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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 14th JUNE 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT – Robert mcclelland (RMcA), ewart mcauslane (EMA), elma Mitchell (EM), Robert mcauley (RMcA), chris mccallion (CMcC, melanie white (MW), Elizabeth young (EY), john Mitchell (JM), Graeme Clark (GC), Ian Millar (IM), Alex Robertson (AR), Billy Shepherd (BS), Ian Gordon (IG), Mick Taylor (MT).

In attendance – archie Drummond (AD), Donald balsillie (DB),

Apologies – Councillor McGill

Chairpersons Remarks – CMcC commented on how busy the last month had been with Sub Group meetings regarding the Xmas Lights and the Community Plan taking place.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – In the absence of a Police officer CMcC read out the Police Report which had been sent to the Secretary. It will be put on the Noticeboard.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Minutes had been distributed and were approved. Proposed by IG and seconded by JM.

MATTERS ARISING ( Not on the Action List) –

1. Roads equipment left after jobs completed – EMcA had contacted Roads who say that in the first instance contact should be made with the relevant contractor and Roads contacted if nothing is done about it.

**ACTION LIST –**

12/14/1 – AD reported that additional Council funding had been made available to complete the path and bridge works and that the Glen would reopen in August.

5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative – some concern was expressed that the changes to the Clackmannanshire Council administration might affect the proposed scheme – the position will be monitored.

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – no word from Council – EMcA to find out latest position.

10/15/2 - Two Fountains Project – EMcA still investigating the best and cheapest way to effect the improvements.

11/15/1 - Micro Grant Funding – RMcC – Foundation Scotland completing work to introduce scheme.

11/15/2 – War Memorial Refurbishment – AD had circulated a paper with an updated spend profile which indicated that the funding gaps might be able to be filled. In the meantime the Council were improving the path network around the Cemetery memorial. Timescale – before Remembrance Day for the main Cemetery but later for the Devonvale Memorial.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – further concern was expressed over the lack of clarity on the now £5,000 to be made available to the community. MT will contact Lark and report back.

2/16/2 – EDF Community Funding Scheme - RMcC – again £2.5k scheme for community events in final stages of development. Tillycoer and War Memorial in this tranche with Xmas Lights in the second application cycle of the year . By next meeting £100k in the fund.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton noticeboard. Board being made. Some issue over the ownership of the proposed site. EMcA to write to Council for permission.

3/16/4 – Gala Day Claim – EMcA will write and claim after Gala.

1/16/5 – Car scratching/ CCTV – no confirmation on CCTV issue. EMcA will check.

Police Report – Constable Brennt Chambers had arrived – he referred to the drug haul in the Police report and the fact that the increase in the drink driving offences and anti-social behaviour was likely to be linked to the excellent weather.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – The Sub Group had applied the price/quality matrix as recommended by the funders, Local Energy Scotland, to the two valid tenders received and they recommended that the STAR GROUP tender be accepted. This was agreed. The basis of the Steering Group and the role of the Community Agent was discussed. EMcA to book the Ben Cleuch Centre for the set-up meeting for the Steering Group at the end of July and speak to STAR re the procurement and operation of the agent.

CC ELECTION PROCESS – EMcA referred to the election process and the Council’s publicity prior to it. All CC members to consider their position re the election to provide for as much to done as can be to ensure that the full complement of CC members is achieved this time. Publicity will be ramped up in advance. Young people in particular need to be attracted.

TREASURERS REPORT – EM outlined the financial position on all accounts as follows

MAIN ACCOUNT - £10,340 – comprising Community Planning Project - £3,300, Xmas Lights - £1,750, Fountains Project £2,000 leaving CC Fund at £3,230.

OVER 70’S - £1,830

GALA ACCOUNT - £3,936.

EMcA is checking out the insurance position and will draw up an asset register once he has.

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

1. Lesley Baillie – advice on contacting Council Officers given. Contact officers directly where helpful but watch for areas where complaints are used to calculate performance indicators and might not be counted if complaints are not recorded.
2. Royal Sun Alliance – Council co-ordinated insurance for all CC’s – EMcA to check on what the extent of the cover is.
3. Lesley Baillie – Clackmannanshire in Bloom Competition – reminder that applications from Community projects, Allotments and Council Tenants are due by the 30th June. EMcA will put reminder on noticeboard.
4. Transport Scotland – Consultation on M80 Stepps to Haggs – noted only
5. Lesley Baillie – Community Ownership Support Scheme – noted.
6. Roads Service – informing of improvements to lighting in Tillicoultry and possible use of Devonvale Car Park for contractor support. – noted
7. Co-operative Society – Charity Scheme – noted
8. Burnfoot Wind Farm Extension – planning application has been made and Open Day being held in Devonvale Hall on Wednesday the 15th.

PLANNING REPORT - minor works only. See Secretary’s report for Burnfoot application.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Gala ready to go with all permissions in place. Volunteers welcome.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

 Councillor Balsillie

DB referred to the changes in administration in the Council.

Councillor Drummond

Referred to rumours that the Dog Kennels at Bandeath might close. That is not true but changes to how it operates are likely.

ANY OTHER REPORTS – None

NOTE - The July meeting has been cancelled

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 9th of August 2016.