TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE ON THE 13TH JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT –Ewart McAuslane, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Melanie White, Tom Allan, Ian Gordon, Elizabeth Young, Damian Sherwood-Johnson, John Mitchell, Ian Millar, Alex Robertson, Mick Taylor, Ian Gordon.

In attendance – Dave Clark, Constable Chambers, Martha Benny, Gillian Downes

APOLOGIES – Billy Shepherd, Robert McAulay, Archie Drummond, Robert McClelland.

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – CMcC welcomed all to the meeting and particularly Dave Clark, one of the new intake of Councillors. Chris intimated that he had given the Secretary letters from himself and Billy Shepherd giving notice of their resignations from the CC at the AGM. They will also cease to carry out roles organising Xmas Lights and the New Year Hoolie.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – Constable Chambers had submitted the Police Report which will go on the noticeboards. The follow matters were raised

1. MW raised the issue of drivers driving at high speed in Tillicoultry and out the Alva Road. PC Chambers said the Police were aware of some of the regular offenders and will take action where they can. MT referred to the same problems in Coalsnaughton.
2. The likely closure of the Community Warden Service and the usage of mobile CCTV in the community is an issue which needs to be clarified. Wilson Lees at the Council is dealing with CCTV and Constable Chambers will check out the position re Tilly Primary.
3. GD referred to numerous reported sightings of near misses at the Zebra Crossing in Moss Road. It was explained that the CC and the Roads Service had agreed to differ over the need for improvements on and around this crossing. EMcA to write to Roads reiterating our position to provide for a clear record of reporting should there be any serious incidents at the crossing.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by IG and seconded by DS-J .

MATTERS ARISING ( Not on Action List) – None

ACTION LIST –CMcC went through the Action List

5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative - EMcA – no action

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – no action. Both Members were asked to try to move this one on if the opportunity arises.

10/15/2 – Two Fountains Project – EMcA – has another possible source for the plates and has spoken to Pet Needs and Feeds re putting a planted barrel on the plinth in front of the Stirling Street fountain.

11/15/1 – Micro Grant Funding – RMcC – no action. EMcA expressed the view that this matter had taken too long to resolve and that funding was being lost because of it. CMcC confirmed that there had been an EDF meeting last week and that there seemed to be no need for any further delays. EMcA to speak to Rachel Searle at EDF, to produce the necessary paperwork and to advertise the fund availability.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA – had written again to Lark and had been advised that their Finance Section were dealing with the payment. It had not been made however.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton Noticeboard – EMcA – still no slabs laid. EM will speak again to the Community Payback Team Leader. Noticeboard seems to be being used however.

9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – poor quality – EMcA – the remediation works should be underway shortly and Roads have assured us that the works will address the faults listed by the CC in the note to Roads. Some concern was expressed that the works have taken till nearly the end of the guarantee period to organise and that the Company concerned might not be able to be depended upon. It was also asked whether the new works will be subject to a further years guarantee period.

10/16/1- City Fund – AD – no progress yet.

2/17/1 – Stalker Avenue tree re-instatement. – EMcA to contact Land Services to check they have an order to replace the trees.

3/17/1 – Seating on the pathway west of Tillicoultry – TA – EMcA to write to Roads to clarify when and where the seating would be going.

4/17/2 – Tillicoultry Glen – Bankside collapse – at the last meeting it was agreed to remove this action given the works had been done. Indications are however that not all the works have been carried out and some concern was expressed over the quality of information the CC was getting. It was agreed to invite Martin Dean from the Council to the August meeting to discuss the issues around the state of the Glen and its future repair and maintenance.

TREASURER’S REPORT - EMcA – Confirmed that there had been little activity with the exception of the Gala account. The accounts will be prepared after the end of August for the Audit prior to the AGM in October.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – The Community Plan launch was held at the Devonvale Hall from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday the 20th May. It was very successful and the Plan is now in the implementation phase. The Steering Group met last Tuesday and concluded that the 6 Action Groups will each have a leader and the leaders will form a Co-ordinating Committee. The Chair of that Group will report progress or otherwise to the CC at its normal meetings. Unfortunately the bid to the Big Lottery Awards for All Fund for the extension of the consultancy has not been successful and we are therefore on our own for the time being.

SECRETARY’S REPORT –

1. Letter from Community Transport Network re meeting on the 15th June – noted.
2. Invite to support the move to reduce the default speed limit to 20 mph – noted
3. Application for increased alcohol sales area at Greens Store in Hill Street – no objection made.
4. Reply from Roads re renovation and siting of the Provosts Lamp. The lamp has been uplifted and is in the store. Vintage lighting columns have been identified and Roads are to confirm whether they are available. Resonate in Alloa have confirmed they could renovate and a funding application will be drawn up.
5. Councillors Enquiry response – AD had reported the state of the zebra crossing at the Co-op. Temporary repairs have been made pending the full job.
6. Letter from Council confirming Provost and other political appointments.
7. Letter from Council re CC training opportunities – members to consider any areas requiring training.
8. Community Choices Fund opened – focussed on areas of deprivation. Time scales at holiday period identified as an issue. Detail of the Fund to be looked at to see if it provides any opportunities.

PLANNING REPORT – MT – the Hazeldine application for the major development between Devonside and Coalsnaughton has been submitted to the Council.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

The Gala preparations are well underway. The Gala is on the 18th June with the usual Parade from the square at 12.45pm. Volunteers required.

EDF – EMcA had withdrawn the application referred to in the last Minutes in respect of the barrels and seats given he had heard that Tilly Ladies were proceeding with a project to put out seats and hanging baskets. We will look at the position in the next tranche of EDF bidding in the Autumn.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

MB – reported that she had had complaints about weed control and that the spraying programme has been reduced to once a year. Tillicoultry spraying should commence next week.

DC – referred to a walkabout he intends to carry out with someone from the roads team to look at the issues around the off high street streets including hill street which is currently closed for re-surfacing. He is happy to have someone from the CC attend. AR has expressed an interest.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

EY expressed concern over the fact that the only public toilet in the Town, in Murray Square, has been out of commission for some time. It is likely that the toilet will not re-open having been part of a council budget saving. the matter of availability of toilets for tourists etc was remitted to the town centre community plan group.

GD said she had attended the meeting to enquire about the availability of a micro grant towards the costs of the community week. Given the position on Micro Grants and CC’s continuing support for the Week the Letter from the Community Transport. CC agreed unanimously to give a contribution of £250 towards the cost of Community Week this year.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre at 7.00pm on the 8th of August 2017.