

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7pm on 26th September 2016 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Steve Cowley
David McMillan	Jean Cowley	Ruth Williams
Trevor Molineux	Karen Hall	Cllr G Prentice
McNabb Laurie (Galloway Glens Development Officer)		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

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

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 29th August 2016.

Minutes of business meeting approved -
Proposed LH, Seconded ACK
Minutes of EGM approved –
Proposed LH Seconded SS

4. Treasurer's Report.

The discretionary grant payment of £559.30 from DGC has been received.
The payment of £680 from CREFL for the seniors Dinner of last year has been banked.
A payment of £180 has been made for maintenance of the Community Garden.
The overall balance is £2819.80.

5. Police Report.

No police representative present. Concerns were expressed at the recent lack of attendance from the Police and that email communications are being returned. ACK will contact them regarding this.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

GP brought the meeting up to date on changes to Ward boundaries. Carsphairn will be part of the Dee and Glenkens ward and no longer part of the "Castle Douglas and Glenkens" ward. This change is to the regret of the Community Council.

7. The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership.

McNabb Laurie, Development Officer for the project made a presentation and explained that the Partnership was Lottery funded and had provisionally secured £2.7 million for use in the Ken and Dee river catchment areas. The focus of the project is to “connect people to their heritage”.

Projects will be sourced through 2 separate processes – expressions of interest made so far and a series of studies proposed by the Partnership.

One area of particular relevance to Carsphairn is the Natural Flood Management Study. This will involve a feasibility study undertaken by Natural Power to investigate the potential for slowing the flow of flood waters down the Ken and Dee rivers. Funding for the study is secured but actual works identified will require matchfunding. It is hoped a draft report will be published by December this year. Physical works indicated as workable by the study could begin in 2018. These would be entirely separate from the engineering works currently proposed by DGC. This is a desktop study but a few site visits are envisaged. The CC stressed that Carsphairn was at the very top of the catchment and thus an ideal area to be studied. McNabb agreed to contact both the resilience group and CC if a visit is undertaken in Carsphairn. The Kaya report will be included in investigations undertaken and the impact of clearfell forestry will be considered.

There are other areas of work undertaken by this group which may be of interest to the community. Including a variety of heritage related skills and training and the reintroduction of some species of fish.

CCT has been in contact with GGLP regarding the possible disposal of Muirdrochwood Forest.

McNabb gave assurances[reassured] that the Map currently published by GGLP defining the size of their area of interest is flexible and should not be taken to exclude any of Carsphairn.

8. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 29th August 2016.

a/ Discretionary Grant payment has been received. An additional payment of £100 was made following AM's attendance at additional SCVS meetings. He will be in attendance at another meeting on the 28th September and will report back.

b/ The Chair has emailed the Roads Department to chase up the traffic survey in the village but received no reply as yet. GP will follow this up.

ACTION

GP to contact Roads Department.

f/SS has spoken to the Council regarding connecting the Community Garden to the mains supply via the streetlights. She has given details but not had a reply yet. The sign is ordered and paid for and should be in position soon.

g/ SS reported that the CC had been successful in their application for funding for a feasibility study into electricity storage in Carsphairn. The study will be carried out by Natural Power and should be finished by March next year. A public meeting will be organised for October.

h/ Arnold Duggleby has agreed to lay the remembrance wreath.

i/ The overgrown verges on the b729 are being cut back.

j/ LH will apply to CREFL for funding for the Seniors' dinner

ACTION

LH make application.

k/ There was a discussion regarding the CC's input to the Longburn windfarm planning application. MH introduced new supplementary guidance to the Local Development Plan regarding windfarms. Consideration was also given to the number of representations made to the planning department both in favour and as objections. LH reported back on the results of the survey undertaken by the CC. It was agreed that comments reflecting these representations would be submitted to the planning department by the deadline of 30th September.

ACTION

LH to draft response for comments from colleagues before submission.

9. Derek Crichton Visit.

DGC's Director of Communities had recently requested meetings with various community groups during his visit to Carsphairn. This had been facilitated by the CC and had run smoothly.

10. Ward Boundary Changes.

Discussed under item 6 above.

11. Removal of BT Telephone Kiosk.

A notice has been placed in the telephone kiosk in the village advising that it is proposed it be removed. It was agreed that this remains a valuable facility of use to the community and visitors.

ACTION

LH to write objecting to the removal of the telephone kiosk.

12. Resilience Group Report.

The report is attached.

13. CREFL Report.

SS reported that 2 applications for funding had been considered at the August meeting. Community Council application for £1500 for the Community Garden Heritage Group application for £1135.50 for flyers. Both had been approved.

14. CCT Report.

SC advised that CCT had been in further contact with the Forestry Commission regarding the possible future sale of Muirdrochwood Forest. The FC wish the CC to write nominating CCT to carry on discussions on our behalf. CCT are considering a feasibility Study into this project and future sources of funding.

KH advised that following the success of the yoga classes in the village and the identification of enthusiasm within the community for further recreational activities in the CCT Community Futures Plan, a CCT subcommittee has been formed to progress this area. Gail Challis will lead and KH will attend meetings to oversee as a CCT Director.

ACTION

MH to draft letter to Forestry Commission for agreement with other CCs before sending.

15. Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the Secretary.

16. AORB.

There is to be a drop in session of the Blackcraig Margree CLG on the 27th 3.30 – 7.00 pm in Lagwyne Hall.

DC reported concerns regarding the traffic lights on the main road. These do not appear to be sensing approaching traffic leading to some vehicles jumping the red light. He has reported this to the company involved via the telephone number on the equipment.

DGC has launched a public consultation to establish areas to cut costs in the future. Surveys can be completed online at –

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/budget>

or at a local library. Closing date is 19th October.

SCVS have launched a new website and wish to link to Carsphairn Community Website. This was agreed.

DGC has advertised for applicants for the Head Teacher of the schools cluster. The PTC at the primary school has been kept informed. The closing date for applications is 2nd October. It is hoped the successful applicant will be in position by the New Year.

KH advised that the Hall Committee had organised a Pub Night in Lagwyne Hall on the 8th of October from 7 – 11pm.

CCs agreed to distribute the poster to the public email list

ACTION

KH to forward poster to ACK for distribution.

Date of next meeting – 31st October 2016 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.22pm