



# Tillicoultry Community Council

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicoultry COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicoultry ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT** :- Ian Gordon, Paul McCormick, Billy Shepherd, Graeme Clark, Chris McCallion and Mima Allan.

**IN ATTENDANCE** :- Peter Norman, PC Jade, Walter McAdam, John Biggam, Bobby McGill, Donald Balsillie and 11 Tillicoultry residents.

**APOLOGIES** :- Elma Mitchell, George Banner, Ian Millar and Robert McAulay.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Mima welcomed all to the meeting. At a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March the meeting decided that Mima should not chair the public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Accordingly, Mima felt that she could not attend the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March because she did not have the backing of the Tillicoultry Community to chair that meeting. Mima stated that she was sorry to leave in these circumstances but she would resign from the Community Council forthwith and left the meeting.

The Vice Chair being present took over the Chair for the meeting. Graeme thanked Mima for her term in office and was sorry for the reason for her leaving.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Ian Gordon said that he had made a mistake with the Minutes and that the comment made by John Biggam was that he had nothing to add to Donald Balsillie's comments. Mr McGill attempted to have the Minute altered but it was pointed out by a Community Councillor that the Minute was a matter for the Community Council. It was agreed that Mr McGill, if he wished, should make a complaint in writing to the Community Council regarding the Minute. Mr McGill then left the meeting. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> March was proposed by Billy Shepherd and seconded by Ian Gordon. The meeting accepted the Minutes with the alteration stated by the Secretary.

### **POLICE REPORT/PACT**

Jade stated that Tillicoultry had a youth and young adult problem but that there had been only 10 undetected crimes but there were some positive lines of enquiry on some of them.

There had been 8 road traffic offences and the detection rate was around 75%. Illegal parking was still a priority as was antisocial behaviour.

Parking in disabled spaces was illegal and it would be given attention.

The traffic wardens were not seen very often in Tillicoultry if at all.



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## **TWINNING**

Peter Norman made a request that Tillicoultry Community Council would agree to a twinning arrangement with Beauvais which is a small town in France. Peter would find out what, if any, finance would be required to complete the arrangement. There will be no funding from Clackmannanshire Council. It is possible that "Awards for All" could be a source of finance. There is a rugby connection with that part of France.

Peter has approached Derek Stewart regarding this and Derek reckons that there should be no problem.

An up to date history of Tillicoultry would be helpful.

A document for the twinning will be prepared for the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011.  
If anyone

## **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

John Biggam said that the Scrutiny Committee had been informed that a surplus of £800k had been discovered. Clackmannanshire Council decided that this money should be passed to the reserve fund instead of stopping closures. This money would have saved the Tillicoultry Family Centre and the Community Centre. This information was made available after the probable closures were announced. The current position is not known.

Repairs to the road outside Devonvale Hall was brought up and John said that he would look into the matter.

The Family Centre closure had not been specified in the notes for the budget meeting. It is not known who was responsible for the closure of the Family Centre.

Donald Balsillie, had a prior meeting about the closure of Alva Swimming Pool and only made this meeting at 9.00pm. He commented on the £800k surplus which was being put in reserves. He commented that the minimum reserve should be 2% of the total budget which would be around £2.4m. The Administration had put the extra money in reserves which now made an amount of £3.7m. The Council position was not understood by the opposition.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary had received the following :- Notices for the May Elections, Clacks Climate Strategy, NHS Spring Magazine, SEPA View, SNH Magazine and bank statements.

There was a meeting of the Community Health Partnership on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately no one was able to attend.

Zurich Municipal had sent a renewal notification. Ian said that perhaps the CC should consider increasing the insured values. The premium had been paid but if the values were increased the premium might also increase.

The Fire & Rescue Service Union wish to have the support of the Community Councils for their views for the Service.

A letter from Clackmannanshire Council has been received about the use of the Community Centre by the Community Council. Ian Gordon will set up a meeting with Mr Geary



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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The account was still in credit and the CC is still more than solvent.

## **PLANNING REPORT**

The Chair of the Planning having resigned there is a vacancy for that position

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Gala will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and it is the 25<sup>th</sup> event run by the Community Council. It is hoped that we shall have a record crowd. The next Gala meeting will be in the Community Council office on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 at 7.00pm.

The Over 70s outing will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and the venue is Arbroath.

## **ANY OTHER REPORT**

There will be a meeting of the clock tower group and Peter Morrison from Clackmannanshire Council to discuss the problems besetting the project. The meeting is at the CC office at 7.00pm.

## **AOCB**

Bill Nicholls said that anyone was welcome to the Tillicoultry Action Group and that Mima has done a good job with the Community Council.

Chris McCallion suggested that the Wind farm Fund should be put on the next agenda.

A question raised about insurance values was answered by Ian Gordon as the CC insured values were subject to review and Ian Gordon said that they should probably be reviewed.

It was noted that some Chief Officers of Clackmannanshire Council did not reside within Clackmannanshire.

It was agreed that a Special Meeting would be held to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair on a date to be agreed. Ian Gordon would action this as soon as possible.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

**The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**



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## **AGENDA**

**MEETING ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

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