

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7pm on 30th January 2017 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Steve Cowley
David McMillan	Ruth Williams	James Parker (DGC)
Trevor Molineux	George Prentice	

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH Welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies received from Anne Rutherford, Simon Holmes, PC Chloe Ellis.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 28st November 2016.

Following alteration of the Community Council bank account balance from £4042.52 to £4042.54 the minutes of the business meeting were approved -

Proposed AM, Seconded SS.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

The Police were unable to attend but had contacted SS prior to the meeting. She reported that the drink and drug driving campaign had resulted in double the previous year's number of arrests with 17 offences recorded. Also, there have been break-ins in Twynholm and Bridge of Dee. Any suspicious activity should be reported on phone number 101.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

GP agreed to follow up the stagnated road traffic survey with Mike Grunwell.

GP advised that further information on proposed future school closures will become available in the future.

ACTION

GP to contact MG and advise.

7. James Parker.

James introduced himself as the new DGC, Development Contributions Officer, who had been in post for 5 months and replaced McNabb Laurie.

He explained that DGC runs a region wide fund distributing wind farm money contributed by developers on a purely voluntary basis. A decision making panel is being established

consisting of members with no relationship with the Council. People are encouraged to send suggestions for members of the panel.

James asked for information regarding plans for Carsphairn's windfarm funded projects and was provided with a copy of CCTs "Community Futures Plan".

He brought the meeting up to date on the progress of a number of windfarm developments and benefit funds including the following –

Carsphairn is not within the 15km radius of benefit for the 20 Shilling development and will not benefit from this fund.

Blue Energy will begin payments from the Blackcraig development after it is operational, paid 12 months in arrears.

The Vattenfall South Kyle development has gone to an enquiry and a report has been sent to Scottish Ministers. A decision is expected by March.

Questions were asked regarding the preplanning agreement insisted upon by Element Power. SS will forward a copy of the draft agreement to JP for his comments. SS will attend the CLG meeting for this development on the 1st February in Moniaive.

The Benbrack project has gone to an appeal with the Government. The Reporter has asked for details on the benefit fund. JP advised that the money will be split 50/50 between D&G and East Ayrshire. It was noted that this arrangement has been agreed without any consultation with the Community. The CCs dissatisfaction and concern at this unprecedented approach was recorded. SS requested contact details from JP so we can make representations directly.

ACTION

SS to send copy of Element agreement and attend CLG meeting.

JP to forward Eon contact details to SS.

8. Co-option of Trevor Molineux As Associate Member.

Agreed.

Proposed LH. Seconded MH.

9. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 28th November 2016.

b/ Traffic Survey.

Covered under item 6 above.

c/ Community Garden.

Quotes have been received for the costs of connecting to Community Garden to the mains electricity supply. SS has made an application to CREFL for £1500 to cover the costs. Any underspend will be returned.

Quotes have been received for the new viewpoint sign. LH will make a CREFL application before the deadline for the next meeting for the costs.

ACTION

LH to make CREFL application.

d/ Seniors' Dinner.

This had a good attendance of 27 people. There was a £100 underspend which will be returned to CREFL.

ACTION

DC to return overspend to CREFL

e/ Telephone Kiosk.

Stewartry Area Committee has objected to the removal of the phone kiosk on the grounds of poor mobile phone coverage. BT have previously stated they will not remove a kiosk if the Council objects. It is therefore assumed that the kiosk will remain.

f/ Police Consultation.

The CC received a comprehensive reply to the questions proposed by Ian Howie regarding changes to local policing. It was suggested the email be forwarded to IH for his comments.

ACTION

ACK to forward email.

g/ Defibrillator Storage

It was agreed that CVSL progress this issue.

h/ Bus Consultation.

The CC has written to SWTrans requesting the maintenance of the current bus service and the reinstatement of a Sunday service. We have not yet received a reply, exceeding SWTrans 20 day reply standard.

ACTION

ACK to email for a reply.

i/ Peat removal.

ACK has contacted the planning enforcement team but not made any progress. It was agreed to pursue the matter via CCES.

ACTION

ACK to contact CCES

j/ Christmas Tree and Lights.

Councillors were very pleased with the festive display on the community garden and asked for their thanks to Irene McCreath, SS and AM to be recorded.

10. Galloway Glens Flood Management Update.

Natural Power have been in contact with MH to report that the study is progressing well and site visits are planned to begin shortly. Further updates are expected in due course.

11. Resilience Group.

There was a discussion regarding the request from the resilience group to site a shed on the Community Garden. MH asked if other sites had been considered and drew the meeting's attention to the empty shed at the rear of the Hall. It was agreed that before a firm decision was arrived at, the following would be undertaken –

Meet with the Resilience Group on site to establish the precise proposed location.

Contact the Church Session to ensure the proposal would not inhibit their use of the garden.

Ask the Resilience Group to consider other locations including behind the Hall.

DM was asked to raise the issue at the Lagwyne Hall AGM in February for the committee to consider.

AM introduced the idea of emergency radio facilities for the community. It was agreed he is to invite the provider "RAYNET" to make a presentation at the next meeting.

The enquiry regarding insurance cover in the event of emergency generators causing damage to electrical equipment in the hall has resulted in a positive response, with the caveat that "However, if the generator was supplied by Scottish Power or another, I would think they would have a duty to ensure it was appropriate for use."

It was noted that Scottish Power have blocked a ditch whilst working on pole replacement adjacent to the A713 but have committed to its reinstatement.

A query was raised regarding the application to CREFL for funding for the defibrillator. SS will contact AR to ensure this is being progressed.

The Garden end of the village flooded on 23rd December. Action is being taken.

The full report is attached.

12. CCT Report.

The Trust will be carrying out a community survey to gauge interest in the Muirdroch Wood project. Should this prove positive they will explore external funding sources for a feasibility study prior to considering a full purchase.

Copies of the survey will be posted but are also available on Facebook. The CC will email to our distribution list.

There is also a questionnaire to establish recreational activities desired by the community following the successful yoga classes.

ACTION

ACK to distribute survey and questionnaire

13. CREFL Report.

SS reported that there had been 3 applications approved –

Seniors' dinner: £750

School PTC Christmas Fair: £139

Resilience Group: £1861

Also 2 education grants had been approved.

It was noted that the next CREFL meeting is 14th February. The Chair confirmed she would attend.

14. “Worthy Causes” CREFL Application.

Following discussion it was agreed not to progress this idea.

15. Windfarms.

Windy Standard 3 The CC has been granted an extension until the end of next month. The Chair will circulate the standard community response survey used previously and correlate the results to be submitted to the authorities before the deadline.

Pencloe has progressed to a public hearing.

Windy Rigg Is having a CLG meeting soon, to be attended by SS

Enoch Hill has submitted further environmental information to the Consents Unit.

Lorg is presently in discussions with DGC.

16. Planning applications.

Applications at The Moor for a dwelling house associated with the wind farm monitoring station and a mobile phone transmitter mast above the Liggate were discussed. It was not considered necessary to comment on these applications.

17. Correspondence.

This had been distributed by the secretary.

Attention was drawn to the fact that current bus passes are no longer valid and must be replaced. Also the forthcoming CC network meeting.

18. AORB.

SS reported there is an update from Natural Power on the electricity storage project pending. A meeting is planned for the 7th February; she will attend with AR.

It was mentioned we do not have confirmed bookings for the Hall for CC meetings.

ACTION

ACK to book hall for the next year.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of next meeting 27.02.2017.