

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 30th November 2015 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Trevor Molineux
David McMillan	Anne Rutherford	PC Steele Johnston
Brenda Carson	Anna Campbell	Chris Fyles (IT Centre)
Alex MacRae	Steve Cowley	

1. Welcome and Apologies

LH Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from George Prentice, Robin Ade, Gerry Donnolly (Morrison Construction).

2. Declarations of Interest

Darren Challis made the Community Council aware of his impending planning application.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 26th October 2015

Martin Temple advised he had not been present at the meeting.

Item 5 – The equipment had been stolen from the Deugh Dam, not New Galloway.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting were approved.

Proposed AM. Seconded: SH

4. Adoption of minutes

The minutes were adopted.

5. Treasurer's Report

There were no transactions in the CC account leaving the account balance at 30th November of £2380.42

The balance in the garden account is £1214.81 following a CREFL grant of £1161.99

The Treasurer advised that the outstanding amount of £1207.40 held by the Community Council for Correspondence Secretary payments should be returned to CREFL.

There were no transactions in the Resilience account leaving a balance of £187.65

The overall balance stands at £5240.28

6. Police Report

PC Steele Johnston reported that on the 13th of November an individual had been charged with 3 sexual offences, 2 of them historic. Also there had been an instance of salmon poaching on the Blackwater on the 19th.

There had been a house burgled in New Galloway but nothing taken. The police believe this is linked to 5 others in the Stewartry recently where money and jewellery have been stolen.

The Inspector at Castle Douglas is planning a meeting with Community Council Chairs next year.

Text messaging forms were distributed for those wishing to be included in the scheme. These should be returned to Sergeant Emma Dodds at Castle Douglas Police Station, DG7 1EB.

The meeting was advised that the role of Community Officer for the Glenkens is shared between PCs Jennifer Ross and Simon Kennedy.

MT expressed concerns that HGVs from Breedon Aggregates and Thompson Concrete, believed to be accessing the Windy Standard 2 windfarm were exceeding the speed limits in the village.

7. D&G Councillor's Report

No Councillor present.

8. Chris Fyles IT Centre

Beginning on the 2nd of February the IT centre will be running 2 courses in Lagwyne Hall aimed at those in the over 50s age group who do not presently use the internet at home. The courses will run each Tuesday for a month. One is for Android devices, the other for ipads. There are 12 places on each course, open to all qualifying residents in the Glenkens. The IT centre will produce posters and make devices available for loan for the duration of the training.

9. Windy Standard 2 presentation

Gerry Donnelly was unable to attend due to illness in his family.

Action – MH to email and invite him to the January meeting.

10. Matters arising from minute of meeting 26th October

a/ Queen's Birthday

Deferred until more information is available.

b/ Minutes Secretary

An advert has been placed in the Glenkens Gazette.

c/ Scottish Power Lines

A map had been received and distributed to the public but was considered inadequate.

Action – ACK to pursue SP for a better map

d/ Enoch Hill Windfarm

The Community Council has sent a Section 36 response. This will be distributed to the public.

Action – ACK to distribute response

e/ Lorg Windfarm CLG Meeting

The application is going to planning in December. Construction could involve substantial traffic on the B729. This will be raised at the next CLG meeting in December.

f/ Windfarm table

A comprehensive list has been produced itemising proposed windfarms in the area. It was noted that Longburn has been withdrawn and Knockower does not appear to be being progressed.

g/ Windy Rigg windfarm traffic

The CC has sent an additional objection referring to the quantity of construction traffic predicted to use the A713.

11. Other Windfarm Matters

a/ Windy Rigg CLG

The meeting was held on the 25th November. The developer is exploring the potential of sourcing the required stone on site. Community Benefit is to be distributed by Community Councils. Foundation Scotland will administrate. The 9 eligible CC's will decide how the money will be divided.

b/ Windy Standard 3 and Wether Hill Extension

These applications will be submitted to planning before Christmas.

c/ SPEN Quarries

The application was heard by D&G Council on the 25th November. A recommendation was made for approval.

d/ LEDS

MH gave a brief introduction to Local Electricity Discount Schemes. Their potential for Carsphairn will be given further consideration at future meetings.

12. Examiner of Accounts

It was agreed Martyn Wheeler would continue to act as examiner of accounts.

Proposed LH. Second AM.

Action – DC to confirm with MW

13. Traffic Survey.

D&G Council Roads Department have agreed to carry out a survey of traffic through the village.

Action - ACK to check dates and details.

14. CCT Report

The futures plan is now in draft form. Printing options are being considered before distribution.

15. CREFL Report

The CC's applications for funding for the minutes secretary and seniors' seasonal dinner had both been approved. Invitations for new directors will be distributed next year.

16. Correspondence

This has been distributed by the Secretary.

17. AORB

Community Garden Issues

It was agreed to finance the Christmas tree to a cost of £40.

Proposed MH, Second SH.

SS offered to act as the supervisor of the community garden maintenance. MT is to bring issues of concern to the CC.

Lighting issues will be brought to the attention of the insurers.

Action - ACK to contact insurers for advice.

SCVS Advocacy Service

This project was unanimously supported.

Action - ACK to offer positive feedback.

AMc advised that the Forestry Commission had offered land at the High Bridge of Ken for an outdoor learning project.

DC advised that the initial consultation process for the 2019 Local Development Plan had begun. He suggested representations were made in favour of the continuation of the "Smallholdings Policy"

Action - MH to draft a response.

It was reported that the Heritage Centre bollard lights are still not working.

Action - AL to contact the Council.

DM reported that the Carminnows road and cattle grid are in a poor state of repair.

Action - ACK to make CCES enquiry.

The meeting was closed at 8.52pm

Date of next meeting: January 25th at 7.00pm