TILLICOULTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

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Robert McClelland chaired the meeting.

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), Gillian McAuslane (GMcA).

Apologies: John Fairley (JF) Gillian McAuslane (GMcA)

Members of the public – Owain Carter, Paul McCormack and Elizabeth Calder

Elected Members: Fiona Law (FL), Provost Balsillie (DB)

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th August 2026 - the Minutes had been circulated and were approved.

Matters arising – EMcA to contact Coalsnaughton Hall people re the use of the £500 planning gain from the Playparks Project. The contribution would require to be towards sporting or play elements.

Police Report: There being no Police presence RMcC read out the report which will be posted on the noticeboard.

Townscape Initiative – FL informed the meeting that Caroline Rodgers has been appointed in the Place and Economy Service and she is to act as the liaison person for the Initiative. EMcA will write to Caroline inviting her to attend the Sub Group and main meetings.

Elected Member Updates: FL advised that the Devonside planning enforcement issue was going to court on the 5th October. The possible glamping development application at the Benview site had lapsed. Two of the speed bumps in Stalker Avenue remained to be repaired or replaced. The need to refer issues to the Council was stressed if we expect the Council to respond. The move of the Play Area in the Moss Road is nearing completion. It is assumed that the weeds growing through the matting will be treated. There had been a walkabout arranged by David Roddie, the Tenant Participation Officer, which was successful in identifying a number of local issues. DB referred to a Council meeting to consider the application for an asset transfer at the Ben Cleuch Centre. The CC believe that positive progress has been made to deal with issues around the operation of the Centre and hope that the matter can be resolved to all parties satisfaction.

Coalsnaughton Landslip Update – The position has moved on with the decisions to demolish the properties in Benbuck and Dunmoss with the Nechtan houses being stabilised and reoccupied. Significant issues around property valuations and compensation remain to be resolved and meetings were being held that day at the Parish Church involving the affected householders. It appears that the Glen Road continues to move and there is no clarity about when it might be reopened. Finance to maintain the bus service to the Village is being sought. EMcA will represent the CC at a forthcoming meeting with Lorraine Sanda, the officer tasked with co-ordinating the remedial response from now on.

Treasurers Report/ EDF microgrants – EMcA reported no change to the financial position and no live micro-grant applications. The annual accounts are with the Auditor and will be circulated in advance of the AGM on the 13th October.

AOCB:

RAAC Houses – There was no change to the RAAC position. OC had received a letter from Kevin Wells.

Murray Square toilet block – The door to the block remains open with all the electrical equipment exposed despite repeated notification to the Council. DB asked EMcA to copy the correspondence to him and he would speak to Kevin Wells.

High Street Barber Shop signage – The Planning Service had been contacted asking what their position was but the response was not helpful. EMcA was asked to contact Jacob Muff clarifying that the matter was of concern to the CC but that it was not felt that a High Street wide response was called for.

Moss Road bushes – the sight line issue at the exit from the west car park raised by AR has been passed to Land Services.

48 and 50 Moss Road – The house at 50 is currently tenanted by a family evacuated from Coalsnaughton. EMcA has written to Building Standards asking for confirmation of the developer for the matter to be passed to SEPA which is the agency which deals with the commercial waste dumping at No 48.

Chairperson standing down – RMcC intimated that he was moving house to outwith the CC area and would therefore require to give up membership of the CC. He will be in the Chair for the AGM in October and will pass the Chair on to the new Chair after the appointment of the office bearers. EMcA advised that there would be an issue around cheque signatories given only he and RMcC were currently signatories. AB and MW offer to take RMcC's place and the arrangements will be made at the bank.

Next meeting – AGM and October meeting - 7pm Ben Cleuch Centre. FL put in her apology.