

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7pm on 28th November 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	Alan Laing	Irene McCreath
Trevor Molineux		PC Brown
Anne Rutherford		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

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

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 31st October 2016.

Minutes of business meeting approved -
Proposed LH, Seconded AM

4. Treasurer's Report.

There had been no transactions. The Community Council balance is £2626.06. The total balance including ring fenced amounts is £4042.52

5. Police Report.

The annual drink and drug driving patrols will begin shortly. The Police also expect an increase in opportunist thefts in the build up to Christmas. Ring 101 if suspicious of any activities.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

No Councillor present.

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

a/ Traffic Survey

No progress to report.

b/ Community Garden

DGC have agreed we can take a feed for the Community Garden lights from the 20mph road sign adjacent to the garden at an estimated cost of £500. Laying the cable would be our responsibility and at our cost. SC agreed to provide an estimate of the figure involved. The CC agreed to apply to CREFL for funding.
Proposed MH Seconded LH

The main sign board has been removed as the adhesive used was not waterproof. It will be replaced shortly with more suitable mastic. The CC will offer to pay for the materials from our own funds.

The viewpoint sign also needs to be replaced. It was agreed that ACK will contact Nigel Martin and ask him to get quotes. LH will make an application to CREFL for the costs involved when figures are received.

Proposed MH Seconded LH

ACTION

ACK contact NM.

c/ Seniors' Dinner

Good progress has been made in organising the seniors' festive dinner for the 12th December. All invitations have been sent out.

d/ Telephone Kiosk

The planning department will advise BT of our objections to the removal of the telephone box by the 7th December. BT will not remove the box if DGC objects. The phone is currently working. LH will chase this up with the planning department.

ACTION

LH to contact planners.

e/ Police Consultation

MH will pursue this issue.

ACTION

MH to draft letter.

f/ Kendoon to Tongland Reinforcement Project

ACK and Billy McCreath had attended the recent CLG meeting and raised concerns regarding road transport and traffic management.

g/ Defibrillator Storage

The heated cabinet is now installed and operational. Concerns were expressed as to the lack of lighting to illuminate the pathway. SC will investigate. ACK will contact CVSL and advise that a light is being considered.

ACTION

ACK and SS to follow up.

8. Bus Consultation

SWestrans is undertaking a consultation for contracts due to terminate in April 2017 including the bus route through Carsphairn. There is an option of the addition of a Sunday service. MH will draft a letter for submission by the 16th December in the hope of adding this service, not reducing the current provision and questioning if it is possible for the morning bus to be "in service" on its way up from Dalry.

9. Garden Viewpoint sign.

Dealt with under item 7b above.

10. Resilience Group Report .

CREFL have accepted to grant application but the cheque has not yet been received. The Hall committee have agreed to house a second defibrillator in the hall.

A connection has been installed to allow the use of a Scottish Power generator in an emergency. Concerns were expressed as to whether the insurance supplied by DGC to the CC would cover damage to any electrical equipment in the hall as a consequence of the use of such a generator. ACK will contact CCES to check.

ACTION

ACK to contact CCES.

Genuine concern was expressed by members of the public regarding the lack of apparent progress with the flood defence wall. People are understandably concerned that works will not be completed by Christmas when previous floods have occurred. George Prentice had been in contact with SS and advised James McLeod hoped that works would be started "within the week". Nevertheless, it was agreed that LH would contact Ross Gibson at DGC for the latest update and circulate any new information to the public.

ACTION

LH to contact RG as a matter of urgency.

Councillors were asked to give consideration to the proposal of erecting a shed on the garden in which to store equipment for use by the resilience group.
The full report is attached.

11. CCT report.

Negotiations remain on-going regarding the possible future purchase of Muirdrochwood forestry plantation.

The yoga classes have been a success with 14 regular attendees. The current session ends in December and a new block of 6 weeks have been booked. Information will be emailed round soon.

12. CREFL Report.

Deferred to the January meeting.

13. Correspondence.

This had been distributed by the Secretary.

14. AORB.

DM commented that large amounts of peat are being removed from the Brochloch Forest road and transported to the opencast mine near Rankinston.

ACTION

ACK to contact SEPA for information.

The CC agreed to pay for the Christmas tree for the Community Garden and a maximum of £100 towards the lights if necessary. IMcC agreed to deal with this and contact the CC should help be needed.

Proposed LH Seconded ACK

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Date of next meeting 30.01.2017.