

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 25th May 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Andrew Metcalf
(Chair)
Sylvia Sinclair

Members with Voting Rights

Alan Lang

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Anna Clark Kennedy (C. Secretary)	Trevor Molineux
David McMillan	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Vance Carson
Jean Cowley	Clare Edgar (Minutes)	Brenda Carson
Steve Cowley	George Prentice	PC Steele Johnston

1. Welcome and Apologies

AM welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Liz Holmes, Simon Holmes, Matt Hickman & Keith Brander

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 27th April 2015

Two amendments: 1. Minutes dated 30th March should be dated 27th April.

2. Under AORB date of VE day should be 8th May not 8th March

4. Treasurer's Report

Outgoing bank transactions were for Data Protection Act Subscription, Preparation of Minutes and Examination of Accounts, leaving the account balance at 25th May 2015 of £1971.12.

There were no transactions for the Community Garden and Secretarial outgoing was £100.00 for Preparation of Minutes (CREFL grant of £100). Total balance at 25th May: £5009.13

5. Police Report

PC SJ was filling in for Tom Dingwall.

Knockengoroch had taken place over the weekend and, from a police point of view, had been a good humoured and unremarkable event.

PC SJ advised there is a text messaging system in place whereby police attending an incident are able to text registered local businesses when they think the circumstances of the incident are likely to be of interest. There are forms to complete to register for this service which PC SJ will provide. Completed forms can be uplifted by PC Tom Dingwall or PC Simon Kennedy based at Castle Douglas. Only businesses such as hoteliers, B & B proprietors, farmers etc can register for this service.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

GP had nothing to report

7. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 27th April 2015

a) Closure of A713

GP suggested the electronic road closure sign for A713, which is currently sited in the lay-by at south end of village, would be better sited at Allan Gibbon Bridge, allowing motorists good time to plan an alternative route. GP also reported that signage on Crocketford to Kenbridge road was inadequate as sign did not specify that road closure was north of Carsphairn. ACK asked if back road from Dalry to Carsphairn had signage. MT confirmed it did.

Action: GP to contact East Ayrshire Council to enquire if electronic sign can be relocated and information on yellow signage improved.

ACK asked if CCC should write to E Ayrshire Council to express concerns about such lengthy road closures. SS advised E. Ayrshire had already changed their proposed work schedule as a result of pressure from CCC, Dalry CC, Straiton Show Committee, Carsphairn Show Committee and other concerned parties. The new schedule allows for traffic to pass through the road works on a convoy system at weekends for one hour between 12-1pm and an overnight convoy system will be in place from 5pm to 8.30am.

Agreed: No further action to be taken.

b) Floods

AM advised he hopes to have a response from Stuart Ferns by end of week. If anyone wishes to be added to Scottish Power text message flood warning service contact Stuart Ferns at Glenlee. A word of caution: you may receive many messages, most of which may be false alarms.

c) Brochloch / Lamloch / Drumjohn Roads

AM stated he had telephoned DGC Roads Dept who had confirmed they will "patch" Brochloch to Lamloch road and intend to re-surface it within next two years. DGC, however, do not intend to carry out any restorative works on the Lamloch to Drumjohn road. SS stated that Drumjohn is still a public road and DGC need to take responsibility.

Action: AM to contact DGC Roads Dept again.

d) Councillor Attendance at CCC meetings

Resolved at CCC meeting dated 27th April 2015

e) Salutation Houses

SS advised problem with rendering on gable has now been satisfactorily repaired. BC asked how to find out to who owns No.2. AM advised you can apply to the Land Registers Office – there is a fee of approx £15.

Agreed: residents should monitor the situation and report back to CCC if necessary.

f) Glenkens Fair Donation

Agreed that this was of no benefit to CCC. SS suggested a letter should be sent explaining CCC do not have funds available for this but wish Glenkens Fair well in their venture.

Action: ACK to send e.mail to this effect

g) Garden Transfer

SS had been to see Mr Laurie, however, two subsequent e.mails have been unanswered.

Action: SS to visit Mr Laurie again.

h) VE Day

A few candles were observed in village windows in replacement of bonfire.

i) Access signs on B729

ACK has received a reply from Bryan Scott, Countryside Development Officer at DGC Outdoor Access Service. He states that the signage and maps are fully compliant with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. He is, however, willing to erect new signage directing visitors to the Iron Age Fort if CCC believes it will be useful.

Agreed: concerned parties should be given time to consider the contents of Mr Scott's e.mail and refer back to next CCC meeting on 29th June 2015.

j) Village Planters

SS advised inclement weather has prevented her from planting up but hopes to carry out this task by mid June at latest.

k) Windy Standard 2 Community Fund Consultation

CREFL is dealing with this.

l) Planning Applications

ACK advised planning permission has been sought for a new shed, sited behind the hay shed, at Knockgray.

DM stated application for quarrying at Brownhills had been sought. DM asserts that excavation on this scale will result in large increase of run-off water which will make its way down into Deugh. DM also raised concerns re build up of excavated materials, silt and gravel into the river.

Action: SS will investigate when the application was submitted and e.mail details to CCC.

m) Broadband

AM advised that Carsphairn is scheduled to receive super fast fibre optic broadband. Work is already under way at Dalry. DM stated that Finlay Carson had previously addressed CCC and stated that Carsphairn is unlikely to get super fast broadband. ACK asked if CCC could apply pressure to insist Carsphairn receives this, however, AM stated that CCC cannot force BT and the Scottish Government into this.

Agreed: to monitor the situation and revisit at a later stage.

8. Correspondence

ACK has asked SM to carry out the role as he has acted as RO at past CCC elections, but he has yet to confirm.

ACK has received letter asking CCC to join The Third Sector. General consent that this would be of no benefit to CCC. AM stated that he has been asked to be the chair of the Stewartry Committee of The Third Sector.

Action: AM to investigate further and report back

ACK stated she had sent a written response regarding Pencloe Wind Farm.

SS advised Element Power had submitted planning for Moorbrock Wind farm on 18th May. There would be a 28 day response period from the date application is validated by DGC.

Action: SS to investigate further regarding response period and report back.

ACK stated there is a consultation taking place in New Galloway Town Hall from 2- 8pm on 10th June 2015 regarding new power lines and advised it is worth attending.

AORB

David Richmond has agreed to carry out the risk assessment for the Community Garden for this year. This is to be carried out by 30th June 2015.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th June 2015 at 7.00pm in Lagwyne Hall.