TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

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

In attendance – Constable Millar.

APOLOGIES – Ian Millar, Robert McClelland, John Mitchell

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS – CMcC welcomed the Police and the 2 representatives from the Council attending the meeting to introduce the Small Towns Initiative.

POLICE REPORT/PACT – Constable Millar read out his report. It will be put in the noticeboard. He highlighted spray painting incidents, vehicle scratching and acquisitive crime from motor homes. He stressed the need for vigilance and prompt reporting of incident or suspicions. The tickets for the Pensioners party will be circulated. TA asked about the legal significance of “NO BALL GAMES” signs. These signs are informative only.

SMALL TOWNSCAPE INITIATIVE – Robert Smith and Steven Leitch from Clacks Council told the meeting that Tillicoultry is the latest town to benefit from the Initiative. It will involve a collaborative approach developing a plan through consultation with the public and local groups. It will concentrate on the High Street frontages and back areas. The importance of linkage with the ongoing Community Plan production was agreed. AR was concerned that peripheral areas such as Devonside and Coalsnaughton were missing out. Robert explained that the project involved Town Centre areas only and that other areas may be looked at later.

ELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS – At this point in the meeting the Chair was assumed by the Depute Returning Officer. He invited the new CC members to nominate a Chairperson. Chris McCallion was nominated and unanimously elected.Chris then assumed the Chair and invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Robert McClelland was nominated by BS and seconded by IG. Robert was elected unanimously. Nominations for the Treasurers role were requested. EM declared she was standing down. In the absence of nominations EMcA offered to carry out the dual role of Treasurer/Secretary with the intention of allowing one of the members time to prepare for the role. DS-J expressed an interest. This was approved. Proposed by CMcC, seconded by IG. The position of Secretary went to EMcA, proposed by CMcC, seconded by EY. Following advice from the Council’s representative CMcC clarified the position re volunteers and co-optees. The CC can only co-opt in the event of a resignation from the elected group of 13 members. Volunteers can participate but cannot vote or be signatories to the accounts.

Signatories to the accounts. EMcA explained that the Bank wished to see a set of CC signatories rather than signatories for each of the separate accounts.

The CC agreed that Chris McCallion, Ewart McAuslane, Robert McClelland, Billy Shepherd and Damian Sherwood-Johnston would be the account signatories. EMcA will process the paperwork.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes had been circulated and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING – Not on Action List - none

ACTION LIST –CMcC went through the Action List

12/14/1 – Tillicoultry Glen Restoration – AD – the Glen works have evidently been completed and the Glen is now open.

5/15/2 – EMcA – see earlier reference to Council Small Townscape initiative.

8/15/2 – Transfer of Charitable Funds – EMcA – ongoing

10/15/2 – Two Fountains Project – EMcA – progress being made procuring metal plates prior to cleaning.

11/15/1 – Micro Grant Funding – RMcC – EMcA – audited accounts sent to RMcC

11/15/2 – War Memorial Refurbishment – AD – path at Cemetery finished – Cleaning and lettering work evidently complete.

12/15/1 – Balhearty Solar Farm – EMcA –no action

2/16/2 – EDF Community Funding Scheme – RMcC – report on the £2,500 Community Event Fund will come to next meeting.

3/16/2 – Coalsnaughton Noticeboard – noticeboard to be uplifted and EM will contact Criminal Justice re erection.

9/16/1 – Dollar Road Resurfacing – poor quality – EMcA – was instructed to write to the Roads Service requesting they attend the next meeting to discuss Roads issues such as the Dollar Road works and the A91 between Tillicoultry and Dollar.

10/16/1- City Fund – AD – no report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – Next CP meeting on 15th November 2016

SECRETARY’S REPORT – EMA read out the correspondence list

PLANNING REPORT – MT referred to the major planning application which will involve joining Coalsnaughton and Devonside. The public consultation meeting will be held in Coalsnaughton Hall on Thursday 17th November – 2pm to 7pm

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – The Xmas Lights Switch On event will be held from 5pm on the 27th of November 2016 in Murray Square. Help with stewarding etc was requested.

EDF – next meeting is shortly and will consider the Xmas Lights application from the CC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AR referred to proposed road improvement works in Devonside

BS referred to problems with the new shop unit being built in Hill Street

The next meeting of the Community Councilwill be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00pm on the 13th of December 2016.