

**CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minute of AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in Lagwyne Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Elected members</b>	<b>Members with Voting rights</b>
	Andrew Metcalf (Chair)	Simon Holmes
	Tony Challis (C. Secretary)	
	Liz Holmes (Vice Chair)	
	Sylvia Sinclair	
	Matt Hickman	

**In Attendance:**

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Arnold Duggleby
Steve Cowley	George Prentice (D&G Councillor)	Claire Duggleby
Jean Cowley	Finlay Carson (D&G Councillor)	Alan Lang
David McMillan	George Jeffrey (Vattenfall)	Brenda Carson
Karen Hall	Wendy Fenton (Minutes)	Michael Hansen
Alan McClelland	Roland Hunt (Community Windpower)	Hilary Hansen
Jane Metcalf	Jenny Skues (Community Windpower)	Mr Ellis
	PC Ian Dunn	Julie Jones

**1. Welcome and Apologies:**

Andrew Metcalf welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

6. DC noted that the Garden Steering Committee also continues to operate.

**The minutes of the meeting were approved.** Proposed: TC Seconded: MH

**3. Chairman's Report**

Attached.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Attached.

**5. Office Bearers and Examiner of Accounts**

All office bearer were re-elected unopposed:

Andrew Metcalf – Chairman	Proposed: TC Seconded: SH
Liz Holmes – Vice Chairman	Proposed: TC Seconded: MH
Tony Challis – Correspondence Secretary	Proposed: MH Seconded: AM
Treasurer – Darren Challis	Proposed: MH Seconded: AM
Minutes Secretary – Wendy Fenton	Proposed: TC Seconded: SS
Martin Wheeler to remain as Examiner of Accounts.	Proposed: TC Seconded: MH

**6. Committees**

The Community Garden and the Wind Farm Steering Groups continue to operate.

**7. Voting and Non Voting Co-Opted Members**

There are five elected members (Andrew Metcalf, Liz Holmes, Tony Challis, Sylvia Sinclair, Matt Hickman) and one co-opted member with voting rights (Simon Holmes). People with special interests to be co-opted in when needed, or if required for any community projects.

**8. AORB**

None

## Carsphairn Community Council Chairs Report 2014

In many ways this has been a disappointing year with the dissolution of the first responders however a Heartstart course was held in October and was well attended. Ian Howie delivered a defibrillator and is now available from the shop free of charge.

The Greystones was purchased by a local land owner and the intention was for it to be held by them until a trust company was set up by the Community Council. The idea was to purchase and bring back into use as a pub; the day to day running would be done by a tenant.

A trust was set up to purchase the pub and is now in operation it is known as Carsphairn Community Trust unfortunately terms could not be agreed and the sale of the Greystones fell through, the pub is now owned privately, being renovated and I understand it will reopen later this year.

Wind farms are still taking up much of the councillor's time with consultations with wind farm companies, presentations and consultation with Carsphairn residents.

Two wind farms have been submitted for planning this year but as yet none have been granted.

It has been proposed the community garden be transferred to the CCT but has yet to be finalised.

The final copy of the welcome leaflet has been produced after a great deal of work by Anne Rutherford and Margaret Richmond.

The shop has now got new tenants and has reopened for business.

Around the New Year there was severe flooding of Carsphairn when many houses were made uninhabitable for some time, although my house was not one flooded I do understand how people felt as this did happen to me some years ago.

Damage was also caused to the dyke at the community garden where the top part for about 14m was washed off by the bow wave from trucks passing by.

A meeting was held with Scottish Power on the 27<sup>th</sup> February several members of the community attended together with George Prentice D&G councillor.

The meeting was to find out why so much water came down the Deugh and flooded Carsphairn and Glen Ken. It was the amount of water which fell on the upper regions at and around the source of the Deugh this was over 30% higher than the highest recorded, consequently the water courses did not have the capacity to carry that amount of water without flooding.

A committee was set up to organise a resilience plan. The aim is to help ensure elderly/vulnerable members are adequately cared for in an emergency and that people are aware of what they can do to help themselves.

The Carsphairn Community Trust is in the process of producing a futures/ development plan. This is a plan for the future of Carsphairn to try to identify the most important projects the people of Carsphairn would like to be developed with the revenue which may come from the wind farm in planning at this time.

CCT have commissioned stage one of this plan and this is to survey all the people of the Carsphairn council catchment area, it is important for all the people to respond to this because if we do not know what you would like us to do, we cannot do it.

This survey will be independently conducted to assure no bias from any members of the community.

Andrew Metcalf  
Chair  
Carsphairn Community Council

**Carsphairn Community Council**  
**28th April 2014**  
**Treasurer's Report for Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

The Community Garden continued to be funded by grants from CREFL. A new grant application was made for £818.02 to ensure the costs were met for 2013/14 and this was approved by CREFL in November '13. There remains a small surplus of £30 which will remain ring-fenced and be carried forward to the new financial year.

Other costs incurred for the year were, in reducing order of size; preparation of minutes, website hosting, examination of accounts, data protection registration, Christmas tree & lights, poppy wreath and printing.

The only income, other than the CREFL grant, was the discretionary grant from Dumfries and Galloway Council of £460.50.

The final balance for the financial year was £3400.68 (when all outstanding cheques clear). Attached to this report is the Statement of Accounts which includes more details.

**Projected Costs for 2014/15:**

£ (approx)

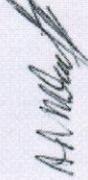
Garden Maintenance	750
Garden Insurance	600
Garden Improvements	500
Garden Repairs	200
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>2050</i></b>
Preparation of Minutes	500
Website	75
Examination of Accounts	65
ICO Registration	35
Wreath	30
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>705</i></b>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>2755</u></b>

In order to fund the Community Garden for the new financial year, a new application has been made to CREFL for £2050. We have sufficient funds at hand to service the remaining projected costs.

**Carsphairn Community Council – Statement of Accounts – 01/04/2013 to 31/03/2014**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Windfarm Grant (Garden)	818.02	Garden Maintenance	720.00
Discretionary Grant	460.50	Garden Insurance	604.01
		Christmas Tree / Lights	63.00
		Examination of Accounts	65.00
		Website Hosting	71.86
		Poppy Wreath	28.80
		Data Protection Act	35.00
		Preparation of Minutes	300.00
		Printing	9.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1278.52</u>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>1896.67</u>
Uncleared from last year now cleared	-135.93	Uncleared cheques and banking	-135.93
Balance of Bank Account @ 01/04/13	4154.76	Balance of Bank Account @ 31/03/14	3536.61
	<u>5297.35</u>		<u>5297.35</u>

Signed  Date 31.03.2014  
Treasurer

Signed  Date 31-MARCH-2014  
Chairman

**Examiner's Report**  
We have examined the Carsphairn Community Council Statement of Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, without audit and hereby certify that they are correctly prepared in accordance with the books and other records supplied to us.

Signed  Date 22nd April 2014

Examiner  
MARTIN WHEELER Bt (Hons) FCCA