

Tillicoultry Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicouLTry COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicouLTry ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT :- Ian Gordon, Ian Millar, Graeme Clark, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Billy Shepherd, Melanie White, and Robert McAulay.

IN ATTENDANCE :- John Biggam, Shirley Coyle, Claire Mackay, John and Donald Balsillie.

APOLOGIES :- George Banner, Paul McCormick and Robert McClelland.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

All were welcomed to the meeting and hoped that had a good time on Guy Fawkes night.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Shirley said that PC Cuthbertson's first name was Jordan and not George. Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 13th September thus amended was proposed by Elma Mitchell and seconded by Melanie White. There being no dissent, the Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

TWINNING

There was no update for this meeting. Ian Gordon had not yet e-mailed the Dollar Twinning Secretary. It was agreed that Ian Gordon should contact Eddie Inglis about where we all were. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT/PACT

Jordan Cuthbertson was on a course and could not attend.

The detection rate for this month was 59% and included theft, vandalism, etc. The person who attacked a green on Tillicoultry Golf Course had been detected.

There had been high visibility foot patrols to deter shoplifting and vandalism.

There were some tickets available for the OAP Christmas party in Alloa Town Hall.

There had been persons playing football in Murray Square and Shirley said that some of them had been moved on from time to time.

The relocation of the Police Office was under consideration but there was no decision so far. Shirley said that the office would only move when another location was identified and various locations were being considered.

It would seem that shoplifting at Sterling Mills is on the increase and becoming a problem.

There are 4 Community Wardens in Clackmannanshire and they are very thin on the ground and they are rarely in Tillicoultry.



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The comments on parking cars at the layby at the Royal Hotel was discussed again. At least one licence of the vehicles concerned had expired at the end of October and could be illegal because it was not licenced. If it was licenced it was still an offence to not show it on the vehicle. It was pointed out that a licence was required to sell vehicles.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

John Biggam said that the speed bumps in Stalker Avenue and Walker Terrace had been checked and were now sorted.

The problems with the loose bits on the footbridge in Mill Street have been noted and they will be repaired.

Clackmannanshire Council has no budget for Twinning. John will ask the question about allowing the twinning to proceed at no cost to the Council and report back within 14 days. If this does not happen Ian Gordon will remind him.

Alva Pool has been saved at least for the near future and Tillicoultry CC wishes the Ochil Leisure Enterprise every success in re-opening the Alva Pool as soon as possible.

John said that Clackmannanshire Council has gone the road of invest and save. No one could understand this concept.

Clackmannanshire Council would appear to have saved some £6.4m so far this financial year. They wish to save £8m in the fiscal year until 31/03/12. It was not clear what services had been cut to make this saving. It may be "Pie in the sky".

The electric heating in council houses will be replaced with gas CH as long the tenants are willing to go along with it. This seems to be a "suck it and see" exercise.

There would be a car park on the old Health Centre for at least 2 years. There followed a discussion on car parking in Alloa.

The question of overgrown trees on Dollar Road was raised. The trees concerned were obstructing the footpath on the north side of the road. John Biggam will enquire about this problem.

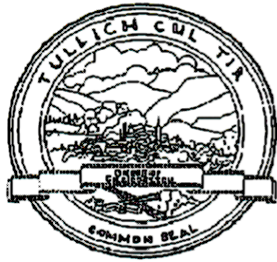
There should be a decision on 17/11/11 about the Marchglen problem. The meeting is at 10.30 am in the Chamber in Greenfield.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had received the following : - SNH magazine, Bank Information, furniture flier and bank statements.

Friends of the Ochils had sent details of their AGM which would be on 8th November 2011 which is of course tonight. No one could attend.

Scotways will hold their AGM in the Dewar Centre in Perth on 19/11/11 at 2.00 pm. Anyone wishing to attend will have to let Ian Gordon know as soon as possible.



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A missive had been received from Clackmannanshire Council exhorting the community to put forward people who should be given an award. These forms will be placed in the Library.

A poppy wreath had been purchased for the ceremony at Tillicoultry War Memorial when Chris McCallion will lay the wreath.

A consultation document had been received on the subject

The Commission for Rural Education Call for Evidence had been received and it was put to the meeting whether or not the CC should reply. Chris McCallion took on the reply.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer said that the finances were ok so far.

FINANCE SUB-GROUP

There was a discussion about financial responsibility and Graeme Clark tabled a document concerning the total finances of the Community Council. This document was agreed nem con.

The members of this group would be Elma Mitchell, Ian Millar and Chris McCallion

WIND FARM FUND

A meeting would take place on 10th November 2011 at which the current applications will be decided.

PLANNING REPORT

There was nothing to concern the Community Council in the last month. Billy Shepherd was given the Planning Reports from Clackmannanshire Council for the last month to check this out.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The last Gala meeting was attended by only three Community Councillors and was not quorate and could not make any decisions.

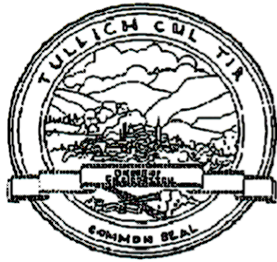
Ian said that the main act would be the same as last year and that this Gala had no requirement to pay for travelling or overnight stay. This would reduce the cost by around £300.

The next meeting would be on 1st December 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Community Council office.

The Christmas Lights fund will, hopefully, be injected with some cash. A potential sponsor has been approached.

The lights are proposed for 2012 and any grant from the Windmill Fund will have to be advised of the Council's agreement to pay for the electricity and having the lights on their lamp posts.

The Hoole tickets are for sale and posters have been put up. There are numbers on all the tickets and one will win a £25 prize.



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ANY OTHER REPORT

None

AOCB

The Hub plans have not been published to the public and it appears that Clackmannanshire Council are going their own way. There have been no consultations about the alternative plans and the thinking in the Community is that the Clackmannanshire Council officers are doing their own thing without asking the Community.

It was agreed that the house at the entrance of Tillicoultry Cemetery was inappropriate to be used by Social Services for young people. It was agreed that Clackmannanshire officers should consult much more with the Community.

The Community Council agree with the TAG regarding the situation in Tillicoultry which appears to be covered by dictat rather than by consultation with all concerned.

It was agreed to send a communication to Clackmannanshire Council which would let the Council know the feeling of the Community.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 13th December 2011.



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AGENDA

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