

Tillicoultry Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicoultry COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicoultry ON 11TH JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT :- Ian Gordon, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Billy Shepherd and Graeme Clark.

IN ATTENDANCE :- Shirley Coyle, John Biggam, Donald Balsillie and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES :- George Banner, Paul McCormick, Mima Allan, Ian Millar and Robert McAulay.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Mima Allan not being present, Graeme Clark took the chair and welcomed all to the first meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council in 2011.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 14th December 2010 was proposed by Chris McCallion and seconded by Billy Shepherd. 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

A male is in custody because of possession of heroin.

There had been a total of 24 detected crimes in the last month which included motoring offences, theft, etc. There were 10 undetected crimes which were mainly vandalism. People should probably be more vigilant and tell the Police when the incidents occur.

It was put forward that illegal parking is still a major problem in Tillicoultry as well along the Hillfoots. It is probable that the Police will perhaps have a blitz on illegal parking in the Hillfoots and other areas of Clackmannanshire. There was a varied discussion on the matter but the above comments are the outcome.

There had been many complaints about parking in the vicinity of the Primary School which some people were continually blocking the access from garages and were, at best, unhelpful when other people wished to remove their vehicles from their garages and generally being a nuisance. This kind of parking was prevalent in the Roundelwood area. The Police will look into the matter.

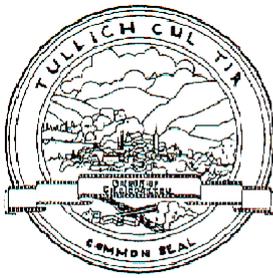
There will be a concerted effort to reduce vandalism in the area.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

John Biggam said that the imminent Scrutiny Committee meeting would be discussing the savings which had to be made and there were several items to be considered before budget requirements would be decided.

The digital switchover will not have any people turning up at anyone's door. Ian Gordon said that he had been contacted by the people who were giving advice and help with the changeover. A meeting would be arranged in Tillicoultry to which anyone would be welcome to hear what was available and what was not.

Many complaints had been received about the lack of snow and ice clearing within Tillicoultry. Some streets were extremely difficult for people, particularly the elderly, to negotiate with any amount of confidence that they would not fall.



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The seriousness of the situation with frost heave on the roads and footpaths means that much repairing must be done as soon as possible.

There had been complaints about children being required to walk, in difficult conditions, to buses in Murray Square to transport them to school. This was despite service buses negotiating their routes in Tillicoultry, despite the conditions. The question was posed "Why did the school buses not go to their usual pick-up points?" John Biggam will ask the question of the Council. Another query was who was responsible for this action.

There followed some discussion about school closures because of inclement weather. This will be taken to the Council for a definitive answer.

Donald Balsillie said that the Main Issues Report is now available and that there would be a walk-in session to discuss the matter in Tillicoultry Community Centre on 16th February 2011 between 6 and 8 pm. Ian Gordon asked for at least one hard copy of the document which was around 140 pages long. Donald said that he would look into the matter.

There was a question from the floor regarding the development at Marchglen which had no planning permission. It would seem that an Enforcement Order had been issued for the site although all the site had not yet been cleared.

It was agreed that all four Councillors for the CC area would be asked to give a 5 minute address to the Community Council at the CC meeting on Tuesday 12th April 2011. The secretary will write to them to put this simple request to them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had received the following: - NHS – Community News, Christmas from Keith Brown, SEPA – View, SNH magazine and Bank statements.

A letter had been received from Planning Aid regarding events which they are holding. It was agreed that as the seminars were in the evening in Edinburgh and Glasgow. It was not possible for anyone from Tillicoultry CC to attend either course.

A letter had been from the Post Office that the Post Office in Coalsnaughton had been closed in November 2010 and with some luck would be open again in the middle of January 2011. The letter was dated 20/12/10.

Keith Brown had sent a 15 page pamphlet on "Keeping Warm This Winter". Perhaps it might have been sent to all his constituents. The advice is good but some older people can remember winters like 1942, 1948 and 1963 and know what they had to do then.

There will be some Drug Awareness First Aid Initiative Training in the Raploch Community Campus between now and Spring during the day. It is not possible to send anyone to these sessions.

A Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment Survey has been sent to the CC. It will not be probable that any answer can be made within the timescale which ends on 31/01/11.

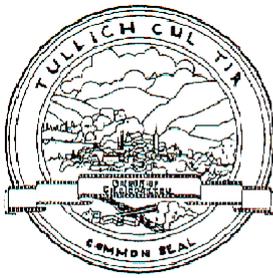
Tillicoultry Baptist Church is holding a Quiz Night in Devonvale Hall on 14th January 2011 at 7.00pm. Team members will be charged £5 per head with a maximum of 6 members in any team. The money raised will be given to charities, namely, Marie Curie and Strathcarron Hospice.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council's finances are still relatively healthy. The final total for the Hoole has not yet been ascertained but should be sorted out before the next meeting.

The laser printer had been delivered and the cheque "is in the post". The cost with a three year warranty was less than £300.

PLANNING REPORT



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Nothing to report

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks were made to all who helped top make the Hoole a success. It was agreed that the food to be supplied at the 2011 Hoole would be soup and stovies with an alternative of a vegetable lasagne for the vegetarians.

It was agreed that the band should be booked for this year's Hoole.

ANY OTHER REPORT

The Clock Tower project is still ongoing and a meeting of the Action Group with a Council officer will be arranged shortly to sort out what actions must be taken to preserve the tower in the immediate future.

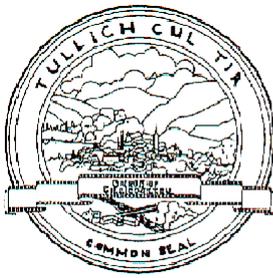
After a question from the floor it was stated that at the meeting with the residents, it surprised the staff of Trust Housing that the residents were more forthcoming about their difficulties with the deputation than they had been with them. Another meeting will be arranged in the Spring to see what has transpired in the intervening period.

AOCB

None.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 8th February 2011.



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AGENDA

MEETING ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2011

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