

## CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### *Minute of meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.*

<b>Present</b>	<b>Elected members</b>	<b>Co-opted members</b>
	Andrew Metcalf (Chair) Liz Holmes (Vice Chair) Tony Challis Matt Hickman Sylvia Sinclair	Simon Holmes
<b>In attendance</b>	Davie McMillan Robin Ade Belinda Hilton Billy McCreath George Prentice (Part) Margaret Richmond Jean Cowley Steve Cowley Darren Challis Alex Macrea M Thompson S.P. (Part) S Jacks S.P. (Part)	
<b>Apologies</b>	Sarah Ade Alletta Mcallie	

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

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received as above.

#### **2. Minute secretary.**

Matt Hickman offered to take the minute for this meeting. L.H. volunteered for January and Alex MacRae for February. It was agreed we will continue to pursue a permanent paid minute secretary as neither of the previous applicants could provide consistent cover in the immediate future.

Arrangements will be made to advertise on the CC website and at various locations in the community. **Action TC / LH.**

Appreciation of the previous Chair was acknowledged.

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

None.

#### **4. Minute of meeting 28 February 2010**

The minute was approved subject to the following amendments –

Item 1 – Councillor Findlay Carson had sent apologies.

Item 2 – Correct misspelling of “secretary”

Item 4 – The point regarding the Pub should be recorder as “Had not been in touch”

Item 7 – “Windfarms being built in an area of .....” should be amended to “Windfarms being built in Carsphairn”

Item 7 – “be set up to take *his* forward” amended to “Be set up to take *this* forward”

Item 10 – “This is part of the core paths route” amended to “This route joins

2 core paths”

Item 11 – Correct misspelling of “secretary”.

Proposed; L.H. 2<sup>nd</sup> S.S.

## **5. Co-Options**

Simon Holmes was co-opted as a voting member.

Proposed; S.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.

## **6. D & G Councillor**

Councillor George Prentice advised that he had not voted to support the council’s recent decision to propose a section 75 agreement that all Windfarm benefit funds would be paid directly to themselves by the developers.

## **7. Police report**

No Officer was present. The CC was advised of suspicious individuals hawking carpets in the community and comment was made regarding the apparent absence of uniformed officers recently. It was suggested that the police may wish to submit a written report if no one is available to attend in person. G.P. advised that some specialist officers had been seconded to the Olympics. The Inspector is to be contacted for further discussion. **Action A.M.**

## **8. Pylon Lines**

The Chair welcomed Stephen Jacks and Malcolm Thompson from Scottish Power to the meeting. A discussion followed with the relevant points below;  
1/ Undergrounding Cables – This happens only in special areas as it is much more expensive to install and maintain. Windfarm developers can request undergrounding if they pay the additional costs. The final decision is made by Scottish Ministers. SP offer a best cost solution.

2/ Blackcraig / Margree Line – There is no spare capacity at Dalry to accommodate the new Windfarm. The nearest connection point is New Cumnock, hence the new line. Other local lines may also require an upgrade. The new line will have 12 wires to offer extra capacity for future developments. Changes have been made at Bardenoch and White Crook following concerns from property owners.

3/ The planning application – The public notice in the local press was requested by the Scottish Government. Information is now available at the planning department. A new application will be submitted in January including recent changes. The application will be advertised locally and on the internet. Hard copies will be available. A digital copy will be provided for the CC website. There will then be a further round of consultation. There has not been any ministerial approval for the project thus the line is not yet approved. A map was shown to illustrate the route. S.J. offered to send an email confirming the discussions.

## **9. Wind Farms**

1/ Subcommittee – There was a discussion regarding the role of the Windfarm committee. It was agreed to limit this to gathering information and establishing dialogue with the developers. No further authority was delegated. S.H. Volunteered to Chair. Contact is to be made to request an extension on the Eon/AMEC scoping process. A first meeting is to be held. **Action S.H.**

2/ Burcote CLG – 2 CC’s are required to represent on Burcote Wind’s Community Liaison Group. Agreed S.S. and T.C. Proposed M.H., 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H.

3/ Weather Hill Extension - It was agreed to contact Scottish Power and invite a representative to discuss this project at a future meeting. **Action A.M.**

4/ New Proposal – A map was shown illustrating a new wind farm at Monquill on the upper Deugh. Contact will be made with the developer to invite them to a future meeting. **Action A.M.**

5/ Community Benefits – The Councils Community Benefits officer will be invited to the January meeting to discuss recent changes. **Action A.M.**

#### **10. Community Garden**

S.S. will contact the solicitor regarding ownership and ongoing access issues. M.H. will forward a copy of the CC constitution to S.S. **Action M.H. / S.S.**

#### **11. Welcome Leaflet**

6 copies will be printed and distributed to new members of the community for feedback. **Action Anne Rutherford (printing) and M.R. (distribution)**

#### **12. Footpath to Bridgend**

A second quote will be obtained. **Action D.M.**

#### **13. Wreath**

The Council expressed its gratitude to Arnold Dogleby for laying the wreath.

#### **14. Heating Oil**

We are advised that Stewartry Safety Forum have a Co-op to buy heating oil. Ian Howie will be contacted for more information. **Action A.M.**

#### **15. Pub.**

There has been some further contact with the executor and the project remains ongoing.

#### **16. Planning applications**

Nothing of concern has been submitted.

#### **17. Correspondence**

Discussed. No action required.

#### **18. AOB**

B 729 – Deep ruts are appearing by the side of the road. This will be reported to the roads department. **Action M.R.**

Christmas tree – S.C. will liaise with David Richmond to consider new lights. Agreed to pay up to £100. Proposed M.H., 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. A letter will be sent to Thor Holm thanking him for the donation of the tree. **Action A.M.**

Administration Grant – T.C. advised this had been applied for.

Bank Account - Agreed to pursue internet banking. Signatories to be A.M. and T.C. Proposed A.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> T.C. **Action T.C.**

Financial Statement - S.S. requested a financial statement to be emailed in time for the next meeting. **Action T.C.**

Winter Resilience - We are advised that a variety of equipment is available from the council and will follow this up. **Action S.S.**

**The meeting closed at 9.20 pm**  
**Date of next meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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