**TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**NOTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14th DECEMBER 2021 AT 8.00PM**

**PRESENT – Robert McClelland, Ronnie Beveridge, Ewart McAuslane, Melanie White, Ian Millar, Mark Briggs, Damian Sherwood-Johnson.**

**Motion to suspend standing orders – The Chair explained that in the unusual COVID circumstances the standing orders required to be suspended to allow any decisions made to be valid. The motion was put by the Chair, seconded by MB, and agreed unanimously.**

**APOLOGIES – Robert McAuley.**

**POLICE REPORT– The report had been circulated and will be put on the noticeboards. Members noted the report but expressed concern over the caravan parked outside the Baptist Church. The Council and the Police are aware of the issue. The CC consider that where the caravan is parked constitutes a significant obstruction to both the Church activities and also to traffic leaving the Murray Square. It is also concerned that a precedent might be set for the owners of other caravans to store them on the public road.**

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2021 had been distributed. They were approved – moved by MB and seconded by RMcC.**

**FUNDING REQUESTS TO SUPPORT POST-COVID RECOVERY – EMcA had circulated a note explaining how the COVID Recovery Fund had built up over the last two years and the level it is at – some £5,000 is available. The Chair tabled a request from the Tillicoultry Primary School for a contribution towards their post COVID changes. The members discussed the criteria which would need to apply to any payments made from the fund and all were asked to consider community activity which might benefit from the application of these funds.**

**The Chair proposed a motion that the sum of £1,000 would be granted to the Primary School to be used to part fund the creation of a “Sensory Room” and associated ToolKit. This was seconded by MB and approved unanimously. MB then proposed that the CC look at putting some of the COVID funding towards the Mill Glen Project and the Flooding group. This was seconded by EMcA and again agreed unanimously. In addition RB raised the possibility that an opportunity might arise from forthcoming discussions with the Coalfield Regeneration people aimed at accessing new consultation technology. It was agreed that indicative costings will be sought for these areas for consideration at the January meeting.**

**REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ISSUES – There was insufficient time to look at other community issues. The emergence of the OMICRON virus makes the future meeting arrangements uncertain. MB undertook to look at possible options for obtaining a licence to hold longer virtual meetings and to report back by the 3rd of January 2022.**

**AOCB – EMcA tabled a micro-grant application from The Playpen Café CIC an organisation delivering meals and other support to over 65’s in our area. He pointed out that if agreed the £250 payment could either come from the micro-grant fund or from the COVID Recovery fund. The members unanimously approved a payment from the COVID fund.**

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be on the 11th of January 2022. It will once again be a virtual meeting held at 7.00pm.**