

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Minute of meeting held 24th June 2013
in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00pm.*

Present	Elected members Andrew Metcalf (Chair) Liz Holmes (Vice Chair & minutes) Tony Challis [C Secretary] Sylvia Sinclair Maggie Philips Matt Hickman	Associate members Alex MacCrae
In attendance	Darren Challis [Treasurer] Davie McMillan Anne Rutherford Cllr George Prentice (Part) Anna Campbell Jean Cowley Steve Cowley Karen Hall Wendy Fenton PC Bryan Bruton(Part) Martin Temple Ruth Williams Chris Fyles [CD IT Centre] Brian Jones [Catstrand]	
Apologies	Simon Holmes Robin Ade	

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 29th April 2013

4. Matters arising – item 10: at AC's suggestion, AM agreed to find out how many members of CREFL are members of CCC. AR confirmed that the minutes of CREFL meetings are on the Carsphairn website and displayed in Lagwyne Hall.

The minutes were then approved.

Prop: TC

Sec: AM

5. Minutes of meeting 27th May 2013

6. Matters arising – item 12: SS had contacted Craig Potter of the Windy Standard 2 windfarm who will notify SS as to whether he will attend the August or September meeting to discuss their Community Benefit Fund. Despite AMac being unwell, the flower boxes were partly planted in time for

the Carsphairn Show. MP weeded the boxes at the south end.

The minutes were then approved.

Prop: SS

Sec: TC

7. Treasurer's Report

Payments made in June: £182.50 to Jackie Locke for Community Garden maintenance.

Balance now stands at £3,736.33.

AM and MP will now be the two signatories with DC for CCC's bank account. DC will see to the change of ownership for CCC's website [from AR's name to TC's name who will invoice CCC for the website's monthly charges] and update the contact for insurance for the Community Garden. **DC**

Prop: SS

Sec: LH

8. Police Report

Although PC Bryan Bruton has been replaced by PC Iain Dunn who is currently on holiday, BB had nothing of note to report - scrap metal and copper continue to be stolen. 101 should be dialled to report suspicious behaviour to the police whilst 999 should be dialled for emergencies.

DM was aware of thefts in the local area recently, of which the community knew nothing. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme no longer operates largely owing to the shop now being closed. The new shop tenants may be prepared to 're-instigate' the scheme.

BB: police reports on criminal activity would be contained in media releases. It is hoped that PC Iain Dunn will progress information on local police/criminal activity at the next meeting.

9. D & G Councillor

Nothing to report.

10. Chris Fyles– Castle Douglas IT Centre

CF proposed installing a broadband facility including a wireless router in Lagwyne Hall to broaden the activities the community can take on. He suggested that CREFL could be approached to cover the cost of installation. The IT Centre sees this work in a social context – getting people together, sharing, learning, meeting new people etc. The Centre is looking to set up Hubs in the Stewartry. Bodies such as the SCVS could attend to give information on local services, claiming benefits, council tax advice etc. BT would be the service provider. Typical cost for a one year contract would be £40/50 monthly.

Brian Jones of the Catstrand is hoping to address the problems of rural and social isolation, health/well-being including the over 60's through proposed intergenerational activity by means of activities such as training sessions e.g. a 6 week beginners' computer course. He has access to funding for such projects – computers could be purchased which could then be borrowed. TC will email the Hall Committee to gauge their views. **TC**

Prop: TC

Sec: MP

11. Community Development Plan

TC has sent the request for proposal letter to 6 appropriate individuals/companies - 2 declined, 1 awaiting response, 3 expressions of interest [2 of which outlined potential costs]. SS doubted the need for a paid development

officer at this time as the earliest new community benefit funds would not be available till 2016/18 at the earliest. DM stated that Burcote have requested a business plan in relation to their CBF but SS did not think this was the case.

12. Welcome Leaflet

Deferred to next meeting.

13. Pub Progress

MH had written to CVSL asking if they would 'landbank' the building but they had declined. There is significant support for the acquisition of the building within the local community as verified by the healthy public attendance at meetings to discuss the pub's future and community survey results of two years ago. The question of ownership has to be solved – it was decided to set up a trust as soon as possible by AM asking Ian Howie of SCVS to undertake this for CCC. **AM**

Prop: TC

Sec: LH

At least three directors are needed for the Trust – the following put themselves forward to be directors: Karen Hall, Steve Cowley, David McMillan and AM.

Prop: LH

Sec: TC

AM : it should be bought asap and it can always be sold on, but there was general agreement that it would be retained as a community asset. In terms of a feasibility study, there was no-one to drive this forward.

CREFL will be approached by MH as soon as possible to start the process of applying for funding for purchasing the building. The costs would amount to around £40,000 including agents' and legal fees whilst DM estimated that £10,000 would be needed to make the building wind and water-tight before the onset of winter. **MH**

Prop: TC

Sec: LH

AR confirmed that two quotes for building/repair work would be required in a funding application to CREFL. DC suggested that the proposed new Trust might also 'own' the Community garden and it would be useful to make enquiries along these lines.

14. Community Garden

SS: CVSL have agreed to take the Garden in trust. A simple Trust document has been drawn up by Sandy Moffat – CCC have agreed to pay the conveyancing costs and his fees.

The Garden was discussed at length but it was decided not to progress it further at the moment.

To complete the legalities, certified copies of the minutes recording the appointment of AM as Chair are required. DC would also need to be co-opted and the minutes provided.

The issue of parking on one of the access roads is still not resolved. MH to look out paperwork relating to garden issues and will be discussed at next meeting. **MH**

DC: The insurance renewal premium for all risks including public liability comes to £604.01 and is due to be paid. **DC**

Prop: TC

Sec: MH

15. Shop

SS: there has been a positive response with more than one interested party viewing the premises. A new tenant will be in place in the near future.

16. Post Office

RW: The proprietress of Dalmellington PO will run a PO facility in Lagwyne Hall annexe every Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am starting 18th July. She is willing to bring newspapers, milk etc to order for Carsphairn residents. All are asked to use it or lose it. A Thursday Club has been proposed where Lagwyne Hall can be a meeting place for tea/coffee, possibly book/vegetable exchange and other social activities at the times the Post Office is open. Posters with details of the group and the Post Office opening hours have been provided and will be displayed.

17. Heartstart

Ian Howie is facilitating Heartstart courses from September.

18. Planning Applications

Nothing of note.

19. Correspondence

List of correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated by TC.

Scottish Power Renewables (Wetherhill Windfarm) have organised an exhibition in the hall on 9th July, 3.00 to 7.00pm.

20. AOB

All present were asked to canvas their neighbours for faster broadband speeds in an effort to bring faster speeds to the area. **All**

Local groups already not represented on CCC to be asked to nominate a representative to attend CCC meetings. **AM**

**Meeting closed at 21.50 hrs
Date of next meeting 26th August 2013**

Chairman _____

Date _____