**TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 16th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM IN THE BEN CLEUCH CENTRE**

**PRESENT – Robert McClelland, Ronnie Beveridge, Ewart McAuslane, Melanie White, Alex Robertson, Ian Millar, Mark Briggs, Cammy Robertson.**

**In attendance – Councillor Martha Benny, Councillor Balsillie, Archie Drummond, William lamb.**

**APOLOGIES – Damian Sherwood-johnson**

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT – RMcC referred to the recent death of Chris McCallion. Chris had given years of service to the CC and the community as a whole. The CC members expressed their sympathy and this will be conveyed to the family. The funeral details will be circulated when available.**

**POLICE REPORT– No Police were in attendance and no report had been sent.**

**Car and Caravan parked in the High Street – concern was expressed over the delay in dealing with the car which had now been vandalized. The police and environmental health are involved.**

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - The Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting, the AGM, Annual Accounts and the October business meetings had been distributed and were approved. Proposed by RB and seconded by MW.**

PRODUCTION OF THE PLACE PLAN – Several meetings are to take place to develop the CC’s response to the challenge of producing a place Plan for our area.

**XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – The switch-on will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday the 28th November. The crepes will be served in the Annexe with a strict one way system. The rest of the catering will be in the Baptist Church. There will be a presentation to Nora from the Tilly Tearoom this being her last year providing the soup. Volunteers are required to steward the event. A representative will be invited from Scottish Power given they funded the replacement lights.**

TREASURERS REPORT – no significant activity. Up/Down costs for the lights awaited. The annual grant from the Council will now be applied for.

**PLANNING REPORT –**

**Coalsnaughton North – a response is awaited from Pete Leonard on the submission made by the CC.**

**Coalsnaughton Traffic Calming – discussion ongoing with Roads over the proposed traffic calming measures.**

**Breach of Planning Control in Devonside – again contact with the Council is poor.**

**There was a recurring theme through the meeting arising from the difficulty in contacting Council Officers and, having made contact, the lack of adequate, or even any, response.**

**CC members were advised to better document and account for service requests and complaints**

**COUNCILLORS’ REPORT – Councillor Balsillie referred to**

1. **continuing pressure on the Council from the increasing COVID numbers.**
2. **Confirmation of the councils allocation from central Government will be confirmed in December with the Council Tax being set on the 1st of March 2022.**
3. **Tilly Glen proposals still being developed. Members of the Glen Sub Committee referred to the lack of recent information and involvement.**
4. **Capital Programme – the 2020/21works at Alva are running behind schedule. The need to be ready with community agreed proposals for Tillicoultry spend in 2021/22 was stressed. Gary Fraser from the Roads Service is the main link officer.**

**Councillor Benny – it is hoped that some kind of Participatory Budgeting would be involved in the 2022/23 budget preparation.**

**AOCB – None**

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be on the 16th of December 2021 in the Ben Cleuch Centre at 7.00pm.**