

## CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### *Minute of meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 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 Sylvia Sinclair Maggie Philips	Simon Holmes

<b>In attendance</b>	
	Jane Metcalf [minutes] Davie McMillan Billy McCreath George Prentice (Part) Margaret Richmond Jean Cowley Steve Cowley Darren Challis Alex Macrae Bryan Bruton(Part) Peter Roberts(Part)

<b>Apologies</b>	
	Matt Hickman Finlay Carson Robin Ade

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

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

#### **2. Minutes secretary.**

Jane Metcalf has provisionally been appointed Minutes Secretary.

Proposed L.H

Seconded T.C.

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

None.

#### **4. a] Minutes of Exceptional meeting 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

The minutes of the Exceptional meeting to adopt the new Constitution were approved.

Proposed SS.

Seconded TC

#### **b] Minutes of general meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

The minutes were approved subject to the amendment that MP's apologies were not noted.

Proposed LH.

Seconded TC

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer not present, copies of Treasurer's report presented to the meeting

The report to be presented at every meeting.

## **6.Co-option new Carsphairn Community Councillors**

None of those individuals expressing the desire to be co-opted members were present. In order for this to take place, their name, address and electoral roll number must be submitted to the chair in time for inclusion on the agenda of the next CCC meeting.

## **7 D &G Councillor**

Nothing to report. GP requested Carsphairn residents' opinion of new street lighting. The opinion was generally in favour of the new lights, but perhaps additional lights could be placed in certain spots to reduce dark shadowing.

## **8 Peter Roberts DGC Economic Development**

Peter Roberts attended the meeting to explain DGC's Windfarm Community Benefits policy. He explained the main difference was the 50/50 split instead of the original 40/60. The meeting felt that this was unfair as it is the community that will experience the inconvenience of the installation and the workings of the Windfarm. It was also felt that the additional payment could be seen as influencing any planning decisions. DM requested that 7.1 of the Windfarms Community Benefit Policy Implementations Report by Direct Planning and Environmental Services be minuted.

D&G councillors Jim Dempster and GP have challenged the legality of DGC 'taking' any windfarm community benefit funds. CCC will await further information and detail on the legal position of DGC's intentions.

## **9. Police Report- Bryan Bruton**

Individuals from Dalmellington, thought to be responsible for thefts in the Carsphairn area, have been arrested, but were out on bail. They are banned from Dumfries & Galloway. The meeting was instructed that if anything suspicious is seen, the registration number of the car should be passed to the police. The Emergency number is to change from 999 to 112. Dumfries & Galloway Police from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 will change its name to Division14 of Police Scotland. In future in the event of any incidents requiring police response, the nearest police car will respond, it will not necessarily be dispatched from Castle Douglas. It is as likely it will be sent from Dalmellington.

## **10. South Kyle Windfarm proposal**

The meeting was informed that Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd will be attending the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 meeting with regard to the South Kyle Windfarm proposal

## **11. Pylon Line- Blackcraig & Magree Windfarms**

The line is at its maximum capacity, any further demands will require an additional line.

## **12. Pub**

Deferred to next meeting.

## **13. Wind farms and Sub-Committee**

The windfarm sub-group had its inaugural meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The minutes were distributed to all subgroup members and CC councillors. The subgroup have asked Keith Brander to join the group and to attend the next meeting, date tbc.

**14. Community Garden**

The Garden will continue to be maintained by Jackie Locke at the present rate of pay.

The conveyancing of the garden to CVSL is ongoing.

**15. Welcome Leaflets**

A few of the leaflets have been distributed to new local people, with a view to getting feedback. Suggestions and comments to MR, MP or AR. A few of the leaflets were distributed to new residents at the meeting.

**16. Footpath to Bridgend**

DM. presented quotes for the necessary work;-

£97,000 less VAT from Morplant

£188,000 McQuaker

**Action AM to pursue quote from Donald Peacock.**

**17. Price of Heating Oil**

Deferred to next meeting.

**18. Planning Applications**

MP mentioned unofficially that it has been proposed to build 10 houses by McAdams Way. No more information was available. To be discussed at the next meeting once more information has been gathered.

**Action SS**

**19. Correspondence**

Dumfries & Galloway Council Development Plan Scheme-available in hard copy.

Nothing else of note- list of correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated by TC.

**20. AOB**

**Website** - there have been 19262 hits on the community web site. Official thank you to Jean Gibbon who runs the site, for all her efforts in the past year.

**Carsphairn Post Office** - the Post Office has now closed and Linda has resigned. The Post Office is considering the viability of the business and is seeking the opinion of the community via e-mail - further information from the poster in the shop.

**Monquill Windfarm** - DM stated that a part of this newly proposed wind farm would lie in the Carsphairn area and would therefore be eligible for a share of any community benefit proposals.

**Action AM to identify Company.**

**Meeting closed at 21.20 hrs  
Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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

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