

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 27th Oct 2014 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:	Elected members	Members with Voting Rights
	Tony Challis (C. Secretary)	Simon Holmes
	Liz Holmes (Vice Chair)	
	Matt Hickman	
	Alan Lang	

In Attendance:

Steve Cowley	Irene McCreath (Kirk Session rep.)	Ruth Williams
Jean Cowley	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Martin Temple
David McMillan	Wendy Fenton (Minutes)	Brenda Carson
Chris Woodburn (Community Learning & Development)		Vance Carson

1. Welcome and Apologies:

LH Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Andrew Metcalf (Chair), Sylvia Sinclair, PC Simon Kennedy

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 29th September 2014

Re 9.g) IM said CREFL had no record of receiving the Windy Rig Benefit Agreement. TC had sent it to the Secretary.

Action: TC will send again to the Secretary and also to B. McCreath.

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

4. Treasurer's Report

Bank account balance at 27 September 2014: £3,952.29 after payment of costs for minute secretary's fee and garden maintenance.

5. Police Report

No police present. An email had been received from them stating the issues were the same as last month (break-ins, oil theft, scams).

6. D&G Councillor's Report

GP had nothing to report. DM noted a recent press item stating D&G Council had designated vulnerable areas where flood issues would be addressed but Carsphairn was not included. LH suggested asking about this at the forthcoming presentation by Kaya on the flooding issues in Carsphairn.

Action: GP to speak to SP about date for presentation

DM queried information from the Windy Rig consultants which seemed to vary. The turbine number had dropped to 16 so planning permission would now be submitted to D&G Council. Many locals had not received the leaflet recently sent out. He felt they should come back to Carsphairn to update everyone. They are holding a presentation on Windy Rig at Lagwyne Hall on 30th Oct.

Action: DM and anyone else to send questions about the Windy Rig proposal to TC who will forward them on.

Action: LH to speak to the Dalry CC Chair to get an update on the Glenkens Community Benefits Committee and report back at next meeting.

7. Chris Woodburn, Community Learning and Development (CLD), D&G Council

Chris explained how he can support communities within the Stewartry in exploring local initiatives such as developing community shops, retaining village halls, creating

local hubs, developing Resilience Plans etc., including seeking funding. He has already had contact with Carsphairn school.

If anyone in the community has any ideas they would like to speak to him about, his contact details are: Christopher.Woodburn@dumgal.gov.uk, tel: 030 333 3000, mobile 07799 342 222

8. Matters Arising

a) Community Garden

Action: AM still to thank Jackie & Stuart Locke for their work on the garden.

D. Richmond has found a replacement wind turbine would be expensive. The solar panel is not powerful enough to charge the floodlight battery, which means it cannot operate. The Christmas tree lights are powered by AA batteries so they will be ok.

Action: TC to ask David Richmond to continue pursuing a cheaper replacement turbine and ensure he has all requirements for the Christmas tree lights.

b) War Memorial

Action: SH will continue to try to source the correct paint to renew the lettering.

c) Windfarm Steering Group Meeting

A meeting will be held provisionally on 15th December for an overview of developments over the past year. All are welcome to attend.

Action: SH to place notice of meeting in shop window and check hall availability

Action: SH to ask Element Power reps to this Steering Group meeting and update their plans for Windy Rig. The date of 15 December may change depending on their availability.

d) Blocked Gullies

AM has phoned the roads dept. but had no response. This will be pursued. GP thought that gully clearing had either commenced or would shortly.

Action: GP to find out when Carsphairn gullies would be cleared.

9. Wreath

Hugh Clark-Kennedy will lay the wreath. It will be inscribed with words along the lines of 'We will remember' if required. Proposed: MH, Seconded: LH

10. SP Energy Networks and SP distribution Invitation

Reps from these two organisations have been invited to the November meeting.

Action: TC to ensure reps from both organisations will be attending.

Action: Anyone with questions regarding proposed grid connection lines for wind farms, to send their questions to TC (carsphairncc@gmail.com) by 14th November, for forwarding on to SP, in order to receive replies from them in time for the meeting. Only follow-up questions will then be required at the meeting.

11. Planning applications

None of any note

DM asked if anemometers on trailers require planning permission

Action: LH to email D&G Council for an answer.

12. Correspondence

Correspondance list for the past month was issued by email by TC.

13. AORB

- DC asked that the transfer of ownership of the community garden be kept on the agenda.
- IM asked that the PTC be sent a copy of the reply to our letter about the head teacher changes.

Action: LH will ask AM to send letter to IM and to the Community Council.

- AL suggested resurrecting the annual dinner for elderly residents. It was agreed this would be a good idea and funding could be sought from CREFL and D&G Council. A dinner would be planned for this December. Volunteers to help carry this out and entertainment would be needed. Proposed: TC, Seconded: LH.

Action: AL to look into costs of such an event, funding sources and the number of residents that would be eligible, and email CCC with findings before the November meeting. As CREFL deadline is this Wednesday AL will apply for a grant of £500.

Action: DC to provide AL with accounts for funders.

Action: CW to check availability of D&G Council funds and inform AL.

Action: LH to ask local duo if they would perform at this event.

- AL asked if the bollard lights in the Heritage Centre car park could be turned on at night to help prevent youths congregating and potentially causing a nuisance. DM suggested a police check occasionally could help.
- **Action: GP** to look into.
- RW reported problems with her telephone line. She was advised to continue pursuing the problem through BT.

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th November 2014 after Extraordinary General Meeting to agree new Constitution.