

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7pm on 28th March 2016 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Steve Cowley
David McMillan	Jean Cowley	PC Simon Kennedy

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 29th February 2016

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

- a/ Item 8g - Remove the line “have not yet agreed to fund this organisation”
 - b/ Item 12 – Remove the word “reinstate” and substitute the word “introduce”.
- Proposed SS, Seconded ACK

4. Treasurer’s Report

There had only been one transaction, a payment of £29.80 for the Remembrance Day wreath. The overall balance is £3847.53. It was agreed to return the balance of the Secretary grant to CREFL.

5. Police Report

PC Kennedy drew the meeting’s attention to 3 issues relating to “cold callers”:

- 1/ Tradesmen are calling on detached houses touting for roofing and general building work.
- 2/ Agencies representing charitable organisations are calling on householders attempting to sign them up for direct debit payments.
- 3/ An individual in Castle Douglas had £20,000 removed from their bank following a telephone cold call.

The Police advise that we should always question cold calls or any approach made that appears out of the ordinary.
D&G Council has a “trusted Trader” scheme to promote qualified local tradesmen.

6. D&G Councillor’s Report

No Councillor present.

7. Floods.

a/ Follow Up Meeting.

SS has been advised by Finlay Carson that he is making progress towards a meeting. Frustration was expressed at the slow progress and it was agreed that, should a date for a meeting not be forthcoming shortly, the Community Council will begin to progress plans independently.

ACTION

ACK to contact Finlay Carson and set a firm date.

b/ Meeting with Scottish Power at Glenlee.

SS offered to attend this meeting. There may also be potential for members of the public affected by the flooding to join her.

ACTION

ACK to liaise with Scottish Power and arrange.

c/ Climate Challenge Fund.

The Community Council has withdrawn from this project.

8. Matters arising from meeting 25th January.

a/ Queen's 90th Birthday.

Lagwyne Hall Committee has booked the jazz band to give a concert in the hall starting at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th June. A bar will be open from 5.00pm.

Consideration was given to an informal tea party on the community garden during the afternoon. It was agreed to produce a leaflet promoting this.

ACTION

LH to produce and distribute leaflet following consultation with colleagues.

b/ Traffic survey.

The new speed detection equipment has been received but is believed to be incompatible with present computer equipment.

ACTION

ACK to contact Roads Dept and pursue.

c/ Community Garden

The lights are working when the battery is charged, the solar panel is working intermittently. SC will continue to work on the system.

An email had been received regarding the condition of the signs and the benches.

MT is taking advice on more planting.

ACTION

ACK to contact insurers and discuss the implications of removing the lights altogether, also contact D&G Council for advice on reprinting the signs.

AM to price new leisure batteries.

MH to contact the joiner for suggestions on the appropriateness of treating the oak benches.

d/ Heritage Centre Lights.

The lights are now working.

e/ CC Meeting Report.

AM reported that the planned SPEN pylon line project has been cancelled.

The Catstrand has suffered superficial flooding, but has dried out and reopened.

New Galloway Community Shop has been awarded funding for a feasibility study.

f/ Glenkens Parent Council Meeting.

A meeting was held at Dalry School on 21st March organised by the joint PTCs. There is a proposal to have one Head Teacher for the primary and nursery cluster in the Glenkens. It is also suggested that Dalry Secondary School should be linked with Castle Douglas and only provide education up to S3.

No conclusion was reached and there is currently no mandate for change; Dalry School will continue as it is for next term.

Carsphairn PTC will keep the Community Council informed.

g/ Change of Bank Account.

Signatories are established and this is progressing.

9/ Quantans Hill Windfarm.

A Public exhibition has been arranged for the 5th of April 4 – 8 pm in Lagwyne Hall to present the revised design for this windfarm.

10/ Longburn Windfarm.

The developer has approached the CC to attend a meeting and present their new proposals.

ACTION

ACK to contact and offer a maximum of 15 minutes at the April meeting or a little longer in June.

11/ Resilience Group Report.

No one from this group present.

12/ Volunteer Awards.

The Community Council has nominated the resilience group in the community safety category.

13/ CCT Report.

The futures plan is in the post and should be received by households throughout the community imminently.

14/ Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the Secretary.

ACTION

ACK to –

a/ Write to the Red Cross regarding the request for emergency responders.

b/ Support the A75 upgrade campaign.

c/ Contact SWtrans expressing concerns on the possible reduction to the local bus service.

15/ AORB.

LH presented a map showing the expected stone extraction from quarries in Carsphairn Forest onto the A713 for the Blackcraig and Margree windfarm pylon line. The CC has previously been told that the Lamford Hill road would not be used and there would be no construction traffic on the public roads at all.

ACTION

ACK / LH to circulate the original email to CC's for consideration before writing to SPEN.

A planning application has been submitted by Scottish Power for a temporary car park and 12 floodlights on the Brochloch forest access road to Windy Standard 2 Windfarm development.

ACTION

MH to investigate and circulate comments to CCs.

The Gate to the side of the cattle grid on the Scottish Power bridge over the Water of Deugh is again being obstructed by Morrison Construction.

ACTION

MH to draft letter and circulate before sending.

The meeting was closed at 9.01pm

Date of next meeting: April 25th at 7.00pm