

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of AGM held 29th April 2013 in Lagwyne Hall 7 pm.

Present

Elected members

Andrew Metcalf (Chair)
Liz Holmes (Vice Chair)
Tony Challis (C. Secretary)
Sylvia Sinclair
Matt Hickman

Co-opted members

Alex MacCrae (Minutes)
Simon Holmes

In attendance

Karen Hall, Jean Cowley, Steve Cowley, David McMillan, Darren Challis, George Jeffrey (Vattenfall), Cllr George Prentice (D&G Council), Cllr Finlay Carson (D&G Council), Ruth Williams

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Robin Ade and Maggie Phillips.

2. Minutes of meeting 30th April 2012

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Proposed: Tony Challis

Seconded: Matt Hickman

3. Chairman's Report

In the early part of the year it was looking as if the Carsphairn Community Council would not last for the full twelve months till this AGM. This year Matt stepped down from the chair and I took his place. It has been fast and furious as I only became a Councillor the day I took the chair and it has been a very steep learning curve. More interest has been shown in the community council with the attendance at meeting increasing.

Consultations have been held with wind farm companies. Burcote Wind Renewables are proposing to build a wind farm of 36 turbines at Longburn with local residents having some concern about the impact on their lives.

Also Vattenfall are applying for planning permission in May to build Kyle, a wind farm over towards Dalmellington.

Dumfries and Galloway council are proposing to set up a fund. This would involve all benefits which Carsphairn receive from the wind farms going into a central pot and distributed throughout Dumfries and Galloway. This will mean that at least 50% of all benefits will be taken from us and distributed around other parts which have no heavy traffic or any of the disadvantages of having the wind farms, but have all the benefits of the money which is to help the local community disadvantaged by wind farms.

Scottish Power has been in consultation with the local community with the proposals to build a new power line to replace and upgrade the one which was built in the 1930s.

Some points were put to Scottish Power and the route has had some modification, unfortunately not to everybody's satisfaction.

The welcome leaflet is up and running and I believe it will be of great help to new residents coming to live in the community.

On a sad note, before Christmas, Linda at the shop was taken seriously ill. The shop had to be downsized and unfortunately we have lost the Post Office Counter.

A development plan is well on the way. We have option to buy the pub to bring it back into use as this would be a focal point in the village. The Salutation is on the market, this could be developed for affordable rental properties to encourage young families with young children to live here, which will help with the numbers at the school.

I would like to thank all members of the Community Council, members of CREFL, the Heritage Centre and all the people involved in making projects and activities work, which make Carsphairn such a pleasant place to live.

Andrew Metcalf, 29th April 2013

4. Treasurer's Report

Once again, though much reduced, the main financial activity has been to do with the Community Garden. The final LEADER payment was received in April 2012 and this meant that the interest-free loan could be repaid.

(Extract from Treasurer's report 2012:

Loan:

LEADER, like many other funding bodies, requires that invoices be paid for by the CC and reclaimed from them. In order for claims to be approved, original invoices, receipts and bank statements must be sent to them for checking.

In August, it became obvious that we had insufficient funds available to pay for materials that were needed to complete the garden. We felt that we wanted to take full advantage of the LEADER grant awarded and so a member of the steering group made the generous offer of an interest-free loan to cover the shortfall. This was accepted.)

Maintenance costs were much less than anticipated, mainly because of the poor weather. A total of £720 was spent on maintenance leaving £1140 from the CREFL grant awarded in 2011/2012. This sum is ring-fenced for maintenance and will be carried forward to 2013/2014.

The insurance premium for the Garden increased from £214.89 to £604.01 because cover was needed for the electrics, dykes, equipment and public liability. Previously, the insurance covered only the volunteers working on the garden.

A payment of £100 was made to Creetown Initiative for preparation of an application for grant to Investing in Ideas.

Final balance for 2012/2013 =£4018.83 (after cheques totalling £135.93 paid at end of year have cleared)

Projected Costs for 2013/2014:

	£
Garden Maintenance	1140 (remainder of CREFL grant)
ICO registration	35
Garden Insurance	620 (approx.)
Poppy wreath	28 (approx.)
Website	143.72 (£35.93 per quarter)
	<u>£1966.72</u>

See attached Statement of Accounts.

5. Office Bearers

Anne Rutherford will resign as Treasurer in October
Action: Thank-you letter to be sent by AM

Sylvia Sinclair pointed out a growing need to apply for grants next year to cover expenses for garden maintenance.

Darren Challis offered to take on the Treasurer's role. This was proposed and seconded by Liz Holmes and Sylvia Sinclair.

Tony Challis will continue as Correspondence Secretary which was proposed and seconded by Liz Holmes and Matt Hickman.

Andrew Metcalf will stay on as Chairman. Matt Hickman proposed, Liz Holmes seconded.

Liz Holmes to continue as Vice Chair. Matt Hickman proposed, Andrew Metcalf seconded.

Martyn Wheeler to remain as Examiner of Accounts. Proposed Tony Challis, seconded Sylvia Sinclair

6. Committees

The Pub and Windfarm Steering Groups continue to operate.

7. Voting and Non Voting Co-opted Members

The Community Council has six elected members (Andrew Metcalf, Liz Holmes, Tony Challis, Sylvia Sinclair, Matt Hickman, Maggie Phillips), one co-opted member with voting rights (Simon Holmes) and two Associate members (Alex Macrae, Robin Ade). People with special interests to be co-opted in, when needed or if required for any community projects.

8. Any Other Business

None.

Chairman _____

Date _____

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1/4/12 TO 31/3/13

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
LEADER Final payment	3,916.40	Community Garden (plants & fertiliser)	126.40
Administrative Grant	460.50	Community Garden (gardener)	720.00
Windfarm Fund Grants	0.00	Community Garden (insurance)	604.01
		Community Garden (tree lights & electrics)	84.76
		Website	107.79
		Creetown Initiative	100.00
		Loan repayment	900.00
		Wreath	27.10
		Minutes Secretary	100.00
Total Income	<u>4,376.90</u>		
Uncleared from last year now cleared	0.00	Uncleared cheques & banking	-135.93
Balance of Bank Account @ 1/04/12	2,411.99	Balance of bank a/c @ 31.03.13	4,154.76
	<u>6,788.89</u>	Cash in hand	<u>0.00</u>
			6,788.89

We have examined the Carspairn Community Council Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2013, without audit, and hereby certify that they are correctly prepared and in accordance with the books and other records supplied to us.

M. J. [Signature]

MARGEN WHEELER BA(Hons) FCCA. 24th April 2013.