

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 25th February 2013 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.

Present	Elected members Andrew Metcalf (Chair) Liz Holmes (Vice Chair) Tony Challis Sylvia Sinclair Matt Hickman	Co-opted members Simon Holmes
In attendance	Jane Metcalf [minutes] Davie McMillan Robin Ade George Prentice (Part) Jean Cowley Steve Cowley Darren Challis Alex Macrae Anna Campbell Ruth Williams Fiona Milligan (Infinergy) Colin Ormstom (Vattenfall) George Jeffrey (Vattenfall) Alison Doughty (Vattenfall)	
Apologies	Margaret Richmond Maggie Philips	

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. Minutes secretary.

Jane Metcalf has been appointed Minutes Secretary with the proviso that they are to be checked by a CC councillor before being sent for distribution.

Proposed TC

Seconded SH

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Minutes of general meeting 28th January 2013

The minutes were approved subject to the following amendments:

Item 8 - 7.1 Amendment by Finlay Carson seconded by Colin Smyth:

(1) that where the Council is minded to grant planning permission for a wind farm on its merits, there should also be a requirement included in a Section 75 planning obligation for the developer to make appropriate financial contribution in accordance with the Council's Community Benefit from Wind Farms policy

(2) that the Council should notify the Scottish Government of this requirement to ensure that any applications determined by the Scottish Ministers (by way of appeal or under section 36 of the Electricity Act) take due account of the Councils processes for securing community benefits from wind farms

(3) to receive a report on the Wind Farms Community Benefit Policy at a future meeting.

Item 11 - if ALL current planning permission for wind farms be granted then the line would be at maximum capacity.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer not present. No change to accounts since the last meeting

6. Police Report

Police representative not present.

7 D &G Councillor

GP explained that as part of the development of the local plan the council identifies areas of land suitable for development. The owner of the land is not consulted as part of the process.

8. Co-option new Carsphairn Community Councillors

Robin Ade and Alex McCrae are adopted non-voting councillors.

Proposed AM

Seconded LH

9. Peter Roberts D&G Economic Development

Not present, unable to attend until further developments.

10. Vattenfall – South Kyle Windfarm

Representatives of the company gave an outline of their plans. Exhibitions of the South Kyle Wind farm proposal are going to be held in the area. The exhibition for Carsphairn is to be held on the 28th March 2013. A general discussion regarding planning permission for wind farms took place.

11. Community Garden

Conveyancing of the Community Garden is now to be progressed.

There are sufficient funds currently held in CCC's bank account to cover maintenance costs for this year and funds for this will not be needed from CREFL.

12. Welcome Leaflet

Having received feedback MR and MP are going to make the changes to the leaflets.

13. Price of heating Oil

Feasibility study showed bulk buying of oil not viable.

14. Planning Applications

No planning permission is being sought for the area adjacent to McAdams Way. Nothing of note since the last meeting.

15. Correspondence

A list of the correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated. A leaflet concerning funding was distributed [www.dg4community.info].

16. AOB

Path quotes – it was decided to keep the quotes given for this work confidential.

Pub - MH stated that the pub project remains ongoing. Salutation buildings are for sale. In view of the growing number of complex projects it would be wise for the Community Council to begin to prioritise. It was proposed that we begin to consider this at the next meeting and time be made for a discussion on a "Community Development Plan".

Burcote Community Liaison Group – next meeting to take place 26th February. Discussion took place on this next CLG meeting with Burcote wind. It was agreed that, if asked, the Community Council would decline to engage with Orbit Communications proposals for a 5 year plan to dictate the spending of the Community Benefit Fund under the developers terms. The meeting unanimously agreed that to involve ourselves too far in this process may make the CC appear complicit and compromise our neutrality in the planning process.

New wind farm - Fiona Milligan introduced herself as the Project Manager for Infinergy, who are seeking planning permission for a new wind farm in the area around Smittons. Her mobile phone no:07825744712. E-mail f.milligan@infinergy.co.uk

**Meeting closed at 21.20 hrs
Date of next meeting 25th March2013**

Chairman _____

Date_____