

**CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 30 April 2012**  
**in Lagwyne Hall at 7.24pm.**

**Present**

**Elected members**

Matt Hickman (Chair)  
Margaret Richmond  
Sylvia Sinclair

**Co-opted members**

Tony Challis  
Irene McCreath

**In attendance**

David Whyte (minutes)  
Davie McMillan  
Darren Challis  
George Jeffrey (Vattenfall)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Matt Hickman welcomed all to the meeting.  
Apologies from Liz Holmes, Margaret Phillips, Councillor George Prentice and Anne Rutherford (Treasurer).

**2. Minutes Secretary for this meeting**

David Whyte took the minutes for this meeting

**3. Declarations of Interest**

MH declared an interest in item 7: Smallholdings Policy.

**4. Minute of meeting 26 March 2012**

Subject to the following the minutes were approved.

**Item 9:** remove “to DGB” from the sentence “If the originally proposed route is diverted....”

**Item 13:** replace “Carricks” in the first sentence with “the Shop Company”.

**Proposed:** MR

**Seconded:** SS

**5. D & G Councillor**

GP sent apologies.

**6. Police Report**

No police representative was present.

**7. Smallholdings Policy**

Further to correspondence received from D&G Planning, MH introduced a discussion on the scope of the Smallholdings Policy and the inclusion of forestry and horticultural as well as agricultural land. It was agreed to have a further discussion on this at the next meeting before requesting clarification from D&G Planning. – **Action MH**

**8. Pub**

**Steering Group progress:** It was confirmed that the executor had not received a formal offer to purchase the building for conversion to housing. A member of the community has indicated the building might be purchased to allow the community to determine its future without the pressure of an immediate sale elsewhere.

**Planning applications:** Following discussions with Planning Aid Scotland and D & G Planning, it has been confirmed that if an application is made by a potential buyer for change of use, then this matter would have to be determined by the Planning Committee and not Council Officers if objections were received from 6 individuals or a recognised constituted body such as the Community Council. Planning Aid Scotland has offered to advise and support the Community Council should it choose to object.

**Community right to buy:** There is no local organisation that is in a position to exercise this.

**Consultant invoice:** It was agreed that this £100 invoice for the helping with the Investing in Ideas application be paid, - **Action MH, AR**

**LEADER funding:** It was agreed a First Stage application be made to potentially cover the cost of a feasibility study – **Action MH, DW**

## **9. Carsphairn Initiative / Action Group**

There was a discussion on the need for an overall community organisation to create and implement a plan for the best use of community benefits. To be referred to the next meeting.

## **10. Adoption of New Constitution**

It was agreed this is not necessary.

## **11. Appointment of Solicitor**

A letter will be sent to a nominated individual asking if he would be willing advise on legal matters. – **Action MR / SS**

## **12. Windfarms**

AC reported on 3 meetings

- A meeting initiated by Eon on the Loch Urr project, the minutes of which are on the CC website
- Similarly initiated by Eon but attended by the D&G Community Benefits Officer at which the mechanism of the 50/50 split between regional and community funds was discussed
- A D&G Community Benefits meeting – minutes of which are on the CC website

**Action AC**

## **13. Community Garden**

**Future Ownership:** Discussions are continuing with other local groups and organisations.

**Final LEADER Claim:** This claim has now been paid, and a financial reconciliation produced for the entire project

**Land Certificate:** The final version of this is being obtained – **Action MR**

## **14. Future Secretary**

D&G council have been asked about training for CC secretaries. The position still requires to be filled. A further notice to be circulated / displayed on Election day – 3 May. – **Action AC**

## **15. Email Accounts**

It was proposed that there be no change in the circulation by email of documents to Community Councillors, Members of the Public and other parties. – **Action AC**

## **16. Welcome Leaflet**

Final amendments have been sent to Nigel Martin. It was agreed the leaflet should be made available to new entrants and holiday homes. An initial print run is yet to be determined. – **Action MR**

## **17. Footpath to Bridgend**

Discussions have taken place with a potential contractor, and a quotation is expected imminently. – **Action MH**

## **18. Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

Given the proximity of the Carsphairn Show, and other activities that are taking place in

the Glenkens and the Stewartry, it was decided to take no action.

**19. Planning Applications**

None in the Community Council area.

**20. Correspondence**

Copies of the D&G Funding News and the SCVS newsletter were shown to the meeting.

**21. AOB**

**Planters:** John Dovaston to be asked if he is still willing to look after the planters at either end of the village – **Action MR**

**Pavements outside Carricks:** Owners to be given relevant D&G Council contacts – **Action MH**

**Next Meeting:** As a number of members will be unavailable at the end of May, the next meeting will be at the end of June.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

**Date of the next meeting Monday 25 June 2012  
At 7.00 pm**

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

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