

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 27 February 2012 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.

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| Present | Elected members Matt Hickman (Chair) Margaret Richmond Sylvia Sinclair Liz Holmes [minutes] | Co-opted members Arnold Duggleby Tony Challis |
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| In attendance | David Whyte Cllr George Prentice (pt) Louise Whyte Davie McMillan Gail Challis Darren Challis Lorraine Challis Irene McCreath Margaret Phillips Nigel Martin Katherine Martin Steve Cowley Jean Cowley |
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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 30 January 2012

The minute was approved subject to the following amendments:

8 Pub – 6th paragraph should read 'If the Lottery awards funding and this projected study has been completed, CCC's role would be finished and a legally drawn up entity would be required to take the project forward.'

9 Windfarms – 2nd paragraph: delete 'where the proposed pylon route and other relevant matters were discussed.'

Proposed: M Hickman

Seconded: S Sinclair

5. D & G Councillor

Cllr Prentice had nothing to report.

6. Police Report

No policeman present.

Louise Whyte warned against bogus policemen asking the public for credit card donations to be included in a year book to promote the police.

7 Matters Arising

Postponed co-option – Margaret Phillips' details were not submitted in time for co-option at this meeting so this will take place at the next one.

Grass Cutting – After contacting DGC MH reported that grass cutting will continue as previously till April 2013 when the situation will be reviewed.

Speed signs – new signs, such as those in Crossmichael, have been ordered. When available Carsphairn will be the first to have them installed.

8 Pub Progress

The funding application to the Lottery's 'Investing in Ideas' scheme was submitted last Monday. A response is expected in 6 weeks.

SS has been trying to contact the executor of the pub building to ensure he is happy with these proceedings but as yet no contact has been made. SS will try again.

SS

9 Community Garden

Leader Final Claim – DW submitted the final claim on 15 February and will contact Leader in a fortnight.

DW

DW must be thanked for his work regarding Leader funding for the garden.

Glenelg Access – all elected and voting members of CCC were unanimous in wishing to retain this road as part of the garden. All had read NM's reasons for wanting to acquire the access road. MH proposed that the matter now be closed, seconded by LH.

Future ownership and management – MR reported that the application to CREFL to fund the garden maintenance job had been successful, including an additional £300 to cover insurance. The cheque had been received. Invoices need to be produced by the end of the year as part of the grant conditions.

MR circulated copies of the two applications for the job which had been received: Scott Ferguson of Castle Douglas and Jackie Locke of Carsphairn.

It was decided to hire J Locke, proposed by SS, seconded by MR.

DR will let the applicants know the outcome of their applications.

Lagwyne Hall Committee declined the invitation to hold the garden in trust. MR thought that CCC should have explained more clearly what was being requested. A draft letter to individual members of the Hall Committee and other legally drawn up groups in Carsphairn will be composed by SS asking if they would hold the garden in trust for the community.

SS

MR suggested the creation of an 'umbrella' organisation which could be called Carsphairn Initiative which would facilitate links and communication between the different groups.

MR still investigating how other community gardens operate.

MR

10 Correspondence Secretary

DW will do this job for the last time for the next meeting.

TC will investigate funding to pay for a CCC secretary to do minutes, correspondence and other appropriate business. He will also see to advertising the post in appropriate outlets.

TC

11 Website

Thanks must be extended to Jean Gibbon for working on this highly effective site. Information and images on any event in the area should be

sent to her for inclusion in the website.

However no report has been received regarding items such as monthly charges. Advertising revenue may be a possibility to pay for such charges.

MR to contact JG to ascertain costs and other relevant information.

MR

12 Welcome Leaflet

The steering group will meet a week on Friday to discuss.

AR

MR

MP

13 Footpath to Bridgend

LH unable to contact John Peacock. Will try again.

LH

14 Electricity Pylon Upgrade

MH had received a letter from Sandy Moffat on whose land a pylon is now planned to be erected, it having been moved from the garden at Whitecrook across the road to his land. This would require him to fell some of the forestry plantation on his land. ScottishPower have failed to consult adequately with local residents about the pylon route.

SP to be invited to a meeting to explain the route. A notice of this meeting to be posted in the shop to enable local residents to express their views.

MH

15 Salutation

The landlord has not registered with DGC and thus cannot rent this property out. The one current tenant therefore need not pay any rent until ordered to by the court. Concerns were raised about the dangerous condition of the roof. MH to telephone DGC's Strategic Housing Services to report the condition of the roof which has already been reported by local residents.

MH

16 Windfarms

TC expressed disappointment that the Quantans Hill Windfarm Community Liaison Group (CLG) Minutes from the meeting on 8 February had taken almost 2 weeks to be produced and that he had not received any response to some queries he had e-mailed following the meeting. Noise meters are being installed and the turbines should generate no noise greater than 5 decibels above the measured background noise. The proposal was now for 24 turbines and cabling between them and to the substation will be underground. A location map and 5 'wireframe' drawings were produced, other wireframes can be requested via the CLG. A weekend visit in April to Whitelee Wind Farm will be organised, interested parties should contact the Community Council. There is a meeting on March 19 in Lagwyne Hall on community benefits. The CLG Minutes will be published on www.carsphairn.org. TC will keep CCC informed.

TC

MR asked NPower if Carsphairn's community benefits would increase with regard to the extended Windy Standard windfarm and was informed it was not an extension and is now called Ashmark Hill. Planning permission has not yet been granted. MR will continue to investigate.

MR

17 Planning Applications

Two local applications: Corlae forest design plan and renewal of licence for caravans at Auchrae

18 Correspondence

Dates for events participating in Day of the Region 2012 will be 6 and 7

October.

19 AOB

Golden Jubilee - MR suggested that this year's Golden Jubilee be celebrated in some way.

Polling station – TC reported that there will be no change in polling station locations for this year's election on 3 May.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm
Date of next meeting: Monday 26 March 2012
At 7.00 pm**

Chairman _____

Date _____