

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 31 November 2011 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.

Present	Elected members	Co-opted members
	Matt Hickman (Chair) Margaret Richmond Sylvia Sinclair	
In attendance	David Whyte (Secretary) Cllr George Prentice (pt) Louise Whyte Davie McMillan Gail Challis Darren Challis Tony Challis Lorraine Challis Irene McCreath Margot McMorran Helen Wilson	
Apologies	Anne Rutherford Liz Holmes Margaret Phillips	

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minute of meeting 26 September 2011

The minute was approved subject to the following amendments

The Police representative in attendance was PC Jim Drysdale

Apologies were received from Anne Rutherford, Arnold Duggleby and Linda Szafran

4. The minute should read: Cllr Prentice complained to the attendant police representatives about the speed of heavy goods vehicles in the area through the villages. This to be passed on to the traffic department.

JD (BB)

11. CRFL should be replaced with CREFL.

Proposed: Margaret Richmond

Seconded: Matt Hickman

4. D & G Councillor

Cllr Prentice had nothing to report.

MR presented a paper from Anna Campbell concerning the proposed reduction in cutting the Kirk yard grass from 15 to 3 times a year. This proposal also includes grass verges throughout the Community Council area. Cllr Prentice recommended, and it was agreed the Community Council should make contact with Bill Barker, Head of DG First objecting to the proposals and requesting that the Community Council and the Kirk be consulted before any final decisions are made. MH will circulate a draft for comments before sending.

MH

5. Police Report

There was no police representative present.

6. Pub

MH, SS and Tom Scott looked round the building that has now been empty for almost 4 years, and it was confirmed that the building was still sound, but in need of significant refurbishment. There is usable upstairs accommodation, which could be enhanced with the installation of dormer windows.

To date six different parties had viewed the property.

After a wide ranging discussion it was agreed that SS would contact the late owner's executor to discuss options for progressing interest from within the community.

SS

It was agreed that the District Valuer and the Planning Department be consulted.

SS

It was also agreed although the community survey had indicated the re-opening of the pub had a great deal of support in the community, the community council should facilitate the process by calling a public meeting, but should not itself lead negotiations and/or a potential purchase.

MH

7. Windfarms

SS reported on a number of recent meetings

- **Glenkens Community Councils Community Benefits:** A meeting chaired by Sean Paul O'Hare from GCAT agreed that there would be one representative from each Community Council on the committee. The next meeting on December 12 was to determine how potential funds would be apportioned between communities.
- **Quantans Hill:** At a meeting called by Eon, the developers, for 2 representatives from each Community Council, it was indicated they would adhere to the 15 km distance rule for community benefits distribution. The 90 megawatt development would generate £450K annually all of which Eon would distribute to local communities rather than any to the wider area.
- **Kyle:** A community consultation meeting to be attended on 30 September

SS

8. Community Garden

Access Road Issue: It was agreed that, following legal advice, a letter should be written to Nigel Martin offering parking rights on the access road for an initial short period of time prior to a more formal long term formal agreement. NM to be invited to the January meeting.

MH
DW

Funding: Final claim and report to LEADER yet to be completed

Maintenance and Ownership: CREFL agreed at the last meeting to look favourably on an application to support the Garden with an annual maintenance grant. A formal application will be made in January for the February meeting. No further progress on future ownership.

AR (DR)

9. Matters Arising

Pylon Upgrade: As agreed at the last meeting a letter of objection has been sent to Scottish Ministers.

Footpath to Bridgend: Keith Brown from the Roads Department has agreed to the obtaining of private contractor quotes. Peacocks yet to be contacted.

MH, MR

Christmas Trees: Confirmation that three trees – for the Hall, The Garden and the Church will be supplied free of charge by Thure Holm. The meeting

expressed it's appreciation for this generous gesture. MP

Remembrance Day Wreath: The meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to Arnold Duggleby for laying the war memorial wreath at the Remembrance Service.

Pavements: Roads Department will examine all pavements in the village and deal with safety issues as a matter of urgency. MR

10. Future of the Community Council

Secretary: David Whyte confirmed his resignation as Secretary with effect from the date of the meeting, but would complete the minutes and deal with correspondence until a replacement had been appointed.

There was a discussion on whether the post should be paid or not. Liz Holmes will act as minutes secretary for the January meeting. LH

A Notice – wording to be confirmed by email – to be placed in the Village Shop. MH

Co-options: Tony Challis put himself forward as a co-opted voting member, which appointment was proposed by MH and seconded by MR and agreed by the meeting.

It was agreed letters would be written to all Community Groups asking them to recommend potential co-opted members who were not already on the Community Council, or had not been so recently MR
Irene McCreath indicated she would be willing to represent the WRI.

11. TBCF List

Website: Jean Gibbon requires discussions with AR on further input. Will report progress to the January meeting. AR (JG)

Welcome Leaflet: To be discussed at the next meeting MH

Festive Lighting; To be removed from the list

12. Planning Applications

None in the Community Council area..

13. Correspondence

Proposal of Application Notice: This notice from Forrest Estate for the development of a Clay Pigeon Shooting Ground and other facilities to create a centre of excellence for country sports and education was distributed to the meeting. It was agreed that this excellent initiative would be supported by the Community Council.

14. AOB

School Review Meeting: Irene McCreath brought the meeting's attention to this meeting to be held in Dalry on 5 December.

Day of the Region: David Whyte thanked those who were involved in the activities on the weekend of 1 and 2 October, and indicated the funds invoiced should be available shortly. The Glenkens Community Bus Service was very poorly supported. DW

Secretary: David Whyte was thanked for his work as Secretary over the past year.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm
Date of next meeting: Monday 30 January 2011
At 7.00 pm

Chairman _____
Date _____

