

## CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### *Minute of General Meeting held 29th April 2013 in Lagwyne Hall after the AGM.*

<b>Present</b>	<b>Elected members</b>	<b>Co-opted members</b>
	Andrew Metcalf [Chair] Liz Holmes [Vice Chair] Tony Challis [C. Secretary] Matt Hickman Sylvia Sinclair	Alex MacRae (Minutes) Simon Holmes

<b>In attendance</b>	
	Karen Hall Jean Cowley Steve Cowley David McMillan Darren Challis Cllr George Prentice [D&GC] Cllr Finlay Carson (D&GC) George Jeffrey [Vattenfall] Ruth Williams

**Apologies** Robin Ade, Maggie Phillips

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

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

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

Tony Challis declared an interest in item 13. Planning Applications - replacement conservatory at his home.

#### **3. Minutes of meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

The Minutes were approved subject to the following:

Item 7 - SS: I don't think it was Ian Howie who estimated that £150,000 would be required to renovate pub. CREFL would *possibly* be willing to fund a part-time development officer post if an application was made to them.

Item AOB – Pub: Callum Paterson (via e-mail) wished to clarify this entry to “The pub will be purchased by a local landowner shortly. The Community Council has been given the option to purchase this back within six months with the possibility of further time if need be. If the community decide not to purchase the building it is likely the pub will be converted into two houses.”

**Proposed:** AM

**Seconded:** TC

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

Final balance for 2012/2013 £4,018.83 (after cheques totalling £135.93 paid at end of year have cleared).

The Community Council is registered as a Data Controller. The annual fee of £35 will be made to the Information Commissioner's office by Direct Debit on 3<sup>rd</sup> May each year.

#### **5. Police Report**

The Police were not present.

## **6. D & G Community Support Survey**

TC said that as he had never had contact with any of the D&G names included in the Survey this caused problems completing it. GP suggested contacting Hazel Kerr and Pat Riley.

## **7. Heartstart**

A letter TC had received from Anne Rutherford, who was unhappy with the lack of discussion by CCC concerning the dissolution of the First Responder group, was discussed.

TC reported that he had contacted Iain Howie of SCVS concerning a Heartstart course for the village. Up to 20 could be accommodated and it would take 2 hours and be free.

Anyone interested please contact the Community Council. Due to holidays September was the most likely first training date.

DM suggested a First Aid course. TC said he had spoken to Iain Howie about this also. It would be chargeable but would more likely be a Mountain Rescue type than slings and bandages.

SS suggested including a 'flyer' about Heartstart in a mailshot the CVSL were sending to all in the community.

## **8. Dumfries and Galloway Councillor**

Discussion took place regarding the percentage split between communities and DGC regarding allocations of windfarm benefit funds. DM expressed concerns that DGC will divert money from Carsphairn to spend elsewhere in the region.

AM had met two ex-planning officers who advise on various aspects and can get the name of the council officer involved in planning applications if needed.

DC wondered on what basis DGC make their decisions. FC admitted it was not clear.

FC asked for people to contact him with ideas for committee meetings regarding windfarm community benefits.eg a housing and/or environment committee.

## **9. Community Development Plan**

TC will email the 'Request for a Proposal' outlining what the CCC were looking for in terms of a Carsphairn Development Plan based on future windfarm community benefits to organisations who may be interested/qualified in helping develop the plan.

## **10. CREFL**

AM suggested the appointment of two members from the Community Council to sit on the CREFL committee.

SS said it should be left to evolve.

RW suggested more information on CREFL to be placed on the website. SS said CREFL Minutes were put up in the Village Hall and was sure that they were on the Carsphairn website.

## **11. Welcome Leaflets**

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## **12. Pub**

MH advised that the project to obtain an "option" to purchase the Greystones pub building remains ongoing. There was discussion regarding a suitable community group to "landbank" the building. It was agreed MH would write to CVSL in the hope they would consider this at their next meeting on the 7th of May.

## **13. Planning Applications**

TC - Conservatory replacement

**14. Correspondence**

TC - The Correspondence Report has been circulated.

**15. Any Other Business**

None

**Date of next meeting : Monday 27 May 2013  
At 7.00 pm**

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

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