

## CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Minute of meeting held 25th June 2012  
in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.*

| <b>Present</b> | <b>Elected members</b>  | <b>Co-opted members</b>                              |
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|                | Matt Hickman (Chair)<br>Sylvia Sinclair<br>Liz Holmes [minutes] | Tony Challis<br>Arnold Duggleby<br>Margaret Phillips |

**In attendance**

Cllr George Prentice (pt)  
Cllr Finlay Carson [pt]  
Davie McMillan  
Darren Challis  
Martin Temple

Alex Bruce [Burcote]  
Fraser Campbell[Burcote]  
Kyla Donaldson [Burcote]  
Ian Loveridge [Burcote]

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Matt Hickman welcomed all to the meeting.  
Apologies from Margaret Richmond, David Whyte, Irene McCreath

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

Liz Holmes took the minutes for this meeting

### **3 Declarations of interest**

None.

### **4. Minute of meeting 30 April 2012**

The minute was approved subject to the following amendments:

**7 Smallholdings Policy** – 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: delete ‘and horticultural’  
To avoid confusion ‘AC’ should be ‘TC’

**Proposed:** SS

**Seconded:** TC

### **5 D & G Councillor**

Cllrs George Prentice and Finlay Carson were in attendance - nothing to report.  
As it was considered unnecessary for more than one councillor to attend CCC meetings  
GP and FC will decide in advance which councillor will attend future meetings.  
DM drew attention to a notice in the Galloway News of 31 May relating to the proposed  
new pylon route. MH to investigate by emailing Scottish power. **MH**

### **6 Police Report**

No police representative present

MH to email police to report people racing ATV's on his and neighbours' private land  
without permission and also on the A713 without number plates.

He will also contact the council's road department with regard to the new speed signs  
which Carsphairn was due to have installed as soon as they were available. **MH**

## **7 Burcote Wind Renewables**

Fraser Campbell of Operations gave a brief introduction to the proposed Longburn Wind Farm – 36 turbines, 135 m to blade tip, 4 1/2 miles east of Carsphairn, 8 miles west of Moniaive, total installed capacity of 108 MW, low visual impact ie visible only from the B729. Burcote will consult with affected local communities through meetings, exhibitions, website: [www.burcotewind.com](http://www.burcotewind.com), direct mailings and local media.

Burcote believe the local area should benefit directly from the windfarm and propose a community benefit fund worth £13.5 million over the 25 year lifespan based on a guaranteed income of £5000 annually for every MW of installed capacity at the site. £2000 of each £5000 will be ringfenced to support sustainability with regard to training, development and business opportunities as rural areas especially require assistance with such initiatives.

Surveying the site and environmental and technical assessments are ongoing after completion of which the planning application will be submitted. Burcote hope that planning consent will be granted in nine months and that the windfarm will be operational in eighteen months.

Burcote plan to create a community liason forum to gauge local opinion, determine how the community benefit is to be distributed and how the windfarm proposal should be set up.

TC expressed his view that the letter received a month ago saying that there was a wind farm proposal was inappropriate.

Since all traffic relating to the windfarm will be using the B729 if planning consent is granted, Burcote will speak individually to B729 residents.

Discussion followed on what percentage DGC may wish to take from any community benefit fund - GP and FC: no decision had yet been made. The councillor attending the next meeting was requested to bring information on any percentage split proposed by DGC between the council and relevant communities.

The draft allocation formula from the Glenkens Liason Group and approved by Dalry, Parton and Balmaclellan, regarding points allocated to affected communities to determine a way to split windfarm community funds was circulated by SS, to be discussed at the next meeting. Kells, Glencairn and Carsphairn still to decide to approve or not.

## **8 Pub**

Planning Aid Scotland - following further discussions with Planning Aid Scotland MH advised that the CC would be in a strong position to obstruct change of use to housing on the grounds of defending an essential local service.

Progress - another meeting of the pub steering group has been held. The group advised the CC that if it would be naive to pursue any plans to buy the building without first completing a comprehensive feasibility study similar to the one previously refused funding from the Big Lottery.

Grant applications – It was suggested that CCC could provide £250 to pay a consultant to raise £5000 in grants to match fund a possible future CREFL application to pay for the feasibility study. This suggestion was accepted

Proposed: LH

Seconded: SS

## **9 Carsphairn Initiative**

There was further discussion regarding the potential for a "Carsphairn Initiative" type project to develop a community lead vision for the future of Carsphairn and consider an outreach strategy to ensure that the community receives the maximum benefit from future windfarm investment in the area. It was suggested that this work could provide a part time job for a local person.

## **10 CC solicitor**

To be deferred to next meeting

## **11 Windfarms**

TC reported that at the Quantans Hill Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting with E-on it had been agreed that members of the public could also attend future meetings. Noise data from turbine manufacturers is still to be provided. Maps showing ZTV viewpoints and noise monitoring locations will be provided in pdf format and will be put on the Carsphairn website. ZTV viewpoints are shown from a 2 meter elevation. TC will look into publishing CLG and other meeting dates on the Carsphairn website. **TC**

With regard to the proposed Vattenfall development it appears that Brownhills has been purchased by the windfarm company. Vattenfall to be contacted to ascertain their plans for the site and the building and for the protection of the King's Cairn. They will be requested not to remove Brownhill's roof or let it fall into dereliction. The regional archeologist also to be contacted with regard to the Cairn. **LH**

## **12 Community Garden**

Leader Visit – no issues and the visit was successful.

Change of ownership – SS reported that at the AGM of Carsphairn Village Shop Ltd the membership had agreed after consideration to hold the garden in trust for the community. Mr Moffat said he would have no difficulty conveying the garden to CVSL but would require the land certificate. A declaration of trust would have to be granted by CVSL to the Community Council.

Land Certificate - MR to be asked to progress obtaining this. **MR**

Proposed: MH

Seconded: TC

## **13 Secretary**

No progress as yet. DM knows of a potential secretary and will provide contact details.

## **14 Welcome Leaflet**

This is complete. MP to bring to next meeting. **MP**

## **15 Smallholding Policy**

Deferred to next meeting

## **16 Footpath to Bridgend**

John Peacock has seen the job but not yet given a quote. MH to get a quote from Donald Peacock. **MH**

## **17 CREFL balance**

MH wanted to know the balance held. This information is not confidential. The annual meeting will take place this August and is open to the public. The date of the meeting to be posted on the website. TC to ask Jean Gibbon to post it up. **TC**

## **18 Elections**

Stewart Marshall to be asked to be Returning Officer again. **MH**

Currently no existing members of CCC are prepared to stand as Chair. A suggestion was made for a rotating Chair

## **19 Examiner of Accounts**

MH to approach Martyn Wheeler. **MH**

Proposed: MH

Seconded: MP

## **20 Correspondence**

Nothing of note

**21 AOB**

Martin Temple wanted to know why there are no white lines on the B729. MH to ask the roads department. **MH**

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm  
Date of next meeting: Monday 27 August 2012  
At 7.00 pm**

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

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