

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of meeting held on 25th January 2016 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 Simon Kennedy
Ruth Williams	Anna Campbell	Jean Cowley
Karen Hall	Steve Cowley	

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 26th October 2015

The minutes of the November, 2015 meeting were approved and adopted
Proposed MH, Seconded AM

4. Treasurer's Report

There had been one payment for maintenance of the Community Garden of £225, and one for minute secretary of £200.

5. Police Report

PC Simon Kennedy reported that there had been a theft of fuel oil from a local haulage company. Also a break in at an unoccupied house in Gatehouse of Fleet. Police advise making unoccupied houses look lived in with timer switches and regular visits from neighbours. Thieves are targeting cash and jewellery.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

No Councillor present. The CC had been advised by email that Councillor Carson had arranged a meeting with Scottish Power to investigate their future role with flood defences.

7. Appointment of associate member.

Anne Rutherford was appointed an associate member without voting rights.
Proposed AM, Seconded SS

8. Floods.

It was reported that most houses in the village and many outlying properties had been flooded on the 30th December. An emergency meeting had been held, notes of this meeting were circulated.

Paul Hendy from Scottish Flood Forum is holding flood workshops every Monday from 6-8 pm in Lagwyne Hall. Significant damage has been caused to roads and pavements in the village. This has been reported to the Council by ACK and via Chris Churns from the Economic Development Department.

The village is not currently designated as a "Potentially Vulnerable Area"

It was agreed that the Community Council must pursue the officials present at the emergency meeting for appropriate action to be taken.

ACTION

Following further consideration as to the right way forward, letters to be written to relevant officials by ACK and LH.

9. Seniors' Dinner

There were 33 attendees in total. The event went very well. Jean and David Gibbon had asked for their thanks to be recorded.

10. Matters arising from minute of meeting 26th October

a/ Queen's Birthday

Plans for a Community event in June and the potential for beacons in April were deferred to a future meeting.

b/ Minutes Secretary

There had been no replies to the advert placed in the Glenkens Gazette. MH volunteered to act as minute secretary until the AGM.

c/ Scottish Power Lines

There has been no reply to the CC's request for a more detailed map. ACK has contacted John Enos to help.

d/ Lorg Windfarm

There will be a "meet the developer" meeting on the 10th February in Lagwyne Hall. The CC has submitted comments to the Planning Department. It has been suggested the electrical connection to the grid would be via Kendoon North at Brochloch.

e/ Windy Standard 3 Windfarm

An application has not yet been submitted to the planners

ACTION

SS to email for more information.

f/ Wether Hill 2 Windfarm

A planning application has been submitted. The CC has not objected. It was agreed we will make comments on the cumulative impact and unsuitability of the access road.

ACTION

LH to draft comments letter for approval by CCs.

Other Windfarm Matters

DC advised the CC that the Quantans Hill application had been withdrawn.

The Afton windfarm is starting construction soon.

There is a meeting regarding the Blackcraig development at the Kenbridge Hotel. Construction has begun. The new developers are "Blue Energy". A benefit fund has not yet been agreed.

11. Examiner of Accounts

Martyn Wheeler has agreed he will continue to act as examiner of accounts. We are awaiting confirmation from John Enos.

12. Traffic Survey

We are informed by Mike Grunwell of the Council that this has been delayed due to the weather. It is hoped that the speed survey will begin within the month. The speed signs in the village have not been working since the flood.

ACTION

ACK to contact roads department and report.

13. Community Garden Lighting

It was agreed the SC and AM will try a test with a leisure battery on the garden lighting on 27.1.2016.

The insurers have agreed to cover the garden without lights until the end of January.

ACTION

ACK will wait for a report back as to the success of the battery test before contacting the insurers.

14. Local Development Plan

Concerns were expressed regarding the planning status of land recently flooded.

ACTION

ACK to draft response to LDP suggesting housing be built on higher ground.

15. Heritage Centre Lights

An email has been sent to CCES.

16. Carminows Road repairs.

The road has been repaired but the cattle grid still needs work.

ACTION

ACK will pursue along with other roads issues.

17. CCT

Nothing to report.

18. Correspondence

This has been distributed by the secretary.

19. AORB

Glenkens Windfarm Community Benefit Committee

It was agreed AM would attend these meetings to gather information on the CC's behalf.

Iron Age Fort Sign

We are advised this will be erected within the next fortnight.

Element Power Community Benefit Agreement

Community Councillors considered a draft proposal from Element Power. Concerns were expressed regarding some of the basic principles. It was agreed these would be further investigated.

There is a CLG meeting for this development in Moniave on the 24th February.

ACTION

SS to enquire with Planning Department.

Resilience Group

There was a discussion regarding the extensive activities carried out by the voluntary resilience group during the recent floods.

It was agreed a list of these actions would be attached to this minute.

The CC thanked members of the group for their excellent work.

ACTION

AR to forward list of resilience group activities during the flood to ACK for distribution with the minutes.

Hall Key

Karen Hall holds a key for Lagwyne Hall should access be needed in future.

The meeting was closed at 9.04pm

Date of next meeting: February 29th at 7.00pm