

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Minute of meeting held 24th September 2012
In Lagwyne Hall at 7.00 pm.*

Present

Elected members

Matt Hickman (Chair)
Sylvia Sinclair

Co-opted members

Tony Challis

In attendance

David McMillan
Darren Challis
Ruth Williams
Sarah Ade

1. Welcome and apologies

Matt Hickman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were given from David Whyte, Liz Holmes and Maggie Philips

2. Minutes Secretary for this meeting

Sarah Ade agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Minute of meeting 27th August

The minute of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.

Proposed: Tony Challis

Seconded: Sylvia Synclair

5. D & G Councillor

Not present.

6. Police Report

Not present.

7. Michael Carr Presentation

Michael Carr, Project Manager for the Energy Agency, gave a presentation on the Scottish Government's Home Insulation Scheme. If you are interested, get in touch with the Community Council for contact details as this is available to everyone.

8. Windfarms

Longburn have been doing a door-to-door survey, which doesn't seem to have included all doors... Discussion was held on the archaeological issues of the site

and where the pylons/cables will run. It was also noted that this was generally not a good placement for a windfarm due to proximity to properties and to the road.

Eon/Quantans Hill will give a presentation in Lagwyne Hall on Thursday 27th September. It was noted that the number of turbines planned for this site have been reduced significantly.

Discussion was held over whether Dumfries & Galloway Council's pamphlet titled 'Community Benefits; Revised Approach 2011' is still valid. Various points noted in the pamphlet seem to be contrary to other materials. Issues such as whether the regional council would still like to take 50%, and whether the distance is still within 15km to receive benefits were queried. We will discuss with councillors whether the content is still valid.

9. Community Garden Conveyancing

Sylvia Synclair to contact a solicitor and progress this issue.

10. Future Secretary

There seem to be a couple of options for people willing to take on the role of secretary; Matt Hickman will follow this up.

11. Future of Community Council

It was thought by some that current CC members step down after this meeting. This would, however, leave a month's gap with no CC. Matt Hickman to look into this. Elections will be on 4th October - next meeting date to be arranged to be within 21 days of this. The following CC meeting date was due to be 29th October. The issue of whether a Chair would be appointed for the next CC was raised, and there was discussion over sharing the role more between CC members with less responsibility resting on a single person.

12. Appoint Examiner of Accounts

Martyn Wheeler is the appointed examiner of accounts, approved by D&G Council.

Proposed: Matt Hickman

Seconded: Sylvia Synclair

13. Pub

There has now been word from the executor. The idea of using a room in Lagwyne Hall as a pub once a month or at certain times was discussed. David Whyte will elaborate more on the pub situation at the next meeting.

14. Carsphairn Initiative

Deferred to a future meeting.

15. Solicitor

Sylvia Synclair is addressing this.

16. Welcome Leaflet

Deferred until next meeting.

17. Footpath to Bridgend

Matt Hickman got a quote from Peacocks in Dalry for the cost of creating a four foot wide gravel path running from Lagwyne Hall to Bridgend, including drainage, etc; £35-£37,000. It was noted that Peacocks had flagged up that there were a number of places where the verge isn't wide enough, and suggestion was made that a drop curb could be used in certain places. Also noted was that permission still needed to be gained from the council roads department, and a second quote would be needed. It was agreed that further discussion would be deferred until the next meeting.

18. Poppy Wreath

It was agreed that David McMillan would approach Robert Marshall about asking his son, who is in the army, to lay the wreath at the Wreath Laying Memorial Service.

19. Planning Applications

David McMillan showed a Public Notice from the Galloway News stating that there is more water set to flow through the hydro system. Matt Hickman to check if this is relevant to Carsphairn.

20. Correspondence

Tony Challis showed items which had come through the post and email.

21. AOB

The question of when planning permission for Longburn mast had gone through was raised as nobody had seen the planning application in the paper. Matt Hickman to follow up.

It was suggested that perhaps Carsphairn should buy a marque to use for events in the Community Garden as twice now we have borrowed Balmaclellan's marque. The issue of where to store it came up and Ruth Williams agreed to approach the Hall committee about storage.

A letter from Sarah Ade, Editor of the Glenkens Gazette, was presented asking the Community Council if they would consider sponsoring the Gazette. A decision on this was postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting to be confirmed after election on 4th October.