**TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH OF FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE COALSNAUGHTON HALL**

**PRESENT – Elma Mitchell, Melanie White, Tom Allan, Damian Sherwood-Johnson, Alex Robertson. Ewart McAuslane, Jane Edwards, Ian Millar, Robert McClelland, Robert McAuley, Elizabeth Young, Mick Taylor, John Mitchell.**

**In attendance – Donald Balsillie, Dave Clark, Martha Bennie, Bobby McGill, 2 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES – Ian Gordon**

**CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – DS-J welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Bobby McGill the use of the Hall and the hospitality.**

**POLICE REPORT/PACT – Constable Miller outlined the content of the monthly report which will be put into the Noticeboards. The following issues were raised**

1. **It was reported that the bus shelter in Murray Square had been vandalised. Police will investigate.**
2. **The status of the PACT arrangement – James undertook to check out what the current position is. He felt that the current arrangements reflected the PACT principles.**
3. **Vehicles re-appearing in and around the Barnpark area. Police will check out.**
4. **Vandalism around the seat at Trust Housing in the High Street reported**

**SITING OF A DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE TOWN – Nigel and Jenny from the First Responders explained the use and availability of defibrillators in the community. The CC decided in principle to fund the placement of a defibrillator and will look at the various types and possible sites.**

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - The Minutes had been distributed and were approved. Proposed by IM and seconded by RMcC.**

**MATTERS ARISING (Not on Action List) –**

1. **Council Budget Submission – EMcA had submitted the CC’s thoughts on the 2018/19 budget cuts. The Councillors reported an excellent turnout from the communities with concerns over Education, Transport, Community Action Points etc predominating. The Council decisions will be made at the end of February.**
2. **A possible nominee for Citizen of the Year had been identified at the January meeting. EMcA confirmed that the person concerned had declined the offer of nomination.**

**ACTION LIST –**

**5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative – Stuart Crickmar had contacted the CC informing them of the Councils decision to make £550k available in the Capital Programme for 18/19 for the Townscape Initiative. The importance of this project was stressed and the matter will be considered shortly by a Sub Group to look at how this money could best be communicated to the Community and applied to best effect.**

**8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – Legal Services have been asked to report on when this transfer will be made. This derives from a Micro Grant application by the Pensioners which could have been responded to from the Sundry Trust money if we had it. Continue the application pending a response.**

**10/15/2 – Local Community Plan Grant - EMcA - Two Fountains Project – Mossman’s have confirmed they will carry out the work shortly.**

**12/15/2 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA – a meeting had been held between the Sub Group and Bobby McGill looking at the operational arrangements, financial position and future threats and opportunities at the Coalsnaughton Hall. They were satisfied with all the responses and recommended the transfer of the £5,000 community contribution to the Hall Committee. This was approved unanimously. Bobby McGill thanked the CC for its efforts on the communities behalf. EMcA referred to the second contribution which was now in the bank. the same community consultation process will be used but time will be taken to see if additional funds could be attracted by the use of the £2k**

**9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – EMcA – no change**

**10/16/1 – City Deal – No change**

**3/17/1 – Seating on the pathway west of Tillicoultry – TA – Still no response from Roads as to where the new seat will be sited.**

**6/17/1 – Provosts Light – EMcA – No change.**

**11/17/1 – Participation Request – EMcA advised that the publicity in the Advertiser had attracted some positive responses which will be shared with the Council.**

**12/17/1 – Flooding Group set up – EMcA – the meeting will go ahead on Tuesday the 20th.**

**TREASURERS REPORT – EMcA – little change to accounts. Still Awaiting the invoices for the Xmas Lights up/down.**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMcA will circulate the correspondence list.**

COMMUNITY PLANNING – preparations are to be made for a Spring Event to look at progress with the Plan and any new opportunities or constraints.

PLANNING REPORT **– no activity reported.**

SOCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT **–**

Gala Day 2018 **– IM appealed for more volunteers to put themselves forward**

EDF **– 5 MicroGrant applications had been received and considered by the Sub Group. the recommendations are as follows**

1. **Two local schoolchildren – Expedition to Nicaragua 2018 – Continued from January meeting. on the basis of “in Britain” costs provided and advice from EDF the recommendation is to make the grant.**
2. **Tillicoultry Pensioners – See 8/15/2 above. Recommendation is to continue pending word from the Council’s Legal Section.**
3. **Tillicoultry Run Buddies – a local Group developing a Group promoting fitness and running. Recommendation is to grant.**
4. **Tillicoultry Primary PTA – application to restore basketball boards and hoops at the Primary School. Recommendation is to grant.**
5. **Community Week – application for grant towards the cost of the 2018 Community Week. The recommendation is that the grant be made from the EDF Events Fund.**

**All the recommendations were unanimously approved.**

AOCB **– None – the meeting finished with a birthday celebration for EM.**

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre at 7.00pm on the 13th of March 2018.**