

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 29th June 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:
Andrew Metcalf
(Chair)
Liz Holmes
(Vice Chair)
Sylvia Sinclair
Matt Hickman

Members with Voting Rights:
Alan Lang
Simon Holmes

In Attendance:

Martin Temple
David McMillan
Jean Cowley
Steve Cowley

Anna Clark Kennedy (C. Secretary)
Darren Challis (Treasurer)
Trevor Molineux
George Prentice

Brenda Carson
Alex Macrae
PC Simon Kennedy

1/Welcome and Apologies

AM welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Robin Ade, Anne Rutherford

2/Declarations of Interest

None

3/Minutes of meeting 27th April 2015 (As amended)

Proposed – Sylvia Sinclair

Seconded – Andrew Metcalf

Minutes of meeting 25th May 2015

Proposed – Andrew Metcalf

Seconded – Alan Lang

4/Treasurer's Report

There were no transactions in the Community Council account leaving the balance at £1971.12.

No secretarial invoices were received.

£220 was paid for maintenance of the community garden leaving the balance ring fenced at £718.01.

The overall balance in the account is £4789.13.

5/Police Report

PC Simon Kennedy, Crime Prevention Officer, reported 3 incidents of parts being stolen from JCB machines. Also a quad bike had been stolen from Sanquhar. People are advised to keep machinery out of sight and close to occupied properties.

Alex Macrae brought the issue of speeding through the village to PC Kennedy's attention. George Prentice reported that the sign in Crossmichael had been very effective and advised that Auchencairn CC were considering erecting their own sign.

ACTION-

PC Kennedy and Councillor Prentice will approach roads department to get Carsphairn included in the annual rotation of the sign presently in Crossmichael.

Anna Clark-Kennedy will approach Auchencairn CC for information on their plans for their own sign.

PC Kennedy will contact Traffic Police and ask for an increased presence in the village.

6/D&G Councillor's Report

GP had nothing to report

Alex Macrae asked for information on the collection of recycled waste. Councillor Prentice advised that the plans are progressing and had received greater participation from the public than expected.

7/Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 25th May 2015

a) Drumjohn Road (U115)

Sylvia Sinclair reported that she had contacted D&G Council with concerns that this road was being used as a storage and loading area for timber. The Council advise that it remains a public road. They have had a meeting with the forest manager from Tillhill. 6 loads a day will be hauled over the next 8 – 9 weeks, after which new sub-base will be laid and the drainage addressed. The Council have agreed it is acceptable for the road to be used for loading but forestry vehicles must move for passing vehicles.

b) Salutation Houses.

Brenda Carson had contacted the owner who was very cooperative. The dangerous render has now been removed and remedial work is ongoing.

c) Garden Transfer.

Nothing to report.

d) Signs on B729

Agreed to accept D&G Council's offer to erect more detailed signage to direct visitors to the Iron Age Fort.

ACTION –

Anna Clark-Kennedy to contact Access Officer.

e) Village Planters.

The planting has been completed and looks very attractive. Sylvia Sinclair was thanked for this work.

8/ Community Council Elections.

John Enos of D&G Council will be the returning officer and Anne Rutherford will act as Depute Returning Officer.

9/ Flood Report.

A Flood Report has been completed but not yet published. Community Councillors found this totally unacceptable.

ACTION –

Andrew Metcalf will contact the consultants “Kaya” and insist on sight of the report.

10/ Resilience Group.

There have been a number of constructive meetings. At the next meeting on the 30th June a vote will be taken to establish if the group is to be a CC subcommittee, a CCT subcommittee, or entirely independent.

11/ Glenkens Fair Donation.

A second letter has been received from the Glenkens Fair. Councillors decided not to pursue this matter any further.

12/ Signs on B729

Covered under 7d above.

13/ Planning Applications.

No new applications of relevance.

The meeting was made aware that the CC had objected to the Windy Rigg development. Concerns were raised by Davie McMillan regarding the amount of stone which may need to be imported on public roads.

ACTION -

Sylvia Sinclair will check with the planning department if this application has been validated.

14/ Correspondence.

None requiring discussion.

15/ AORB

Davie McMillan raised the issue of Scottish Power’s new turbine at Tongland and questioned whether it would require more water down the Deugh.

ACTION –

Anna Clarke-Kennedy to Contact Stewart Ferns at Scottish Power and request more information.

Steve Cowley advised that CCT had been successful in applications to the Lottery Commission for a grant of £4615 to contribute to the costs of the Community Futures Study and £1000 from Stewartry Area Committee for the community notice board which has been ordered. The Directors of CCT were thanked for the work that had gone into these applications.

The meeting was closed at 8.17pm

Date of next meeting August 31st 2015 at 7.00 pm in Lagwyne Hall.