

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF TILLICOULTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILLICOULTRY ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

- <u>PRESENT</u>:- Ian Gordon, Ian Millar, Elma Mitchell, Chris McCallion, Billy Shepherd, Melanie White and Robert McAulay.
- **IN ATTENDANCE :-** John Biggam, Walter McAdam, Eddie Inglis, Clare MacKay, Caroline Wilson, John McConville, Shirley Coyle ,Donald Balsillie and another member of the public..
- **APOLOGIES :-** Paul McCormick, George Banner, Graeme Clark and Robert McClelland.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

All were welcomed to the meeting and wished a Happy New Year.

Tillicoultry Community Council was required to re-register as a Community Council because Clackmannanshire Council had decided to extend the area from which Community Councillors could be chosen. There was some discussion on the legality of the situation but it was agreed that it would be better to go with the flow and Ian Gordon undertook to take the list of names to Greenfield on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to allow the process to continue as quickly as possible. There were 20 names on the list which would be delivered to Greenfield on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was pointed out that there were two Community Councillors who objected the Wind Farms proposed in the Ochils and that it was not noted in the Minutes. The amendment to the Minutes was agreed and acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, as amended, was proposed by Elma Mitchell and seconded by Melanie White. There being no further dissent the Minutes were accepted as a correct record.

#### TWINNING

The French contingent will be picked up in Edinburgh on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and brought to Tillicoultry. Invited guests would be the Provost, Leader of the Council, and the four Councillors in the Ward and teachers from Alva Academy and Tillicoultry Primary. Various delegates from schools football, the Rugby Club and the Community Councillors were also invited. It was suggested that a representative from the Police would also be appropriate and Chris undertook to ask who would be available.

In answer to a question from the floor Ian Gordon said that neither the Provost, Leader of the Council or all four Ward Councillors had so far been invited. The meeting agreed that they should be invited as quickly as possible. John Biggam and Walter McAdam stated they would attend the gathering having been invited.

The Murray Trust has been approached for some funding for this exercise but so far without a reply.

#### POLICE REPORT/PACT

There had been 35 crimes in December of which 21 had been detected. Some of the undetected crimes were regarding motor vehicles.



There had been a report that there had been a problem with cash machines in Dunblane. People should be careful when using an ATM to best ensure that their identity could not be hi-jacked.

#### COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

John Biggam reported that there had been a change in the administration and the budget may also change before the deadline in February.

John had a confused answer from the Council regarding Christmas lights in Murray Square. Ian Gordon said that he had spoken to Mac West and sent him an e-mail regarding the subject. He had suggested that the CC speak to Charles Norman regarding the matter.

Walter said that the change of administration would look at the "HUB" but could not say whether or not anything could change. The issue should be resolved in the next few days. It was stated from the floor that if the "HUB" was to be altered serious consultations must take place after the last nine months of debate and negotiation.

The toilets in Murray Square have been sold to the Baptist Church apparently for storage space.

There followed a discussion on the use of the Cemetery Lodge by Social Work and the Social Work service in the light of the indictment of the Sheriff of the child care service. It would appear that Social Services had serious difficulties within their department which created, at best, some problems elsewhere.

At this point, Donald Balsillie entered the meeting. He stated that child care was to be investigated by two independent Social Services people who would make their report in due time.

Donald said that the new administration wished to make the Council more efficient. There followed a varied discussion on these topics.

It is expected that the CC will be given an update on these matters at the February meeting.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had received the following : - Furniture flier, the Gambling Licence for 2012, an acknowledgement from the CE regarding the latest letter and bank statements.

Documentation had been received which purported to abolish Tillicoultry Community Council from the date of the Clackmannanshire Council meeting which agreed the new Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. However, Ian Gordon said that he would be going to Alloa on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012, and if the required number of people had signed up to the document regarding setting up a new Community Council he would deliver it to Greenfield.

Mac West had given the undertaking which was required by the Scottish Community Foundation and it was agreed that Ian Gordon would send a copy of this e-mail to SCF and ask if they required to have the undertaking on Clackmannanshire Council headed paper.

An e-mail had been received from the Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland (CHSS) offering places in their Loch Leven Walkathon which was for a distance of 6km or 11km round Loch Leven.

Ian Gordon had received an e-mail which gave information about the new administration.



An e-mail had been received regarding a National Network of Community Councils which stated that a website had been set up. This is nationalnetworkcc.com. Any comments would be welcome.

Lesley Baillie had sent an e-mail which requested that the CC fill in a questionnaire which was on a site <u>http://ww.surveymonkey.com/s/23FZY2X</u>. Ian Gordon said that he could not access this site but he would try again and, if successful, the questionnaire would be completed.

A letter had been received from the Chief Executive which said that the comments in the letter from Tillicoultry CC had been noted.

There had been an e-mail from the Scottish Government regarding consultation on Parenting. It was agreed to pass this consultation on to the Toddlers Group. Chris undertook to do this.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer said that the finances were OK. The profit from the Hoole was £719.30 and Chris thanked those who helped to make it successful. Ian Gordon said that had things been different he would have suggested that the Finance Sub-Committee would look into whether or not it would be advantageous to us to have a Building Society Account instead of the current system whereby the CC did not receive any interest on its bank accounts. This would require to be left until the CC was re-organised.

#### **FINANCE SUB-GROUP**

No report.

#### PLANNING REPORT

There was nothing to concern the CC in the last month and Billy Shepherd was given the latest reports.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a Gala meeting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm. Ian Gordon will book a room for this meeting.

#### ANY OTHER REPORT

None

#### <u>AOCB</u>

There was still great concern about the bridge in Tillicoultry Glen which was in a bad state and requires urgent repairs. Walter McAdam and Donald Balsillie undertook to get an update on the position with the bridge.

The meeting ended at 9.08 pm

The next meeting of Tillicoultry Community Council will be held in Tillicoultry Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.



## AGENDA

## **MEETING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS
- 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- 4. TWINNING
- 5. POLICE REPORT/PACT
- 6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
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- 9. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE
- 10. PLANNING REPORT
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- 12. ANY OTHER REPORT
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