***TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

 **MINUTES FROM ONLINE (MICROSOFT TEAMS) MEETING ON 13 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

CC participants – Ronald Beveridge (RB), Ewart McAuslane (EMcA), Robert McClelland (RMcC), Ian Millar (IM), Alex Robertson (AR), Damian Sherwood-Johnston (DS-J), Jane Edwards (JE)

Other participants – Councillor Martha Benny (Cllr MB), Councillor Donald Balsillie (Cllr DB), Cammy Robertson (CR), Helen Christie (HC), Ian Walker (IW)

Apologies – Melaine White, PC James Miller, Eleanor Davies

Damian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Item 2 Police report**

2.1 DSJ briefly explained a few matters contained in the report and invited questions. There were no questions raised but rather as below:

2.2 DSJ referred to dirt bike issues and suggested it would be valuable to compare the frequency of instances through time e.g. increasing or decreasing past months? **ACTION: DSJ to enquire**

2.3 IW he had raised 6-times with the police that there are parking problems at Upper Mill Street / Glassford Square area and this continues. **ACTION: DSJ to speak to the police officers.**

2.4 There were no other matters raised under this item.

**Item 3 Minute of previous meeting**

3.1 The draft minute was approved: Moved by RB seconded by EMcA. RB suggested the sub-heading on the 9th March Minute could be re-worded as follows:

*“Coalsnaughton North (a participation request) regarding the need for improved engagement with the planning system.”*NB: it was later suggested that the PR sub-group be named, the Coalsnaughton North Working Group. ACTION: MW to amend and update records.

*Matters arising:*

* *DSJ issued a community consultation/invite for comments on the TCD CC web site and received 8-responses relating to dirt-bike activity. This has proved helpful.*
* *There is not a recognised site that may be suitable for this type of activity.*
* *DSJ further reported that the biking community were pleased to receive direct contact from TCD CC regarding their sphere of interests.*
* *IM reported that the new web site is working fine.* ***ACTION: IM***

**Item 4 Winter Festival**

4.1 DSJ suggested this item be continued since the relevant people were not present.

**ACTION: It was agreed to delegate to MW to form a working group to plan and coordinate activities**. MW to provide feedback in due course.

**Item 5 Overview of activity**

5.1 DSJ suggested we continue this item for next meeting. **Noted**.

**Item 6 AOCB**

6.1 Cllr DB provided a whistle-stop tour of the recent Council budget with a full array of measures going forward. This was welcomed by all present and lead to some cordial discussion and questions:

* borrowing potential
* commitment to ‘bring back better’
* the Capital Programme
* Likely approach for replacement of the Leisure Bowl, Alloa
* City Deal moneys: Environment Centre, Alloa; the digital economy; promoting active travel.
* A new primary school in Alloa to replace the closed RC school near the rugby club?
* £550,000 available for town centre streetscape type works: what does the community want? (this relates under the Roads and Transportation function?)
* The Alva regeneration project is under way.
* The Council is working closely with stakeholders regarding flood management and risk issues.
* Cllr DB regrets that a Participation Request was submitted but agrees that we can all work together more effectively.
* **Noted**

6.2 RMcC asked why the budget is so strongly focused on the Alloa area stressing that we look to our own area being looked upon favourably in some key ways? Councillor acknowledged this. **Noted**

6.3 JE expressed concern that we are at risk for The Mill Glen to miss out yet again. This has happened before when budget commitment has been set aside. **ACTION: Cllr DB promised to make immediate effort to find out what is going on and what the intended actions are**. He promised to email DSJ within a few days.

6.4 Cllr MB mentioned:

* the fly tipping at Blackfaulds Street. Confirmed she has spoken to the relevant staff and it will be remedied and cleared in early course. The landowners have been lobbied too. **Noted**
* the Alva Regeneration project provides an example that would be good to follow for the Tillicoultry area too. Alva applied the ‘planning for real’ type approach to community engagement. **Noted**
* in Cllr MB’s view we need more of the public involved in TCD CC meetings and business. Damian explained that recent meetings have had healthy numbers present**.**
* IW raised issue that the Mill Glen problem is not being attended to properly: delays accompanied by relative silence. Fundamental changes are needed in approaches e.g. to avoid piecemeal and ad hoc practices. If no remedy is found for Mill Glen then he asserted that it would mean ‘bye bye Mill Glen’ as an asset for the public. Similarly, the Clock Tower urgently requires a professional assessment on its condition. Cllr MB emphasised the massive task before everyone and was not sure what the answer might be*.* **Noted**
* IM asked why the rate of C-19 is so high in our area (Clackmannanshire) Cllr MB explained. Cllr DB provided detailed account of conditions as he perceived them and stressed that schools are at the coal face of infections at this juncture. **Noted**

**Date of next meeting: 11 April, at 7.30pm**