTHER REPORTS – None

Any Other Competent Business –

1. EM asked about the grassed area next to the Bowling Green in Moss Road where the shoppers going to Sterling Mills had created a desire line path across the grass which was extremely muddy. It was felt this was a matter for the Mills management.
2. JM referred to difficulties an ambulance had had getting out of the turning area at Trust Housing in the High Street. AD will pass concerns on to Roads.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on Tuesday the 12th of January 2016.