

## CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### *Minute of meeting held 30 January 2012 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.*

<b>Present</b>	<b>Elected members</b> Matt Hickman (Chair) Margaret Richmond Sylvia Sinclair Liz Holmes [minutes]	<b>Co-opted members</b> Arnold Duggleby Tony Challis
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<b>In attendance</b>	David Whyte Cllr George Prentice (pt) PC Jim Drysdale(pt) Louise Whyte Davie McMillan Gail Challis Darren Challis Lorraine Challis Irene McCreath Margaret Phillips Nigel Martin[ pt] Kathryn Martin [pt]
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#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Matt Hickman welcomed all to the meeting. There were no apologies.

#### **2. Minutes Secretary for this meeting**

Liz Holmes took the minutes for this meeting

#### **3 Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **4. Minute of meeting 28 November 2011**

The minute was approved subject to the following amendment

**4** The third sentence should be expressed as a question ie 'Does this proposal also include grass verges throughout the Community Council area?'

**Proposed:** Sylvia Sinclair

**Seconded:** Margaret Richmond

#### **5 Co-option of Voting Member**

Tony Challis was co-opted as a Voting Member of the Council, his name, address and number on the electoral roll having been provided.

**Proposed:** Liz Holmes

**Seconded:** Sylvia Sinclair

Tony needs a copy of Code of Conduct for community councillors and other relevant documents. Anne Rutherford to be asked to provide to him.

**AR/TC**

Margaret Phillips' resignation from the Community Council cannot be revoked. She will be co-opted back on to the Council at the next meeting.

## **6 D & G Councillor**

Cllr Prentice commented that all traffic on the A713 driving too fast..and referred to a timber truck that had come off the road the previous week. Keith Brown of DGC's roads department to be asked to re-instate flashing speed signs in the village.

MH

Speeding vehicles is a problem for the police but difficult to enforce and check owing to a shortage of resources.

DGC issued a road gritting report in the Galloway News. Further information to be found on DGC's website.

## **7. Police Report**

PC Jim Drysdale reiterated last month's comments on opportunist incidents of fuel, farm equipment and steel/scrap metal being stolen, and reported prolific quad bike theft, especially in the Borders.

He warned against scams involving computer speeds where bogus companies ask for money to improve speeds. These calls would come from a call centre and 3 or 4 such incidents happened in Castle Douglas the previous week.

## **8 Pub**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting on the future of the pub on 19 December 2011 was deferred to the next CCC meeting to allow the minutes to be distributed.

After discussion with Andrew Ward of Creetown Initiative, the Chair reported the following:

The 20 points arising from the pub steering group meeting would be used as the basis for a feasibility/options study. The Community Survey from last year also would be useful in ascertaining what the community would like to see with regard to the pub.

To pay for this study, the 'Investing in Ideas' Lottery fund will be applied to by AW with support from .David Whyte. This process, which is very competitive would take 6 weeks to 3 months. £10,000 would be applied for and if successful, AW would be paid from this source.

DW

CCC is too late to catch the deadline for the next round of CREFL funding applications, which is next Wednesday 15 February, the next deadline being in 3 month's time.

If the Lottery awards funding, CCC's role would be finished and a legally drawn up entity would be required to take the project forward. The project has an estimated total value of £250,000

GP recommended contacting Eddie Yates And Paul Hodgson, Parton Community Councillor and member of Parton Church respectively, who successfully applied for around £10,000 to support the future of Parton Church.

The feasibility study would also examine what other local communities have achieved with funding eg Corsock.

An updated working website will be required with regard to the Lottery funding application.

MH proposed CCC apply to the 'Investing in Ideas' Lottery fund, seconded by SS.

## **9 Windfarms**

SS attended the Glenkens Community Councils community benefits meeting to decide how to divide up any funding that may be forthcoming from the various proposed windfarms in the area:including the Windy Standard extension, Black Craig, the 2 in Forrest Glen and Duchrae. A points system

was suggested. SS will continue to attend these meetings to keep abreast of developments with regard to windfarm funding. **SS**

SS attended a small meeting in the hall on 8.2.12 with regard to the Quantans Hill Windfarm where the proposed pylon route and other relevant matters were discussed.

MR to contact NPower regarding the Windy Standard windfarm extension as it appears they have received planning permission. **MR**

### **10 Correspondence Secretary**

DW has agreed to be correspondence secretary for the next CCC meeting. **DW**

### **11 Community Garden**

Leader grant: David Whyte will submit the final report by 16 February in the hope that this will be finally signed off.

Glenelg Access: Nigel Martin disagreed with CCC's decision not to allow him to acquire the Glenelg access and expressed dissatisfaction with CCC's method of reaching this decision. He will send an email of his views to the chair to circulate for CCC to consider. **MH**

He apologised if he upset anyone and also apologised to SS as he mentioned SS' name in his original complaint.

Future ownership & management: It was suggested that CCC use an existing Carsphairn group to take ownership. Irene McCreath: will propose this idea to the Hall committee at their AGM on 8 February. **IM**

Future maintenance: an estimated budget of £1,560 annually is needed to maintain the garden. The job of maintaining the garden will be advertised in the Glenkens village shops, asking for quotes to do this work on an annual basis. The steering group will apply to CREFL for a maximum of this amount by Wednesday 15 February. This last action proposed by MH, seconded by TC. **AR/DR**

### **12 Website**

Jean Gibbon is keen to continue with this work but is waiting to hear back from AR. MR to contact AR – delays may be detrimental to the funding application regarding the pub's future.[point 8] **MR**

### **13 Welcome leaflet**

Nigel Martin produced a draft copy. The steering group will consider it and get back to him with any amendments. **?**

### **14 School review meeting**

The three Glenkens schools are working well together. Ann Campbell of DGC Education Dept is satisfied with the review

### **15 Footpath to Bridgend**

John Peacock to be contacted regarding a quote for constructing a footpath to Bridgend. **LH**

### **16 Planning Applications**

Attention was drawn to 2 applications: felling licence for Lamloch and Drumjohn and the erection of a 90 m high wind monitoring mast for the South Kyle windfarm.

### **17 Correspondence**

Letter received from DGFirst: the council have inspected the damage to the pavement outside the shop and report that it is within the legal limit of a trip

hazard. Funds may be available this spring to address this problem.

**18 AOB**

Day of the Region 2012: DW reported that this year's event will take place the first weekend in October. Approximately £4000 may be available to any community wanting to organise a community project.

Polling station: Too few voters use Lagwyne Hall as their polling station so it appears that it will no longer be used for this purpose. TC to investigate.

**TC**

**The meeting closed at 9.20 pm**  
**Date of next meeting: Monday 27 February 2012**  
**At 7.00 pm**

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date** \_\_\_\_\_