

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 29th February 2016 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Trevor Molineux
David McMillan	Anna Campbell	Sergeant Alan Dillon
Ruth Williams	Dave Page	PC Jennifer Ross
Karen Hall	Irene McCreath	George Prentice

1. Welcome and Apologies

LH Welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Simon Holmes, Anne Rutherford, Finlay Carson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 25th January 2016

Subject to the amendments below the minutes of the meeting were approved and adopted –

a/ Anna Campbell had not been present.

b/ Finlay Carson had been misspelt.

Proposed SS, Seconded ACK

4. Treasurer's Report

There had been payments from the CC account for the Christmas tree (£40) and for website hosting (£35.93) leaving a balance of £2304.49. From the amount ring fenced for the resilience group a payment of £182.02 had been made for equipment leaving a balance of £5.63. Payments totalling £680 had been made for the Seniors' Dinner. The cheque to cover this has not yet been received from CREFL. The overall balance is £3877.33.

5. Police Report

At some time between 12th January and 8th February a 4 metre length of safety wire was stolen from Drumjohn Power Station.

On the 15th February a house in Dalry was broken into. Nothing was taken.

6. D&G Councillor's Report

There has been no further progress with the meeting to follow up from the flooding meeting of the 11th January. Finlay Carson had given his word to arrange this meeting. Alex Fergusson MSP and Councillor Carson will be meeting with Scottish Power to consider their role in flooding events. They have recently produced new guidance on their flood management strategy and offered to meet with Community Councillors to discuss.

ACTION

ACK to contact Finlay Carson and arrange the meeting he promised

ACK to contact Scottish Power and arrange for CC's to attend meeting at Glenlee.

7. Floods.

a/ Follow Up Meeting.

Dealt with under 6 above

b/ Resilience Group.

TM had attended a debrief in Dumfries with Steven Wylie.

There will be a further meeting at Dalry Secondary School on 16th March to be attended by AR and TM

ACTION

ACK to contact Pat Riley and advise of numbers.

c/ Climate Challenge Fund.

The Community Council had been investigating the potential of a project at the Crichton Carbon Centre to help establish the underlying cause of the recent floods. CC's expressed scepticism that this is an appropriate route to take.

ACTION

MH to send comments to LH to support our withdrawal.

8. Matters arising from meeting 25th January.

a/ Queen's 90th Birthday.

Proposed Community Event June 2016. It was agreed that this has the support of the CC. KH representing Lagwyne Hall Committee advised they also supported the plan. An informal steering group was formed to progress the project.

Lighting Beacons

It was agreed not to progress this.

ACTION

Representatives from the CC and Hall committee to meet and finalise plans.

b/ Scottish Power Lines Improved Map.

The development at Loch Urr has been withdrawn so the line will not be built. It is not necessary to pursue Scottish Power for an improved map.

c/ Lorg Windfarm

The CC's main concern remains the use of the B729 to transport construction materials. This will be raised again at a future CLG meeting.

d/ Windy Standard 3 Windfarm.

This development has not progressed since December and has not yet been submitted to the Planning Department. We will be advised when an application is made.

e/ Wetherhill Windfarm.

A planning application was made 10th December 2015.

ACTION

SS to investigate further.

f/ Quantans Hill

This application has been withdrawn. It is expected a revised application will be made to D&G council at under 50 MW.

g/ Blackcraig Windfarm

SS attended a meeting at the Kenbridge Hotel on 10th February. The Community Benefit fund is set at £5000 per MW bringing £264000 per annum into the Glenkens. An OSCAR registered body "The Glenkens Trust" has been established. The developer, Blue Energy, have not yet agreed to fund this organisation. The CC agreed to keep aware of the situation and see how it develops.

h/ Traffic Survey.

It had been hoped a survey of traffic speeds through the village would be carried out in November or December. This has been postponed awaiting delivery of new equipment to D&G council.

ACTION

ACK to follow up and establish a new date.

i/ Garden Lights And Insurance.

It appears the lights are now working.

ACTION

ACK to contact Steve Cowley for more information and advise insurers of the present situation.

j/ LDP Draft Response.

Our 2 comments have been acknowledged.

k/ Heritage Centre Bollard Lights.

New standard lights have been erected but are not yet working.

ACTION

ACK to email and find out when they will be operational.

l/ Carminnows' Cattle Grid

The grid has been checked and found to be satisfactory. No further action required.

m/ Glenkens Windfarm Community Benefit Committee.

Dealt with under "g" above.

n/ Element Power Community Benefit Agreement.

SS had attended a meeting in Moniave and consulted with McNabb Laurie regarding this document. She advised it is a pre-planning agreement and a further agreement will be entered into with each individual community council should planning permission be granted.

o/ Iron Age Fort Sign.

The sign has been erected and is acceptable.

9/ CC Network Meeting.

This is planned for 1st March. AM will attend and report back to the CC.

10/ Dumgal Against Pylons.

The meeting was advised of the various correspondence received from this group.

11/ Red Cross Carer Responders

The Red Cross had asked the CC to publicise the need for responders to support the elderly. We are not aware of anyone in Carsphairn requiring this service. GP advised that the Stewartry has the oldest demographic of any community in Scotland.

12/ CREFL Report.

A grant application had been approved for up to £600 for publicity material for the heritage centre. A sum of £5000 has been ring fenced for future flood defences for the village and £20000 reserved for flood repair works to the community shop premises. CREFL directors have decided to reinstate the vocational training grants. Applications for up to £100 may be submitted. The Chair of the CC advised she had petitioned for a higher sum.

It was questioned whether it was appropriate for the CC to make CREFL reports. CC's made it clear they supported this practice initiated to improve communication between the two groups.

13/ CCT Report

The Futures Plan is now approved and will be made available as soon as it is printed.

14/ IT Training

This has been completed. There was maximum possible attendance. The project was considered a success.

15/ Correspondence

This has been distributed by the Secretary.

16/ AORB

The minutes and posters in both community notice boards should be kept up to date.

The Chair was unable to attend a planned meeting with the Police Inspector at Castle Douglas. We will be informed as to the content of this meeting.

The Tour of Britain cycle race will be going through the village on the 3rd of September.

Dalry School is planning an open meeting to discuss its future. It is 14 years since the last battle to save the school. This is an issue with serious implications for the future of the Glenkens. CC's will be advised of the date and maximum representation is encouraged.

Matt Hickman volunteered as permanent minute secretary
Proposed ACK, Second LH

The Treasurer advised that Martyn Wheeler had been accepted to approve our accounts.

It was agreed to change the CC's bankers from Bank of Scotland to RBS.

Proposed LH, second ACK

Signatories appointed were SS, LH, ACK and DC

The meeting was closed at 9.07pm

Date of next meeting: March 28th at 7.00pm