

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 28th October 2013

in Lagwyne Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present:	Elected members Andrew Metcalf (Chair) Tony Challis (C. Secretary) Sylvia Sinclair Matt Hickman	Associate members
In attendance:	Darren Challis (Treasurer) Karen Hall George Prentice D&G Councillor George Jeffrey (Vattenfall Wind Power) Wendy Fenton (Minutes)	Jean Cowley Steve Cowley David McMillan Martin Temple

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies Liz Holmes, Simon Holmes, Finlay Carson (D&G Councillor)

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting 30th September 2013

4. Matters arising

Item 7 should have read Section 36 not Section 37.

The minutes were then approved

Proposed: MH

Seconded SS

5. Treasurer's report

Outgoing payments for September were £230 for garden maintenance and £35.93 for website hosting, leaving a balance of £2,598.89. An application for a grant of £818.12 has been requested from CREFL to cover the outstanding Community Garden operating costs. The new mandate for the account is now in place.

6. Police Report

No representatives were present from the police.

7. D&G Councillor's report

GP brought a document discussing possible options for the operation of the Regional Socio-Economic Fund, to be discussed at a council meeting this Wednesday. Funds will be split 50/50 with the Council and local communities. Three options are to be considered:

1. An external body, as detailed in the report to the Sub-Committee on 2 July 2013;

2. A Sub-Committee of Planning, Housing and Environment Services or Policy and Resources Committee;

3. Area Committees, including linking a Regional Socio-Economic Fund into established Area Committee Discretionary Grant procedures

Action: TC to download and distribute the document so any comments can be sent to the Council (GP) for the Wednesday meeting.

GP has been approached by the Galloway News to comment on the recent wood lorry accident just south of the village. SC asked if Highways could make verges harder to prevent damage to them but DM noted that soft verges help lessen the

potential collision with dykes etc. GJ stated that the speed of these lorries was an issue.

8. Community Development Plan

Prior to a plan being developed, the community need to consider what they might want. A starting point would be to look at responses from a survey conducted in recent years. SS suggested looking at projects carried out by other communities for inspiration. A discussion took place on possible organisations to carry out a plan. Ideas included Foundation Scotland and the body that carried out the Dalmellington plan.

Action. TC to email out responses from the old survey for discussion at the next meeting.

9. CCT

The Trust now has charitable status and a bank account has been opened. SS congratulated those who has put the work in to achieve this. A meeting has been requested with CREFL to discuss a grant for the purchase of Greystones at the next CREFL meeting. They have indicated they have some questions but are struggling to get a quorum for a meeting. DM reminded the meeting that the deadline for purchase of the building is November but it is thought there may be a three month extension, with extra costs incurred (~ £500). It was agreed the community did not want to lose it as it would provide a community asset. A discussion took place on whether options for the building would need to be presented to CREFL. The option supported by many in the community was a pub/restaurant. KH ascertained from Sandy that he would be invoicing CCC for his work once charitable status was achieved.

10. Garden Trust

SS asked if, once Greystones was secured, would CCT take the garden on. It was agreed that the aim of the Trust was to manage such community projects.

11. Heartstart

TC said the course was interesting and useful, with good advice. Ian Howie has secured a defibrillator for Carsphairn so a home is needed for it.

**Action: AM to ask the shop if they would be prepared to keep it
TC to contact IH to take delivery of it.**

12. Local Organisations

MH has prepared a letter to send out, inviting organisations to attend CCC meetings.

13. SCVS AGM

This is the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, who provide services to voluntary groups. CCC have been invited to attend their AGM

Action: AM to attend and report back at next meeting

14. Planning applications

- EON have applied for an extension for the mast for Quantans windfarm proposal.
- Longburn – LH is collating community responses. TC will forward to the Scottish Government.
- TC noted we still have not been asked to comment on the South Kyle windfarm application.

Action: TC to email Scottish Government to ask why we have not been asked to comment

- A discussion took place on the legality of windfarm companies not holding electricity generating licences: A case is being tested in Shetland.

Action: MH to find out if Burcote (Longburn) have a licence.

GJ noted that the large number of submissions from windfarm companies was causing a problem for the planning department but extensions will likely be given

to allow for this. He also noted that any applications going in during November might get passed without comment by organisations such as CCC during the Christmas break. It was also noted that individual communities could make their own agreements with windfarm companies rather than through the Council-run funding body.

- DM noted that Windy Standard Extension has applied for an extension of 3 years for the communications building (to 2016). SS suggested arranging a meeting with the company in the new year.

15. Correspondence

- TC mentioned the letter about reviewing polling stations but as Lagwyne was still on the list it was not thought to be an issue.
- DM asked about the progress of the letter to the Glenkens Community Benefits Committee. MH has drafted it and is sending it out this week.

Action: MH to send copy of letter to CCT and CREFL

16. AOB

- AM attending Remembrance Sunday on 10th November
- DC asked if action points not covered under agenda items could be included under matters arising on the agenda to ensure they are addressed.
- The roads dept have been contacted about the youth hostel sign but it has not yet been removed.
- A vote of thanks was given to Anne Rutherford and Margaret Richmond for preparation of the Welcome leaflet that is now on the website.
- GJ suggested making contact with the E. Ayrshire Core paths to liaise about local paths.
- AM apologised to KH for being undeservedly harsh on her in a previous meeting. His apology was accepted.

17. Dates of next meetings

25th November, 27th January 2014, 24th February

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm