

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 26th June 2017 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	David McMillan
Cllr Dougie Campbell		PC Chloe Ellis (part)
Trevor Molineux		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH Welcomed all to the meeting.
There were no apologies

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 27th March 2017.

The minutes were approved.
Proposed SS, Seconded ACK.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

P.C. Ellis had nothing new of relevance to report.
She was made aware of a van that had been parked in the kirk layby for some time.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Councillor Dougie Campbell introduced himself. He made the meeting aware that he intends to attend all the Community Council meetings in his area, but the regular attendee at our meeting will be decided between our 3 DGC Councillors after the summer.
Phase 1 of the consultation of the review of the CC scheme of establishment has been completed. A series of amendments will follow.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting 24th April.

a/ Energy Storage Scheme.

It was agreed that the potential benefits had been proven inadequate to progress the proposal any further at present. The Community Council may revisit the scheme if other communities who take it up find it beneficial.

Local Energy Scotland have agreed to keep us up to date with any changes to funding. SS will forward the full report to ACK for circulation to the public.

ACTION

SS/ACK to ensure full report circulated.

b/ Raynet

A rough estimate has been received, putting the total costs of the full installation including mast and equipment at about £2000. The proposal will be considered in more depth at the next meeting.

ACTION

AM to forward details to CCs

c/ Garden Lighting

Callum Edgar at the council has indicated that work will begin within the next couple of months. It was agreed to keep an eye on this as we are keen to have lighting in the garden before the winter.

d/ Repair to U172

The Roads Department have indicated that they intend to revisit this repair to complete to a higher standard but have not given a date. We wish the improvements to be completed before the winter.

ACTION

ACK to contact and ask for a proposed date.

e/ Consultation on Scheme of Establishment

We have responded to this. First draft due soon. The Second draft will be open for consultation until the 8th September. The final draft due by 26th September.

f/ Elected Councillors

We now have 3 new Councillors elected to represent the recently designated Dee and Glenkens ward–

Dougie Campbell (SNP)

Jane Maitland (Independent)

Patsy Gilroy (Scottish Conservative)

g/ The secretary distributed copies of the Carers Strategy 2017 – 2021. The content was supported by CCs. There is a questionnaire to be completed.

8. Windfarms.

a/ Benbrack

At Public Enquiry, decision expected later this year.

b/ Windy Rigg

No update.

c/ Wether Hill

No update.

d/ Lorg and Longburn

Contrary to information distributed at the SPEN meeting, Lorg wind farm is not consented.

Longburn application is on-going and should be determined soon. A consultation was held in the hall regarding the Lorg/Longburn grid connection on 25 and 26 April.

e/ Blackcraig Margree connection

Remains ongoing.

f/ Kendoon to Tongland Reinforcement project

A report from the second round of consultation has been published.

A further meeting of the CLG is planned for the 15th June in New Galloway Town Hall.

The following was also reported –

Shepherds Rigg and Stroanshalloch proposals are likely to be revisited within the next 2 years.

A decision is expected on Vattenfall's South Kyle project imminently.

The anemometer at Glenshimmeroch has been withdrawn.

The application for an anemometer at Cornharrow has been approved.

9. Deer trapped in Bow Burn Culvert.

It has been brought to the attention of the CC that roe deer are regularly becoming trapped in the culvert running along the Bow Burn access road owned by Scottish Power.

ACTION

ACK to email Scottish Power to see if they can prevent this from happening

10. BT Nuisance Calls.

It was reported that many people in the community are receiving frequent unsolicited sales and marketing phone calls.

ACTION

MH to investigate further and see if anything can be done.

11. Resilience Group Report.

The site for the shed has been excavated.

The Council has assured that the drains at the south end of the village will be dealt with by the end of the summer.

12. CCT Report.

No report.

There is a plan to offer secretarial services to community groups. The services will be provided by SCVS. We are to let CCT know if we are in need of such services.

13. Planning Applications.

Nothing relevant.

A new list is being circulated of decisions made by the planning department.

14. Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the secretary.

The following were discussed –

Alzheimer Scotland are running a course for dementia awareness in Castle Douglas.

Food growing strategy – No interest expected from within the area.
20 MPH MSP Bill – LH to investigate further for next meeting.
Safety Survey – Residents are encouraged to complete DGC's current safety survey at –

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MVY6HV8>

There is a meeting to establish local young people's needs to be held at the Catstrand on 29th June. Notice of this has been distributed to the public.

15. AORB.

DC will complete and return the DGC Discretionary Grant Monitoring form.
The pot holes in the pavement in the village have had yellow lines marked around them and it is assumed repairs are in hand.

The risk assessment for the garden was discussed and will be updated

ACTION

SS to update risk assessment

Note was made that some of the stones at the corner of the dyke have come loose.

ACTION

MH to replace these stones and to inspect the rest of the wall.

Anne Rutherford has resigned as an associate member of the CC. It was agreed a letter should be sent thanking her for her many years of service to the community.

A pot hole has appeared in the A713 at the north boundary of the CC area.

ACTION

ACK will email the roads department to make them aware.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of next meeting 28.08.2017.