**TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE**

**PRESENT – Elma Mitchell, Melanie White, Tom Allan, Ian Gordon, Elizabeth Young, Damian Sherwood-Johnson, Alex Robertson, Robert McAuley. Ewart McAuslane, John Mitchell**

**In attendance – Archie Drummond, Martha Benny, Gail Walker, Amanda Malcolm, Susan Normansell, Jane Edwards**

**APOLOGIES – Ian Millar, Mick Taylor, Donald Balsillie**

**CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – DS-J welcomed all to his first meeting as the new Chairperson and explained the basis of the new seating arrangements in the Hexagon. He clarified the advice given by Lesley Baillie of Clackmannanshire Council on the co-option of new Members. The two vacancies available had been advertised on the noticeboards and the CC was now able to co-opt. The following people were added to the CC membership**

**Michael Taylor – Co-opted - Proposed by DS-J seconded by IG**

**Elma Mitchell – Co-opted – Proposed by RMcA seconded by JM**

**Jane Edwards – Associate Membership (non-voting) – Proposed by DS-J seconded by EM**

**DS-J proposed that a matter to do with light pollution from one of the Xmas Lights be taken early in the meeting. Mrs Normansell outlined the problem she was experience at her house in the High Street. It was agreed that the Tilly Ladies be asked to consider the matter and remove the light concerned if it was appropriate to do so.**

**Gail Walker had written to the CC about the possibility of setting up a Community Flood Action Group in the CC area. Gail and Amanda Malcolm outlined the need for monitoring and where appropriate action on flooding in the Devon and the local Burns. The Scottish Government were introducing initiatives and local volunteers were needed to record activity in local flooding hot spots. The CC agreed to support the formation of a Group and to provide help and publicity. EMcA will be the main contact with the Council and the local interest Groups.**

**POLICE REPORT/PACT – No Police presence and no report received. EMcA will contact Police.**

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

1. **EMcA had written to the Council regarding the wood rot in the legs of the Murray Square clock but had no reply.**

**ACTION LIST –DS-J went through the Action List**

**5/15/2 – Small Townscape Initiative – no change. AD gave an assurance that the project remains in the Council’s Capital Programme with implementation likely in 2018/19.**

**8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA had written to the Council re progress but had no response. He will write again.**

**10/15/2 – Local Community Plan Grant - EMcA - Two Fountains Project – the contract to refurbish the fountains has gone to Mossman.**

**12/15/2 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA - Community Contribution – the £5,000 had been received and thanks were due to Finlay and Fraser Corsar at Balhearty for looking after the community’s interest in securing the payment. Efforts will continue to be made to identify the best use of the cash.**

**9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – EMcA – the Roads Service had agreed a new technical solution and a date for starting the work was awaited.**

**10/16/1 – City Deal – AD outlined 4 major projects being developed under the City Deal including flooding and ecological works on the Forth, housing developments, geo thermal developments and business expansion.**

**3/17/1 – Seating on the pathway west of Tillicoultry – TA – EMcA has written to Roads asking where the proposed seat will be sited.**

**6/17/1 – Provosts Light – EMcA – EMcA had spoken to some of the householders around the redundant lights in Colliers Court and they seem supportive.**

**11/17/1 – Participation Request – Empty house in Moss Road - EMcA reported he had spoken to Lesley Baillie about the request and been researching experience at Moray Council on Empty Homes control.**

**TREASURERS REPORT – EMcA reported no significant movement in any of the accounts. The Xmas Lights costs will be met shortly.**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – The list of correspondence received had been circulated and the following issues were discussed**

1. **Community Development Grant Fund - the Council had launched a new grant fund for community controlled buildings. CC members were asked to publicize the availability of funds. EMcA suggested the CC might sponsor a bid for defibrillators in all the main Halls. It was felt they might be better situated in Shops where the footfall was greater.**
2. **Letter from Bobby McGill re Balhearty Funds – EMcA will contact BMcG re detail.**
3. **Laura Sutherland of Scouts asking for meeting. EMcA will get back to her re date.**
4. **Complaint about siting of a seat in the High Street. The seat had been sited by the Tilly Ladies. the CC were not aware of any significant anti social behavior around it. The Police will be asked for their comments.**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING – DS-J said there would be a meeting in December of the CP Group. There had been good progress in the Town Centre, with the business community and the Glen where there is to be a wild flower planting day on the 26th of November. It was still hoped to host a major event in the Spring to look at the first years progress. Also a quarterly newsletter was planned. A Communications Group comprising DS-J, IM and RMcC was agreed.**

**MICRO GRANT APPLICATIONS –**

**RMcC outlined the basis of the 4 applications received and after consideration the following decisions were made –**

Wee County Men’s Shed – Xmas Light **- The main EDF Fund had increased its contribution towards the cost of the Tillicoultry Xmas Lights in 2017. On that basis it was not felt appropriate to make an additional payment from the Micro Grant Fund – Decision – No grant.**

Mill Glen Action Group – tools and equipment for use in the Glen upkeep. **Decision – Grant (conditional on tools and equipment being considered community property).**

**Centenary Hall – redecoration and blinds – the request was for a very small contribution to a larger project. It was felt that the Hall should apply to the main EDF Fund where up to £2,000 is available. Decision – No Grant but offer of help to draft an application to EDF.**

**Mrs C Wilson – 2 schoolchildren going on trip to Nicaragua. EMcA declared an interest (one of the children being his grandson). The EDF Fund will not contribute to the cost of overseas travel but they have indicated that costs relating to uk purchases and travel could be granted. EMcA will write to Mrs Wilson asking for a breakdown of the UK costs. Decision – continued to February meeting.**

**PLANNING REPORT – no activity reported.**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT – Lights switch on volunteers identified. RMcC is running the Hogmanay Ceildh at Coalsnaughton again this year.**

**EDF – The Panel meets on Wednesday the 22nd November. RMcC and EMcA will represent the CC.**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS –**

**MB – The Roads Service are dealing with the visibility around the Zebra crossing at the park exit on the Alva Road. They intend to put in a chicane at the Moss Road Zebra when funds permit. Speeding traffic around Tillicoultry was raised. MB has raised with the Police. Speed audits had been carried out but have often proved that there is no significant speeding.**

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre at 7.00pm on the 12TH of December 2017.**