TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 14TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT –Ewart McAuslane, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Melanie White, Alex Robertson, Billy Shepherd, Tom Allan, Ian Gordon, John Mitchell, Mick Taylor, Elizabeth Young, Robert McClelland, Robert McAuley, Damian Sherwood-Johnson

In attendance – Archie Drummond, Donald Balsillie, Claire McKay, Graeme Clark

APOLOGIES – Mick Taylor

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – None

POLICE REPORT/PACT – Constable Miller outlined the main elements of the report and noted that there were no crimes of violence in the period. The report will go on the noticeboard. Concern was expressed again about poor parking, particularly around the school. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Roads asking them for their views on the best traffic management options which could be applied to try to control this problem.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by WS and seconded by JM .

MATTERS ARISING – Not on Action List - None

ACTION LIST –CMcC went through the Action List

5/15/2 – EMcA – Small Townscape Initiative – EMCA referred to a recent council report which indicated that the STI for Tillicoultry would be delayed with the money being diverted to clackmannan. The Councillors present confirmed that was the case and concern was expressed over the way this project has been handled with delays since it was raised in 2015, the lack of adequate consultation and information and the lack of clarity as to when the project will now start.

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – EMcA advised the members that the CC had been invited to nominate an independent Trustee to the 2 accounts. Elma Mitchell had volunteered to do so. When the details of the Trusts were received however it was apparent that relatively large audit costs were being applied to both Trusts. EMcA had written complaining about this and a recent Council report had confirmed that no audit costs would be charged this year. There remains however no details on when the control of the Trusts will be passed to the CC and the Members will try to move this on.

10/15/2 – Two Fountains Project – EMcA – possible source for metal plates being checked out before moving to cleaning.

11/15/1 – Micro Grant Funding – RMcC –to be discussed at the forthcoming EDF meeting.

11/15/2 – War Memorial Refurbishment – AD – AD referred to the ongoing works at the Devonvale Memorial and outlined some of the local interest stories which were arising from the exercise some of which will be represented on the interpretative boards.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA – continuing frustration over the delays in Lark coming up with the community contribution. CMcK suggested that Keith Brown would help if needed. EMcA will contact Lark again and refer to KB if no success.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton Noticeboard – EMcA – some confusion over whether the board has been moved or not. EMcA will check and speak to Criminal Justice.

9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – poor quality – EMcA – IM and EMcA will carry out inspection before next meeting.

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

2/17/1 – Stalker Avenue tree re-instatement. – ongoing.

TREASURER’S REPORT - EMcA – There is £8,900 in the Main Account however most of that is committed to the Fountains, the Memorials and the Community Plan. The Bank has asked for more information re the signatories which is being sent. The Constitution has been checked and the main Treasurer functions have to be carried out by a CC member. Associated tasks such as Minutes Secretary and CC members drafting correspondence would be allowable and this will be looked into.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – Next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on the 22nd March in the Woolpack. The members were asked to submit any final comments on the draft Plan before that meeting after which the Plan will be considered approved.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMcA read out the correspondence list

1. Letter from Devonvale Hall Committee – the Hall Committee have suggested a meeting to look at better resourcing the Hall to protect its future. CMcC will write confirming that CC members will attend.
2. Telephone Boxes – the removal of telephone boxes has been proposed. The CC will look at the possible adoption of boxes. The boxes concerned are at Westbourne Avenue, Jamieson Gardens and Devonside.
3. Review of the Community Council establishment scheme – members can make comments to the on line questionnaire.
4. Community Matters – Council asking that successful projects generate publicity for their projects.
5. Risk Assessment for Community Events – training evening has been postponed till 6th April – IM, EMcA and AR to attend.
6. Employment Fair – Keith Brown holding an Employment Fair in Alloa Town Hall on the 24th March from 10 to 2.00pm.
7. Defibrillator promotion – Scottish Ambulance Service promoting availability of defibrillators.
8. Friends of the Ochils – an excellent report on the ochils has been received and is available to members.
9. Volunteering Matters – poster making older people aware of the RSVP Handyperson Service on noticeboard.
10. Invitation to accompany children attending the Risk Factory in Edinburgh extended to CC members.
11. Tesco Bags of Help Scheme – changes being made to improve scheme. Local groups encouraged to make bids to scheme.
12. CTSI/ JCCF – Clackmannanshire Community Conference – from 9.15 to 4.00pm on Friday the 31st of March in the Bowmar Centre.
13. Tillicoultry Community Week – request for volunteers from the CC to augment the Community Week committee. Those interested contact EMcA.

PLANNING REPORT – nothing to report.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

1. Gala meeting on 21st March in the Royal. Volunteers required.

EDF – meeting on Thursday will clarify the position on lights funding and clear way for 2 bids per annum.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

1. Changes to Council political control.
2. James Pollock Court – flooring problems being addressed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

1. TA had written to the Council re providing seats on the footpath to the west of Tillicoultry. CC will look at how this could be achieved. Will go on the Action List
2. WS distributed information on local bee keeping activity.
3. CMcK – The Tillicoeur Twinning Group are holding a Bingo Tea on the 31st of March at 7.30pm and all would be welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 11th April 2017.