

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 27th April, 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Andrew Metcalf
(Chair)
Sylvia Sinclair
Matt Hickman

Liz Holmes (Vice Chair)
Anna Clark Kennedy (C. Secretary)

Members with Voting Rights

Simon Holmes
Alan Lang

In Attendance:

Martin Temple
David McMillan
Karen Hall
Tony Challis

Darren Challis (Treasurer)
Wendy Fenton (Minutes)
George Prentice
PC Jennifer Ross

Trevor Molineux
Anne Rutherford
Peter Hunter Blair

1. Welcome and Apologies:

AM Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Finlay Carson

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 30th March 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Proposed: SH Seconded: AM

4. Treasurer's Report

Outgoing bank transactions were for Correspondence Secretary advert and Website hosting, leaving the account balance at 27th April 2015 of £2,131.12.

There were no transactions for the Community Garden and Secretarial income was £2,200 (CREFL grant). Total balance at 27th April: £5,269.03

5. Police Report

PC JR was filling in for Tom Dingwall. The only report of note was of another fuel theft from a forest and she asked that people remained vigilant in reporting any suspicious cars or actions particularly around forests.

AM asked if the texting system could be looked at (where police notify those registered, of any occurrences) and the police will ask Inspector Stuart Davidson. Bogus workmen have been present in Kirkcudbright. DGC can supply a list of approved contractors to any member of the public.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

GP had nothing to report.

The question of the A713 road closure (Ayrshire) this summer was raised and it was agreed that to close the road over five successive weekends was unacceptable particularly as one included the Carsphairn Show and another the Straiton Show. LH has already phoned Ayrshire Council to complain and they have had many other complaints. GP had no knowledge of this through DGC, nor had the police present at the meeting. LH suggested that PHB could make an individual complaint to East Ayrshire on behalf of Carsphairn Show.

Action: GP to investigate through Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC) and to request that signage is carefully planned after last year's fiasco.

Action: ACK will monitor the situation and respond appropriately to East Ayrshire's response.

7. Matters Arising

a) Floods

DGHP were contacted about the gullies for which they are responsible and they have agreed to look into their maintenance.

SS contacted DGC about issues at the south end of the village and they said they would be inspecting the drains within four weeks and will contact CCC when they have done so.

b) Eon Workshop

SS and DM attended. Eon are setting out their community framework, which is looking similar to what DGC proposed, funding communities within a 15km radius in three groups: a) 5km radius – 50% of funds; b) 10km radius; c) 15km radius. There will also be a collective fund for all communities include a), b) and c), which will be themed for the first 2-3 years.

DM attended a meeting about the Afton wind farm proposal. They hope to honour an agreement made with E. Ayrshire Council in 2006.

c) Drumjohn / Brockloch / Lamloch Road

AM enquired about the road – DGC have been in dispute for many years over who should maintain it. It is a little used public road so falls low on the priority list but shouldn't fall into disrepair.

Action: AM to pursue with DGC

d) Salutation Houses

It appears the owner of the part in question is unwell and lives in Glasgow but he has asked contractors to fix the property and work has started.

e) Councillor attendance at CCC meetings

GP was asked if a report and apology could be provided if no Councillors were able to attend. There appears to be no policy on this within DGC.

f) Glenkens Fair Donation

A letter was received asking for a £50 contribution to the above event on 12th September, at which CCC were invited to send a representative. It was agreed that, although it would be nice to do so, CCC's only income was for secretarial fees. They could be directed to CREFL.

Action: AM to obtain more information to present at the next meeting.

10. Planning applications

- An application for a wind farm has been submitted near New Cumnock, next to Enoch Hill.
- The quarry application id for 3 not 4 quarries and it is for the Sanqhuar to New Cumnock power line. DM noted it may have a flooding implication.

AORB

- A letter was received about celebrating VE day on May 8th. With little advance warning a bonfire was not possible so KH suggested people in the village could light a candle in their window at night.

Action:ACK to send email through distribution list.

- AR highlighted the event being held in the hall the following day to help inform the future of the Resilience plan, to which all were invited to attend.

- MT highlighted a new sign that had appeared stating there was no public access to Cornharrow – despite this being how to access an iron age fort and appearing to contravene the Public Access Code.

Action: ACK to contact the Council Access Officer to investigate.

- **DC** noted that the CREFL deadlines are not on the website. He needs to know this for the garden maintenance grant. The next deadline is 29th April.
- **Village Planters:** SS agreed to take this on and a grant of £50 was proposed by MH, seconded by LH.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th May 2015 at 7.00pm