

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 26th October 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Liz Holmes (Chair)	Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair)	Andrew Metcalf
Simon Holmes	Alan Lang	Matt Hickman
Anna Clark Kennedy		

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Trevor Molineux
David McMillan	Wendy Fenton (Minutes)	Elizabeth & David Bell
Ruth Williams	Anna Campbell	Anne Rutherford
Jean Cowley	Steve Cowley	PC Ian Dunn

1. Welcome and Apologies:

LH Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from George Prentice

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Adoption of Minutes of meeting 28th September 2015

- AORB: SS noted that the concern about quarrying traffic going through Carsphairn was for Windy Rig not Pencloe Windfarm. A letter stating our concerns was to be sent to the planning department of Dumfries & Galloway Council.
- The Overall balance should have read £4670.89

The minutes of the meeting were adopted. Proposed: MH Seconded: AM

4. Treasurer's Report

- There were no transactions in the CC account leaving the account balance at 26th Oct. at £2,380.42.
- There were no transactions in the Community Garden account, leaving a balance of £52.82.
- Correspondence Secretarial payments of £592.60 left the balance at £1457.40. An application will need to be made to CREFL to cover minute preparation costs that are running out. ACK will no longer be claiming for correspondence secretary duties, having become a Carsphairn Community Council Member.
- **Action: DC will apply for £300 to cover Minutes preparation costs for the rest of the financial year and the CREFL money for the Correspondence Secretary will be offered back to CREFL.**
- There were no transactions in the Resilience account leaving a balance of £187.65
- The overall balance stands at £4078.29

5. Police Report

PC Ian Dunn said a pressure washer on a trailer had been stolen from New Galloway but was recovered north of Dalmellington on a forest track. Personal possessions were stolen from a pub in New Galloway and these were recovered. ID was unaware if the text messaging service was still available but would make enquiries. **Action: ID to email contact details to ACK and enquire about text messaging service.**

Action: ID will send an up to date contacts list to ACK (Sergeant Emma Dodds is our main contact). Currently there was no designated officer for this area which it was agreed was unsatisfactory.

Action: ACK to send letter of dissatisfaction to Inspector Davidson, Castle Douglas.

Action: ID to email ACK to find if one will be appointed.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

No Councillor present (GP helping out with New Galloway election)

7. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 28 September, 2015

a) IT Training in Lagwyne Hall

No date has yet been set but it is likely to be in February/March 2016. (Funding is available for six residents within the Glenkens who have no experience of using the internet, to receive a 6 week IT training course. Tablets/laptops will be provided for the duration of the course. The Castle Douglas IT Centre will make all the arrangements.) Funded by Central Government.

b) Scottish Power Lines

The requested map of all proposed power lines in the area has still not been received. CCC has been informed that SP should be following government guidelines

Action: ACK will send another email to SP.

c) Seniors' Dinner

LH applied for funds to CREFL, but has not received an acknowledgment yet.

d) Road Signs near B729

The sign "Stroanfreggan Iron Age Hill Fort ¼ mile" is: being made up.

e) Remembrance Sunday

Fiona McQuin has kindly agreed to lay the wreath.

8. Carsphairn Community Trust Report

Ian Howie recently visited the school as part of the Futures Plan preparation. All of the information has been gathered now and the report will be ready at the end of November. Copies will be sent out to the community. The report preparation was covered by an Awards for All grant and the printing has been paid for through a CREFL grant.

9. Community Council Elections

The elections were held prior to this meeting, positions being filled as detailed above.

10. Resilience Group Report

TM is waiting for Steve Wiley to agree to a new date for a meeting

11. Planning Applications (all wind farm related)

- CCC will object to the high volume of large trucks going through the village in relation to the proposed Windy Rig windfarm and associated works
- Kyle Windfarm (Vattenfall) – initially refused, now resubmitted as S. Kyle and is half the original size. E. Ayrshire Council has objected so it is going to enquiry in December. Carsphairn Community Council did not put in objections to the consents unit within the permitted time.
- The cumulative effect of wind farms in planning is potentially now severe. CCC aim to respond, by either supporting, commenting or objecting, as applications are submitted, though this is an onerous task. DGC designated two areas for windfarms in this area (up the Lorg road and around Windy Standard) so any lying outwith these areas may have less chance of succeeding. Eg. Benbrack, lying in the scenic area and visually intrusive (it is going to public enquiry as E. Ayrshire objected)
- Shepherds Rig and Stroanshalloch are on hold

- Enoch Hill (EON) Closes for responses on 11th November.
- Lorg Wind farm (EON) – Community Liaison Group meeting 29th October at Lagwyne Hall.

Action: LH/SH to draft letter objecting to the Enoch Hill Windfarm to be sent to the consents unit by 11th November.

Action: WF to prepare windfarm table for SS to fill in for ‘quick glance’ summary of windfarms proposed in the area.

Action: ACK to send letter about the concern over quarrying traffic with regards to Windy Rig.

8. Correspondence

This has been emailed out by ACK.

9. AORB

- AC, as Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Kirkcudbrightshire, has been contacted about whether the community wish to hold a community event on 12th June 2016 to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. The majority at the meeting were in favour of a community event so it will be discussed further at the November meeting.
- Minutes secretary replacement required: This is a paid position, anyone interested should contact ACK. (carsphairncc@gmail.com)

Action: ACK to distribute an advert initially by email and on the community notice boards.

- MH informed the meeting that construction was now under way for Windy Standard II and he has become aware that there are issues developing over long standing access to the area for locals, including moving of stock.

Action: MH will draft a letter to contractors Morrisons in the hope of working with them to resolve local issues and advised anyone else in this situation now or in the future to do likewise.

- Votes of thanks were given to AM as outgoing Chair and WF as outgoing Minutes Secretary.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting: November 30th 2015 at 7.00pm