

# TILlicOUNTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE, TILlicOUNTRY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.00 PM.

**PRESENT** :- Ian Gordon, Chris McCallion, Paul McCormick, Ian Millar, Billy Shepherd, Robert McClelland, Ewart McAuslane, Claire McKay and Elma Mitchell.

**IN ATTENDANCE** :- Bobby McGill, Archie Drummond and 1 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES** :- Robyn Murray, Melanie White and Robert McAulay.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Chris McCallion welcomed all to the meeting of TCDCC.

### **POLICE REPORT/PACT**

There was no Police Report either by email or a report from the Police.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was proposed by Robert McClelland and seconded by Billy Shepherd. There being no dissent the Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The funds stand at the following amounts.

The general fund of TCDCC stands at £3,277.85

The Over 70's fund of TCDCC stands at £1,870.28

The Tillicoultry Gala Fund stands at £4,452.68

The Tillicoultry Christmas Lights fund stands at £911.92.

An amount of £160.79 was raised at the Switch-on of the Christmas Lights which has still to be banked.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary had received the following: - Gambling Licence and Bank statements.

There is a consultation about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill on which comment has to be made by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The email will be sent to all who are on email and they can make their answers known.

The baton bearer nominees have been sent online application has been made and the nominees are Rebecca Howard, Andrew Dunbar, Gregor Murphy and Emmys McCombie from Alva Academy who raised £25,000 for the Macmillan charity.

An Interim Participatory Budgeting Panel has been set up to decide on the £3,000 budget for community training to be spent before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. At a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November the Panel came up with several training opportunities. The meeting suggested that Risk Assessment would be a better than the Facebook training. Ian Gordon is serving on the Interim Panel.

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Nominations for the Clackmannanshire Awards are now due and must be made before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014. The meeting agreed unanimously to put forward Ian Millar for this award. Ian will consult with Ian Gordon about the application.

A letter had been received from the Rotary Club of Alloa suggesting working in partnership with local groups. This CC decided that this would be a good idea but the proposed meeting was at the same date and time of TCDCC January meeting. It was agreed to send a letter to the Rotary Club to tell them that TCDCC were happy to accommodate their ideas but that the meeting date was unsuitable.

CTSi had sent an email regarding the Scottish Community Development Centre. It was agreed to send the email to everyone on the CC list.

An email from Lesley Baillie regarding a "Community Plan" was tabled. Archie Drummond tabled one for Oakley in Fife. Ian Gordon said that Muckhart had already done such a plan and that Tullibody, Glenochil & Cambus were in the process of producing such a document. Clackmannanshire Council was willing to make some money available for such an exercise. There was some discussion about Community Plans and it was decided that a meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014. It was suggested that the Councillors, Lesley Baillie, Bill Nicholls would be invited to attend along with Stuart dean from Muckhart CC.

The JCCF will meet in Alva Academy on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013. There will be no nominated speakers so all that will be discussed is things affecting Community Councils. It would be nice if more people from TCDCC could attend.

Friends of the Earth had sent an email regarding the proposal to explore the possibility of fracking near Airth. The email was not very forthcoming with information and asked for financial support for their campaign against fracking.

Lesley Baillie had sent an email regarding a consultation by the Scottish Government about strengthening local democracy. The email would be sent round.

CTSi had sent a proposed constitution for the Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association. This will be passed around for comment as soon as possible.

## **PLANNING REPORT**

The retrospective planning application for 14 Kirkton Gardens had been granted but with conditions regarding landscaping and physical works.

There was a discussion about the Local Development Plan and some doubts were cast over the wording of the document. It was decided that Graham Finlay would be asked to attend the January meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Chris McCallion said that the Switch-on of the Christmas Lights had been a great success. Thanks were extended to Claire, the lighting company, the Baptist Church, Tilly Tearoom and, last but not least, all the people who turned out to watch.

Next year it was agreed that the Switch-on would be organised in September when the CC would ask that the bus station be closed for the duration of the Switch-on. It was also agreed to look at the timing of the event.

There will be an event on Hogmanay in Coalsnaughton Hall in place of the event which used to be held in Devonvale Hall. Because the Hall in Coalsnaughton only has a capacity of 100 the music will be via a disco.

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Tickets are on sale at £6.00 each and people will have to bring their own drinks and nibbles. Thanks were extended to Bobby McGill for facilitating the use of the hall. There will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will be for the Christmas Lights fund and any profit from tickets sales will go to the CC.

The French classes would be organised for 2014 because the teacher was unwell and was wished a speedy recovery.

## **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Archie Drummond produced Police figures which said that reported crime was down and detection rates were very good. Clackmannanshire was the safest place in Scotland. There followed some discussion on the figures.

The Fire Service had reported that there were several houses had which had either no smoke alarms or smoke alarms which did not work. There followed some discussion but no resolution could be ascertained for the problem.

The budget process was still ongoing. Officers had been asked to review the money saving process.

There was no further progress in action at the Mill Glen.

It was likely that the Council would agree that there should only be one polling station in Tillicoultry which would be located at Devonvale Hall.

Tillicoultry Community Week will start on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and should be packed with fun for all the family.

A sign for the Rugby Club would be erected soon.

Bobby McGill said that the problems in Coalsnaughton seemed to have quietened down.

He thought that the Ben Cleuch Centre could be closed for one day without much difficulty and would back the use of the Centre as a polling station.

## **ANY OTHER REPORT**

None.

## **AOCB**

Ian Millar said that on Remembrance Sunday that no one from the CC had laid a wreath. Chris explained that he was not able to arrange for someone else to lay the wreath and the Minister said that she would get someone to lay it on behalf of the CC. Ian said that was wrong. However, it was agreed that the Chair should lay the wreath but one or two people would be appointed as deputies in case the Chair could not do so.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry at 7.00 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.**

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## **AGENDA**

**MEETING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**

1. APOLOGIES
2. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS
4. POLICE REPORT/PACT
5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN
6. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. SECRETARY'S REPORT
8. PLANNING REPORT
9. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
11. ANY OTHER REPORT
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