

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 29 August 2011 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.

Present	Elected members	Co-opted members
	Matt Hickman (Chair) Anne Rutherford (Treasurer) Margaret Richmond Sylvia Sinclair Liz Holmes Margaret Phillips	

In attendance	David Whyte (Secretary) Cllr George Prentice (pt) Hew Smith – D&G Council (pt) Sandra Fisher – D&G Council (pt) Louise Whyte Davie McMillan Anna Campbell Gail Challis Darren Challis Irene McCreath Lorraine Challis (pt) Tony Challis (pt) Margaret Stalker (pt) Walker McKenna (pt) Nigel Martin (pt) Kathryn Thacker (pt)
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Apologies Arnold Duggleby

1. Welcome and apologies

Matt Hickman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received as above.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minute of meeting 27 June 2011

The minute was approved subject to the following amendment

Stock loose on the A713 and C49: It was indicated this had been discussed with the farmer concerned, **and would be done so again.**

Proposed: Anne Rutherford

Seconded: Sylvia Sinclair

4. D & G Councillor

Nothing to report

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5. Police Report

There was no police officer present

6. Nursery School Consultation

Hew Smith and Sandra Fisher of D & G Council Educational Services indicated that Carsphairn residents were being consulted because some residents had made use of the pre- pre- school facilities in Dalry. Given there is an over capacity of these facilities in Dalry provided by both the Council and the Glenkens Playgroup, the Council were investigating options for rationalisation. It was stressed that the existence of nursery facilities in Carsphairn is not being questioned, and that even if numbers reduced the key issue would be maintaining educational quality. The meeting stressed that the Glenkens Playgroup is the only option for pre- pre- school care in Carsphairn, as there are no child minders in the village.

A revised consultation questionnaire (hard copy and survey monkey) will be sent to Walker McKenna and the Community Council Secretary. The cut-off for consultation is the end of September, and a report is due to be submitted to the November D&G Council Educational Committee meeting

7. Matters Arising

Dog Fouling: MH to contact the Dog Fouling Officer to see if any additional signs are available, particularly if they indicate the size of the fine offenders would have to pay.

MH

Footpath to Bridgend: to be covered under item 11

C49: Irene McCreath indicated that the Roads Department is considering replacing the gate near the Glenkens Fish Farm with a cattle grid.

8. Community Garden

Insurance and Risk Assessment: It was confirmed that £5M public liability insurance was now in place for Garden visitors, and a Risk Assessment completed and signed.

Opening Event Planning: Planning for the opening on September 24th is in hand, as well as the provision of a wet weather option using the Church. Invitations will be sent out during the week of September 5th.

DW/MR/AR

Future Maintenance & Management: Detailed proposals will be forthcoming at the October meeting, but it is anticipated the Windfarm Fund will be approached to support maintenance, and that ownership will be transferred from the CC to an independent body

MR/AR/SS

Access Roads: MH presented a letter from NM – as owner of Glenelg – concerning the future ownership of the access road to the north and south of the Garden. It was agreed the matter would be discussed with all interested property owners, and reported back to the September meeting.

MH

Progress Report: DW presented the Garden Report – the major issue being the quality of wood supplied for construction of the benches. Kevin Johnston was contacting his supplier, and resolution is anticipated before the Opening.

DW

9. Windfarm Community Benefits

There was a general discussion on the level and structure of benefits to be expected from future developments in Carsphairn and the wider Glenkens.

DW presented a letter from the Glenkens Trust which has been formed to offer an alternative vehicle for managing benefits to current proposals from D&G Council.

The meeting concluded that the Trust should have consulted more widely with community councils and other organisations before finalising its

constitution. A letter to be drafted for reply. MR/MH/DW

10. Forestry

Felling at Lamloch & Drumjohn: .MH reported on an email from UPM Tilhill that over the next 6 months there would be significant felling 65-70% would be shipped north on the A713 and 30-35% south through the village. Situation to be monitored. MH

Craigengillan North Consultation: It was agreed that Fountains Forestry be asked to present its plans at the September meeting. DW

11. Community Questionnaire Results

The questionnaire examined the village's response to the development of the Community Garden, and then demonstrated that the most popular projects the respondents would like to see progressed are

- The re-opening of the pub
- Childrens/young people's play facilities
- Footpath to Bridgend

A summary of the results will be circulated. DW

With regard to the Footpath, the Roads Department will be asked for a budget cost. MH

12. Pub

It was agreed that a working group be established to scope the project, and report to the September meeting. MH/NM/DW

13. Improved Facilities for Youngsters

Covered under item 11

14. B729 Closure

The roads Department has confirmed that the A713 will remain open. There will be local access on the B729, but residents can expect delays during working hours. It was agreed that the CC accept the department's offer of a site meeting to discuss detailed works/improvements – specifically enhanced passing places. MH/MR

It was also indicated that included in the improvements should be a barrier at Mascalloch

15. Closure of Association of Scottish Community Councils.

This was noted, and that D&G Council should now deal with relevant insurance

16. Planning Applications

Two applications relating to ground level solar panels at Cairnsmore House and alterations to test masts at the proposed Quantans Hill Windfarm site. No objections were raised SS

17. Stewartry Celebration Of Achievement Awards

It was noted that the Community garden and the First Responders had been nominated for these awards and that a group representing both would attend the ceremony on September 1 DW/MR

18. Correspondence

Attendance at the Council's Community Council management and plans meeting in October to be discussed at the next meeting MH/DW

19. AOB

War Memorial Wreath: The next meeting would decide who should be invited to lay the wreath on Remembrance Day

SCVS Training: It was noted that Iain Howie is available to help out with training and possible funding sources

Day of the Region: DW explained that the DOR weekend October 1 and 2 was a series of locally organised events designed for community members to find out more about activities in the Glenkens. Events in Carsphairn are the Harvest Celebration and an Exhibition by the First Responders.

DW

**The meeting closed at 9.45 pm
Date of next meeting: Monday 26 September 2011
At 7.00 pm**

Chairman _____
Date _____