TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM

MINUTES 13th October 2026

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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Robert McClelland chaired the AGM

Welcome and apologies: Community Councillors present : Robert McClelland (RMcC), Ewart McAuslane (EM), Alex Robertson (AR), Melanie White (MW), Helen Saunders (HS), Andrew Black (AB), Ian Millar (IM), Robert McAulay (RMcA), Gillian McAuslane (GMcA). Apologies: John Fairley (JF)

Elected Members : apologies received from Fiona Law (FL) and Donald Balsille (DB)

RMcC thanked all CC's for their participation throughout the year. In particular thank you to the office bearers for their efforts and additional workload. Thanks to the members of the public who have attended the meetings and been great supporters of the CC. Thanks to the elected members, in particular Fiona and Donald for their regular attendance and support.

"It's been a difficult year with not as many CC members as we'd like. Although the gala did not go ahead and frustration grows with the lack of progress on activities such as the Townscape Initiative the CC has much to be proud of. We continue to support events such as the Christmas Lights switch on, The Big Lunch and Festival of Fun through volunteers and event funding. This year has also seen many local organisations benefit from the EDF micro grants. We have also worked in partnership with the Council on items such as the upgrade of play parks and replacement of bus shelters.

I wish the CC continued success however unfortunately as I'm moving house outside of the CC area I will be stepping down as Chair of the CC"

The CC members thanked Robert for his chairing of meetings over the last year.

Annual accounts – Accounts have been audited and shared by EM. Platfoot donation from Devonvale Hall Committee for works done by Community Payback Team are included. Work around the event spending will be calculated for the £3000 spend from March 26 – Feb 27. TWIG buddy funding had been arranged for a period while a bank account was been set up. RMcC thanked EM for his efforts in the last year covering the Treasurer Role. The accounts were approved unanimously. Moved by RMcC, Seconded by GMcA.

Office Bearers:

RMcC asked the members to consider covering the roles;

Chair – Robert McAulay 1st HS, 2nd IM

Vice Chair – Andrew Black self nominated, 2nd EM

Treasurer – Ewart McAuslane self nominated, 2nd AB

Secretary – Ewart McAuslane self nominated, 2nd MB

RMcA took over Chair position.

Community Council Meeting:

Minutes from last meeting were approved – IM moved, MB 2nd.

Previous actions carried forward – ***ACTION*** EM to contact Coalsnaughton Hall for £500 planning gain. Moss Road bushes at crossing still causing obstructed view – ***ACTION*** EM to write to Council.

Police Report: PC James was in attendance

September incidents, small fire at top of ski slope, 3 smashed windows, 3 violent crimes, 16 acquisitive crime (4 online fraud, 12 shoplifting) and 3 road traffic offenses.

Elected Member Updates: No update this month

Coalsnaughton Landslip - Landslip update – EM met with Kenny Gillespie from Falkirk Council who's in charge of the situation. He confirmed they are working with those who will move back into properties and those who will be vacating. Langour and Nechtan will be kept, however works still required. The Brae being reopened has been noted as important to the community. Ground work is still under discussion. CC requested to consider concerns or ideas for passing to Kenny. CC registered as a partner to support where possible.

IM confirmed Class 1 work signage has been raised with a number of signs located in Devonside. Company has confirmed they will address the signs no longer required. Council has overall responsibility and should be ensuring footpaths are clear. IM has written to request this be addressed and also made FL aware.

AR highlighted temporary bus stop needed in Devonside while brae is closed. ***ACTION*** EM to write to request.

Townscape Initiative– work has now commenced in one of the RAAC blocks, the High Street block. Scaffolding is now up with hope landscape around flats will be included along with the upgrades for flats.

Caroline Rodgers liaison officer for Townscape. EM met to discuss areas of focus for Tilly funding for 2027. Public attendees raised concern on commitment to contracts to maintain improvements. Caroline will attend Nov CC meeting.

Discussion on CC sub groups of which members of public are welcome to join. The Townscape sub group will work with Caroline on planning, structure and timescale of improvements to be delivered. ***ACTION*** EM to send on CR notes.

Treasurers report: 1 application for micro grant received from the Messy Mondays Group at the Baptist Church. CC approve £250 for equipment and materials.

AOCB:

Christmas lights switch on Sunday 22nd Nov 5pm. ***ACTION*** EM to reach out to Headteacher to make arrangements – suggested youngest and oldest child in school.

Community Resilience contact Sarah Donnachie will visit the December meeting. ***ACTION*** EM to confirm invite.

Coalsnaughton will not host December CC meeting due to closure of The Brae.

Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th Nov at 11am to be held at the VC stones on High Street.

CC Wreath will be placed at Coalsnaughton War Memorial on Sunday 8th and Tillicoultry Cemetery as part of the Church procession.

Next meeting 10th November, 7pm Ben Cleuch Centre