

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 28th September 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Andrew Metcalf
(Chair)
Sylvia Sinclair

Liz Holmes (Vice Chair)
Alan Lang

Matt Hickman

In Attendance:

Martin Temple
David McMillan
Brenda Carson
Jean Cowley
Steve Cowley

Darren Challis (Treasurer)
Wendy Fenton (Minutes)
Finlay Carson (DGC Councillor)
Iain Howie SCVS

Trevor Molineux
Crispin Wickenden

1. Welcome and Apologies:

AM Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Simon Holmes, Anna Clark Kennedy, George Prentice. Also PC John Brown (by email).

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting 29th June 2015

The minutes of the meeting were adopted.

Proposed: SS Seconded: AM

4. Treasurer's Report

- There were no transactions in the CC account leaving the account balance at 28th Sept. at £2,380.42.
- The Community Garden account had one payment of £430 for garden maintenance, leaving a balance of £52.82.
- There were no Secretarial payments of £50 leaving the balance at £2,050.00. This money is earmarked for the Correspondence Secretary costs so an application will need to be made to CREFL to cover minute preparation costs.
- There were no transactions in the Resilience account leaving a balance of £187.65
- The overall balance stands at £2,290.47

5. Police Report

There were no police present but an email from PC John Brown stated there had been a number of rural thefts in recent weeks.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

Revised kerbside collection will not be rolled out in this area until after a report due in January 2016 investigating the trial in Wigtownshire. This has had major issues that need to be resolved (£0.5m over budget so far, has required extra staff and lorries). The bins have been bought for the whole region. Extra resources are being used here that could be very useful elsewhere.

7. Matters Arising

a) Flood Report

The KAYA report has been received and distributed to the community. It estimates flood defence works, which should be effective, would cost in the

region of £1.36m and would last 30 years. No compensation for loss of land is included in this figure. At present there is no assurance of any help for future flooding so individuals are advised to take what precautions they can to protect their property. AL noted that flood doors (costing £2,100 each, eg Storm Meister) are much more effective than flood gates and air bricks should be protected. A grant of £325 is available from the Council (contact James McLeod). Individuals might be able to get a better deal if they club together.

b) Speeding Sign

The funding application for a speed sign, although completed, was not sent to The Council Safety Fund on the advice of IH as costs had risen. IH attended the meeting at Auchencairn, also attended by Dundrennan, Rhonehouse, Gelston CCs. The roads department stated they were not keen on temporary signs and now two signs obtained and fitted by them would cost £10,000. The Council Safety Fund would provide £2,000 towards costs.

Action ACK to ask Roads Department if we can have a survey carried out to establish the speeds of vehicles travelling through the village to assess if there is a significant problem that justifies speed signs.

c) Road Signs near B729

The proposed wording of the sign is: "Public Path"

Action: LH to email access officer to ask the sign to read "Public Path Stroanfreggan Iron Age Hill Fort ¼ mile"

d) CCT Notice Board

KH has put a notice in to the new notice board to say where the CC notice board, with minutes etc. is. It has been agreed that if CCT wish to distribute information to the community they will send it to ACK for distribution through the CC email distribution list.

e) Scottish Power Lines

The requested map of all proposed power lines in the area has not yet been received. Their preferred route for the Loch Urr line runs close to all the properties along the B729 so a letter was sent voicing concern.

Action: Ack will request the map again from SP.

f) Community Council Elections

The closing date is 25th Sept., the elections are on 22nd Oct. 7 nominations have been received for CCC. The aim is to hold the first public meeting on 26th Oct. at 7.30pm after the new committee is elected at 7pm.

Action AM to check with John Enos whether the two meetings can be held on the same day.

g) Seniors Dinner

It is proposed to hold a dinner along the same format as last year when 25 attended.

Action: LH to apply to DGC Area Committee for funding that can provide up to 75% of the costs.

8. Resilience Group Report

Steve Wiley is due to give a presentation on Monday 5th October at Lagwyne Hall

9. Remembrance Sunday

8th November. AM has the wreath.

Action: ACK to ask Anna Campbell if Fiona Campbell would be willing to lay the wreath. Failing that Anna to be asked if she will do it

10. Carsphairn Community Trust Report

No new progress to report, the Futures Plan is progressing.

11. IT Training in Lagwyne Hall

Funding is available for six residents within the Glenkens to receive IT training – it is aimed at those who have no experience of using the internet. Tablets/laptops will be provided for the duration of the course. The Castle Douglas IT Centre will make all the arrangements once a date has been set.

Action: AM will take this forward.

12. Planning Applications

None of note

13. Correspondence

This has been emailed out by ACK

14. AORB

- AM attended a Community Council Network meeting. 22 Councils attend. It aims to bring community councils together and help with council affairs. If a representative attends three of the four meetings a year, the Community Council receive an extra £100 through the council grant. AM is happy to continue attending.
- Core paths – some land owners are unaware of core paths that cross their property.
- Quarrying will be required for 12km of tracks for Penlcoe Windfarm. Provision is included to haul 4900 transport loads through the village. CCC has objected but another letter is to be sent regarding growing concerns about the amount of transport that may affect the community.
- **Action: ACK to write letter re continuing serious concerns about the amount of transport.**

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting: October 26th 2015 at 7.00pm