



Tillicoultry Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILlicoultry COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILlicoultry ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT :- Ian Gordon, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Melanie White and Paul McCormick.

IN ATTENDANCE :- John Biggam, Walter McAdam, Claire MacKay, John McConville, Jordan Cuthbertson, Donald Balsillie and Archie Drummond.

APOLOGIES :- Ian Millar, George Banner, Billy Shepherd and Robert McAulay.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

All were welcomed to the meeting and Chris mentioned that the closing date for nominations was Thursday 16th February. Ian Gordon said that he had received an email from Clackmannanshire Council stating that 7 valid nominations had been received by 14/02/12. This meant that the Community Council would be reconstituted with or without an election.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2012 was proposed by Melanie White and seconded by Elma Mitchell. There being no dissent the Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

TWINNING

The weekend with the French was extremely successful and was enjoyed by all concerned. Chris thanked the Rugby Club and all the businesses who contributed to the success of the weekend and in particular, John McConville who had done a major part in the organisation and had sent letters of thanks to all businesses who had helped the weekend be such a success.

It was agreed that a steering group should be set up for the twinning proposal and volunteers would be required. Paul McCormick volunteered to be a part of the group but stated that his work commitments would preclude him from attending some meetings. It was proposed for a small number of people to visit France in March to find out the "lie of the land" and feed the information to the steering group. It was agreed that support would be required for a possible full visit to France perhaps in September.

The question of the legal standing of the twinning was raised and Walter McAdam agreed to look into the matter.

POLICE REPORT/PACT

There had been 38 crimes in the last month of which 10 were road traffic offences and of the remaining 28 there were still 12 undetected. The undetected crimes were shoplifting, vandalism, etc. There had been a serious incident in Hillview Terrace regarding offensive weapons but the incident had been resolved. There had been lead stolen from Tillicoultry Cemetery, as yet undetected, but there had been fewer cases of car vandalism since the police had changed their surveillance techniques.



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There were complaints about parking on double yellow lines, particularly, in Bank Street and parking on the pavements in the High Street. There was some discussion about the behaviour of several young people in the High Street.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

John Biggam said that the tree at the end of Devonvale Crescent could be sorted by crown pruning. There was evidence of alcohol consumption in the area and the Council would monitor the situation. The question which was hanging in the air was how long would this exercise take.

The bridge in Tillicoultry Glen would be repaired at a cost of £70k+ which funding was in the budget but the SNH require to be consulted.

Walter said that the budget allowed for a £7.20 minimum wage throughout the Council and that an extra £150k had been allocated to the proposed Hub.

There is a house in Ellistoun Drive which has been built without Planning Permission and consequently the owner cannot legally live in the house.

The Pod in Murray Square is not well used and, apparently, costs around £18 per flush. A comment was made from the floor that if Alloa could get its toilets back why could Tilly not. The answer was that the toilets in Murray Square had been sold and the toilets in Alloa were not.

There was some complaint about the increase in facilities in the nursery provision and the cut in the staffing. Walter undertook to find out about this scenario.

The problem in Marchglen has not yet been resolved as there is an appeal to the Scottish Government.

The problem with potholes in the roads and footpaths was aired and it was pointed out that money had been allocated in the budget to fix this problem.

Complaints were made about ice on the roads and footpaths and John Biggam said that he take up the query with the relevant department.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

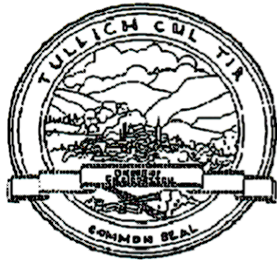
The Secretary had received the following : - Furniture flier, SNH Magazine and bank statements.

A letter had been received from Envirosan regarding the toilets for the Gala. Envirosan will supply the toilets for the Gala on 17th June 2012.

A letter had been received from the Scottish Community Foundation enclosing a cheque for £2,000 for the Christmas lights.

The Community Health Partnership had sent a notification of a meeting on 14th February 2012 but, of course, no one from the CC could attend.

Friends of the Ochils have sent a letter giving the latest information on the Windmills and the Glendevon Quarry Planning Applications. No action will be taken by this CC.



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An email had been received inviting the Community Councillors to be part of Brian Taylor's Big Debate in Stirling on Friday 17th February. The show is on from 12.15 to 1.00pm with the doors being opened at 11.30am. It was not possible for anyone to attend.

Notification of a conference about Zero Waste was sent by Planning Aid Scotland. The conference is to be held in Edinburgh on 1st March 2012 and costs £80 plus travel expenses. Clackmannanshire Council will not say whether or not they will pay the expenses so no one will attend.

Ian Gordon had got in touch with Neil McFarlane regarding the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and has arranged for Mr McFarlane to attend the meeting in March provided that the outcome of the re-organisation has been settled.

A consultation document had been received from the Scottish Government regarding Affordable Housing. It was agreed that this consultation would be better sent to one of the Residents Associations.

There was a short discussion about an inaugural meeting of the new organisation being held outwith the normal meetings schedule. The outcome will have to wait on whether or not there will be an election after the nominations have been received by the Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer said that the finances were the same as last month. Chris handed over the balance of the Hoole money after the raffle money had been put in the Christmas lighting fund. The lighting fund was now standing at £3,223.60. This would allow negotiations to proceed with the Council regarding the procedure to be adopted to erect the lights and enable quotations to be received for the lights themselves.

PLANNING REPORT

There was nothing to concern the CC in the last month.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Gala still required a pipe band and Melanie White will look up a website to find out costs.

Kirkaldy is the destination for the Over 70's trip this year.

ANY OTHER REPORT

None

AOCB

Members of TAG welcomed the budgeted additional finance for the Hub and services in Tillicoultry. There are Community updates on Clacksweb.

There had been a meeting in Edinburgh regarding vulnerable children which was fruitful and there was to be a meeting with the Council on 5th March on the same subject.

Donald Balsillie arrived rather late because he had attended another meeting and gave some more information regarding the current plans.



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He said that the flooding issue had been resolved and that there would be a 3% increase in all the Council charges.

It was hoped that at the Council meeting on 8th March a plan would be put forward to unlock money tied up in current derelict land by a sort of design bid for facilities including housing and benefits for the community built in.

The Clock Tower renovation has not been forgotten but several organisations, particularly Historic Scotland, require to have their ideas tabled. It is proposed to send out a letter regarding the Clock Tower in the near future.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 13th March 2012.



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AGENDA

MEETING ON 13TH MARCH 2012

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