

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 28th April 2014 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:	Elected members	Members with Voting rights
	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. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 31st March 2014

DC noted that it was the planters at the ends of the village that were planted up too late last year, not the garden.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Proposed: MH Seconded: TC

4. Treasurer's Report

Transactions : £100 for Minutes preparation and £5 donation to CCT, leaving a balance of £3,431.61.

The request for a grant for Community Garden costs of £2,050 has been submitted to CREFL.

5. Police Report

PC Ian Dunn reported that fuel theft from bowsers in forestry is an ongoing problem. An old white transit van has been seen and he asked that if anyone sees one in suspicious circumstances to report it using the 101 number. The texting system that D&G Police were intending to set up has been shelved due to the closure of the Dumfries Divisional Headquarters, as it was a local initiative.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

There has been no clarification yet from the Scottish Government about windfarm community benefits. GP has passed to TC the D&G Council contact for repairs to war memorials.

7. Knockower Wind Farm Presentation by Community Windpower Ltd .(CWL)

Roland Hunt informed the meeting about the proposed wind farm at Knockower, between Loch Doon and Carsphairn. The current proposal is for 16 x 3MW turbines with a tip height of 145m. This was their initial contact with the community and they are asking for the community to get in touch with their views and questions. They can be contacted at: info@communitywindpower.co.uk or t: 01698 209084 for further information. A number of residents who live close to the proposed site were present and indicated their concerns about the proposal. CWL agreed that a local liaison group could be set up.

8. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 31st March 2014

a) CREFL grant for Garden

This was covered under 4.

b) Repair of Garden Dyke/ CCT transfer

The dyke has been repaired by David McMillan and he was thanked by the committee. He has supplied an Invoice but, as he wishes to donate the total invoice amount to CCT, it was proposed by TC and seconded by SS that £200 be donated to CCT as thanks for the work done by DM.

As the grant application to CREFL for the Community Garden has been made by CCC but the garden is to be transferred to CCT, CREFL will need to be asked how they wish to proceed with the grant application.

Action: DC to send letter to CREFL

The paper work for the transfer of the garden to CCT needs to be completed.

c) Resilience Plan/Carsphairn Emergency Response Group

To date still only one person has volunteered – thanks to Alan Lang, so the plan will be put on hold until further volunteers come forward. No one has requested a lamp.

d) Local Group representatives at CCC meetings

A letter is now ready to send out to groups (thanks to Anne Rutherford for providing template) but was held until after the AGM for any required amendments. Co-opted members are required to join the committee, they can be non voting although two vacancies exist for voting members. If anyone is interested, please contact TC (carsphairncc@gmail.com). New members can be adopted at CCC meetings.

Action: TC to issue letter this week.

e) War Memorial

TC now has the D&G Council contact. Action will depend on Martin Holden's report.

f) Community Development Plan

CCT are awaiting two quotes for an initial survey and will apply to CREFL for a grant to cover this. The aim is to gather ideas for future projects from the community to make best use of funds from the community benefit fund.

g) Response to Quantans Hill Section 36 Application

This is the closest proposed wind farm to the village. More responses to the questionnaire are required to make it representative of the village – **please email completed forms or just your opinion of the proposal to TC ASAP**. All replies will be treated as strictly confidential.

h) Village Road Planters

The committee would like to thank Maggie Phillips for weeding out the planters. They will be planted up in late May.

i) Costs of Setting up CCT

Sandy Moffat has asked that his costs for setting up CCT be donated to Carsphairn Parish Church. It was proposed by TC and seconded by AM that £250 be donated to Carsphairn Parish Church as thanks for the work done by SM. Many thanks to Sandy for this work.

9. Planning applications

Nothing of note.

10. Correspondence

A second request has been made for volunteers for the Queens baton rally. Anyone wishing to receive the correspondence sent to CCC should contact TC with their email address.

11. AORB

- The U143 road (Lamloch to Brockloch) is in need of repair but D&G Council have not included it on their list of roads to repair.

Action : Concerned residents to draft a letter and send to TC who will forward it to the D&G Community Council Enquiry Scheme.

The meeting was closed at 20.50

Dates of next meetings: 30th June, 28th July