

# Tillicoultry Community Council

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicouLTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicouLTRY ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT** :- Ian Gordon, Ian Millar, Elma Mitchell, Paul McCormick, Chris McCallion, Billy Shepherd, Robert McAulay and Mima Allan.

**IN ATTENDANCE** :- John Biggam and 6 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** :- George Banner and Graeme Clark.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Mima Allan welcomed all to the last meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council for 2010.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 was proposed by Ian Millar and seconded by Paul McCormick. There being no dissent the Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

These will be taken under their respective headings.

### **POLICE REPORT/PACT**

There is no Police report this month.

### **COUNCILLORS REPORT**

John Biggam said that he had obtained an answer to the query regarding the legality of the Police taking action against people parking on double yellow lines. It would seem that the Police could take action whether or not there were signs displayed provided that a Traffic Road Order was in place. Any portion of road which was not covered by an RTO could be made the subject of one if the Council was made known of the fact.

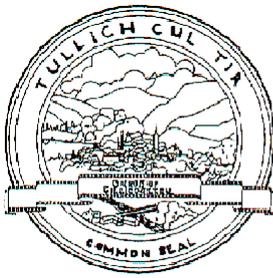
John Biggam also said that he had a reply from the Council on the situation regarding the toilets in Murray Square. This stated that the toilets would not be closed until the new facility was in place because the facilities were well used. The CC thinks should mean that the toilets should not be closed because the replacement facility would not be able to cope with only one toilet to cater for all (male, female or disabled) customers.

There had been a query about why the road bumps in Stalker Avenue were different from others in Tillicoultry. The answer was that the bus companies had requested them.

At the meeting of the Council, in early December it was agreed that there should be one Head of Education for the combined education systems in Clackmannanshire and Stirling and there would be one Head of Social Work. The education job would go to the incumbent in Stirling and the other would be the incumbent in Clackmannanshire.

If the Council will accept the Scottish Government's offer of a payment settlement there will only be a 6% cut in the budget but, if not, there will be a 10% cut and a rise in Council Tax.

John Biggam asked about planning applications to which the CC had objected because the references he had received regarding the sites concerned did not seem to be correct. Mima said that she would check, but she was sure that the CC had objected to a site on Dollar Road and to the siting of chalets in Alva Wood. John said that he would check the references.



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It was mentioned that because the Council owned the ground behind the Library it should clear the ice and snow to give clear access to elderly people who lived in the flats above Library. There had also been complaints about people parking at the only vehicular entrance to the flats behind the Library. It was agreed that should be a Police matter.

There was a deputation from residents in Chapelle Crescent who were incensed about the Council requesting money up front from them to pay for a repair to the ring main when a burst occurred on Council property. The Council, apparently, take the mutual responsibility of the house owners as all private owners should pay for any leaks on their property and still have the Council demanding money from them for leaks on Council property. This is a sad state of affairs and the leak has not yet been repaired causing loss of treated water which should have been stopped some time ago. John Biggam will take the matter up with the CC and give a reply when he has the Council's story.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary had received the following: - Reminder for the fee for Small Lotteries , Notification of the 2010 Clackmannanshire Awards, Christmas Card from the Provost and Bank statements.

A letter had been received from Clackmannanshire Council regarding the planting of a replacement tree in the ground at the top of Stirling Street/Walker Terrace. The meeting raised objections.

Clackmannanshire Council had sent a resume of the members of the Community Council. The only omission was the co-option of Graeme Clark as a Community Councillor with full voting rights as allowed for in the CC Constitution. Ian Gordon will write to correct that information.

Scottish Natural Heritage had sent a letter outlining the changes to the four SSSIs within the CC area. Ian Gordon pointed out that one of the areas will be affected by the Ochil Landscape Partnership project for Tillicoultry Glen. The project will require Planning Permission because it will have construction works within the borders of the SSSI.

Keep Scotland Tidy will be holding their annual clean up from 14/03/11 to 16/05/11. No doubt the CC will learn more about in due course.

The proposed Community Engagement Guidelines were tabled but there was not sufficient time to decide to go with them or not.

Lesley Baillie had updated the CC on where the new Scheme for CCs was coming along.

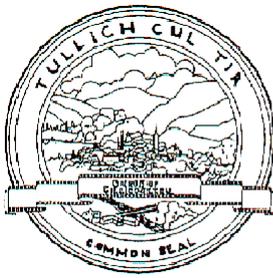
There was an e-mail concerning applications for money from Children in Need. There are strict criteria but there could well be a successful application from some of the voluntary organisations whole deal with children with the problems which are defined in the criteria.

There is a committee training scheme to be held in Gean House in January. Ian Gordon he had booked one place for the CC and asked if anyone would be interested in the course. Chris McCallion voiced an interest but it would be dependent on him being available. He would telephone Ian to let him know if he could attend.

As everyone knows, TV will be switched to digital sometime in May or June 2011. Unfortunately, the Government in its wisdom has sicked this onto us without giving any money to help make the changeover. However, there is a gentleman who is willing to come and talk to Tillicoultry regarding this changeover. It was agreed that a meeting be set for Tillicoultry in the week 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Ian Gordon will arrange this meeting.

The Scottish Government has sent a questionnaire to the CC asking questions about the ASCC. A copy of the questionnaire was given to all Community Councillors. Ian Gordon will, in addition, reply on behalf of the CC.

There was a request that a list of telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and addresses of all Community Councillors. Ian said that this was no problem except for one CC member who had an ex-directory number and if everyone sent him an e-mail he would collate all the e-mail addresses and e-mail it round.



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## **TREASURER'S EPORT**

The Community Council's finances are still relatively healthy.

There had been a fundraising event by the Woolpack Inn which had raised £428.07 for Christmas lights for Tillicoultry. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Woolpack. It was agreed that separate bank account would be opened for the Lighting Fund and Chris and Billy will be in charge of this venture.

Ian said that the Epson laser printer had a problem and spares could not be obtained so it had to be scrapped. A new laser printer had been ordered and delivery should be soon. The meeting agreed this action.

## **PLANNING REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The sale of Hoole tickets was about the same as this time last year. The Chef has been obtained and the steak pie etc. will be delivered on 30<sup>th</sup> December. There are bodies required to assist on Hogmanay at 2.00pm to set up tables etc. and organise balloons.

Paul said that he had received quotations from only one bus company for the proposed Over 70s trip. It was agreed to accept the quotation for a trip to Arbroath on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

## **ANY OTHER REPORT**

The Clock Tower project is still ongoing.

Mima said that the meeting between herself, John Biggam and Ian Gordon with the residents of Kirkcare and their warden and the representative from Trust Housing. The residents had some problems with two residents in particular. Unfortunately, Trust Housing required complaints from other residents to take any serious action and this had not happened.

Mima had received a letter from a carer of one of the residents which detailed problems encountered by the residents.

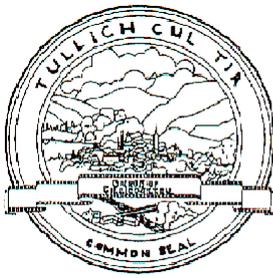
There followed a general discussion on the situation and Mima said that another meeting would be organised early next year to hear how things were and if things had improved.

## **AOCB**

None.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

**The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**



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## **AGENDA**

**MEETING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

1. APOLOGIES
2. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
4. POLICE REPORT/PACT
5. COUNCILLORS REPORT
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