



Tillicoultry Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicoultry COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicoultry ON 10TH MAY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT :- Ian Gordon, Paul McCormick, Billy Shepherd, Graeme Clark, Chris McCallion, Robert McAulay and George Banner.

IN ATTENDANCE :- John Biggam, Donald Balsillie and 3 Tillicoultry residents.

APOLOGIES :- Elma Mitchell and Ian Millar.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chris McCallion was elected Chair at a Special General Meeting on 5th May 2011 and welcomed all to the meeting. He said that the letter of complaint from Councillor McGill had been discussed at the SGM. He had drafted a reply to this letter which stated, among other things, that the Minutes of the meeting of 8th March 2011 would stand. The letter would be sent to Councillor McGill at the earliest opportunity.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 12th April was proposed by Billy Shepherd and seconded by Graeme Clark. There being no dissent, the Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

TWINNING

As Pat Norman was not present it was agreed to leave this item to the end of the meeting.

POLICE REPORT/PACT

There being no Police presence there was no report. It was suggested that the CC should receive a written report each month and, if possible, the Police would be represented at the CC meetings. Chris McCallion will make enquiries about this idea.

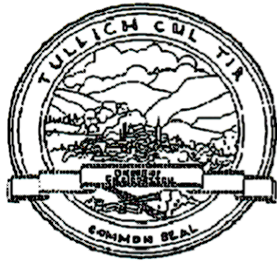
COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

John Biggam mentioned the proposed extension to the Burnfoot Wind Farm and Ian Gordon said that it would appear in his report.

The closure of the Family Centre and the Community Centre were included in a petition from the Action Group. The questions which were asked would be answered at the June meeting of Clackmannanshire Council.

A report is being prepared by Council officers regarding the Police and the Fire & Rescue services.

There two shared services with Stirling Council which are Social Work and Education. There will be deputy heads in these services for the local administration. It is not likely that schools will be closed in the next year. The question was asked, how much of a saving would be realised with the joint working in these services.



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Clackmannanshire Council has agreed to the constitution etc. for the Ochil Landscape Partnership but the Alva Pool complex report was not heard at the Council meeting.

The Coalfield Regeneration Trust was still getting money but no area of Tillicoultry was sufficiently deprived to have any of this money.

John was asked how the Bonnie View appeal was progressing. John will find out the situation.

There was a general discussion about the quick closure of the Family Centre in March. Apparently, there was not much progress with the consultation about the alternatives. The Family Centre was the only purpose built unit in Clackmannanshire and was very successful. It was apparently closed at the behest of Clackmannanshire Council officers. There should have been a Family Centre on either side of the river but there has been no chance to negotiate. Donald Balsillie agreed to try to find out the deprivation figures which may have been instrumental in the closure. There will be a public meeting in the Community Centre on 25th May 2011 at 7.00pm.

Stephen Crawford has said that the idea is to move all activities to the Primary School.

Alva pool is still the only 25m pool in Clackmannanshire and if it goes there will never be another one built.

The Council meeting on 02/06/11 may expose the total strategy of the administration but we shall find out then.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had received the following :- Flier for playgrounds, flier for synthetic turf, Magazine from Friends of the Ochils and bank statements.

A letter had been received from Councillor McGill for the Chair of the Community Council. The Chair has drafted a reply and will send it to Councillor McGill as quickly as possible.

A flier was received regarding an extension to the Burnfoot Wind Farm which would increase the number of turbines from 13 to 35. There has been some email correspondence with the developer and our colleagues in Dollar and Muckhart plus Friends of the Ochils which organisations are not in favour of the extension. There will be a display in Tillicoultry Community Centre from 3.30 – 7.30pm on 17th May 2011. One of the emails from the developer stated that it was not possible to generate all required electricity solely from renewables.

A letter from Clackmannanshire Council has been received outlining the various activities in the 2 weeks of the Volunteer Festival which extends from 30/05/11 until 11/06/11. There are application forms for all the events which can be obtained from CVS, 12/14 Primrose Street, ALLOA. FK10 1JG.

A letter had been received from BT which was offering telephone boxes as keepsakes in local communities. Of course the telephones would be removed before a local takeover. There was no spontaneous feeling for adopting a telephone box.

Ian Gordon had been in touch with Bruce Geary and the meeting agreed that Mr Geary should be invited along to the next meeting in June.

There will be a meeting about Community Planning and the Single Outcome Agreement on Thursday, 19th May, 2011 at 7.30 pm in Alva Academy.



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Mima had sent a letter of resignation as Chair and as a Community Councillor. The meeting agreed that Chris McCallion and Ian Gordon should determine a suitable present and letter to thank her for all her efforts for the Community Council over the last several years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elma being in hospital she could not give a report. However, Ian was able to advise the meeting that the finances were in a reasonable state and would be so in the foreseeable future.

PLANNING REPORT

The Community Council currently had no Planning Committee. This should be addressed at the June meeting of the Community Council. Meanwhile Ian Gordon received the Planning notices from the Council.

The only thing of note was the advance notice to the Planning Department of the proposed extension to the Burnfoot Wind Farm.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Gala Prize Draw tickets were distributed by Robert and he still has some to put out.

The Over 70s outing will be on 12th July 2011 and the venue is Arbroath. The list will, hopefully, be put up in Coalsnaughton Post Office and the paper shop in Tillicoultry by the end of May.

ANY OTHER REPORT

There will be a survey of the stonework of the clock tower on Wednesday 11th May. This survey will determine what work has to be done to make the tower wind and watertight. The work will be fully costed and will be passed on to the group. Grant Eals will be contacted to determine what money could be available. It would seem that the best way of going forward is to form a sub-group of the Community Council which could partner Clackmannanshire Council in obtaining funds for the project. The Community Council agreed to such a scheme.

AOCB

It was asked if the residents in Trust Housing were now happy. It was agreed to make to check if this was the case.

There was a very short debate on the subject of co-option onto the Community Council. Ian Gordon will look into the matter.

The meeting agreed to support the twinning of Tillicoultry and Beauvais. Pat Norman will be contacted by Billy Shepherd.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30pm on 14th June 2011.



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AGENDA

MEETING ON 14TH JUNE 2011

1. APOLOGIES
2. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
4. TWINNING
5. POLICE REPORT
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9. WIND FARM FUND
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