

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 30th October 2017 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	David McMillan
Cllr D Campbell	Ruth Williams	Michael Hansen
Clare Duggleby	Steve Cowley	Hilary Hansen
Arnold Duggleby	Fiona Clubb	Alan McClelland
Trevor Molineux	Anna Campbell	PC Steele Johnston (part)

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH Welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies received from Simon Holmes.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 25th September 2017.

The minutes were approved.
Proposed LH, Seconded ACK.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

PC Johnston reported a complaint had been received of a historic domestic issue from 20 years ago. Those involved have now left the area.

There have been incidents of bogus workmen soliciting employment tarmacking driveways. He advised local residents not to entertain cold callers.

There is a drop in session at Dalry Police Office on the 4th November 6pm to 7.30pm.

He also drew the meetings attention to new advice to people who may witness terrorist incidents. It is absolutely not appropriate to attempt to film such incidents. More information is at - www.gov.uk/ACT

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Cllr Campbell reported that DGC was currently costing out its budget for the next 4 ½ years. Many more savings will need to be made. The priority is to protect the vulnerable from the impacts.

7. Matters Arising From Minutes of Meeting 25th September.

a/ Raynet

AM reported that he had completed his training and had his radio operator's licence. There was discussion regarding New Galloway's hand held radio system. AM will investigate this further.

b/ U172 road repair

No progress. ACK will chase this up.

c/ CC Scheme of Establishment.

AM had attended the SCVS meeting on the 11th October. He advised that the document will be rewritten and reproduced for further consultation.

d/ Community Garden Lights

The work in completing the connection to the garden has been delayed due to the wet weather. Remains on-going.

e/ Flooding

The CC has now received the latest Kaya report. It includes a map illustrating the final position for the flood defences correlating with where they have been built in practice. The report also includes predicted flooding depths for individual properties in the village. As this information will clearly have an impact on the value of the houses in question; it was agreed to seek a legal opinion regarding data protection and freedom of information legislation before making the report public. It was also agreed that homeowners asking for details of flood depths on their own properties would be informed.

ACTION

ACK to make CCES enquiry.

f/ B729 Verges and Ruts.

There have been no repairs made to the road despite our reports of its dangerous state. RW reported it is getting worse as HGVs are driving off the road.

ACTION

ACK to chase via CCES.

g/ Festive dinner

LH is progressing this.

h/ Complaint landline quality in Casphairn

Contact has been made with the CEO of Openreach and a reply received. The Chief Engineer for Scotland will be investigating the issue. FC reported that good work had been done in her locality and the phone reception greatly improved.

ACTION

ACK to contact engineer and advise of areas particularly affected.

i/ Defibrillator costs

It was agreed to pay up to £10 a year for the electricity used by the defibrillator heating and lighting. ACK to contact the shop and ask them to invoice us.

j/ Wreath layer for Remembrance Sunday

AM has offered to do this.

k/ Shop drain

DM had arranged for Scottish Water to clear this drain.

8. Windfarms.

a/ South Kyle.

A joint meeting between the 4 CCs affected will be held in November. The developer will also attend the CCC meeting in November.

b/ Benbrack.

Agreed to invite the developer to the January meeting. SPEN have confirmed the connection will be by wood poles into the new pylon line.

ACTION

ACK to invite.

c/ Windy Standard 3.

The developer hopes to have a decision from ECDS within the next few months. The only consultee to not yet have responded is DGC.

d/ Cornharrow.

SPEN has confirmed that a connection has been applied for. There has been no response from the developer to our enquiry regarding our role to consult on the scoping report.

ACTION

LH to chase the developer.

e/ Kendoon to Tongland reinforcement project.

No one was available to attend the CLG meeting on 23rd October. We are awaiting an update from SPEN.

f/ Lorg/Longburn connection update.

Agreed to ask for additional information to be sent and a drop in session to be held in the hall as we do not have time to make this an agenda item at the November meeting.

ACTION

LH to make contact.

g/ Windfarm developer revenue and business rates.

No progress regarding business rates. Developer revenue was dealt with at the September meeting.

ACTION

ACK to make CCES enquiry for an explanation on business rates.

h/ Windfarm benefits for all Carsphairn residents.

There was a brief discussion regarding a LEDS for Carsphairn. It was agreed MH would organise a steering group meeting and report back to the CC.

No progress regarding reductions to council tax.

ACTION

ACK to make CCES enquiry on council tax.

i/ Awareness raising.

FC advised she had written to Nicola Sturgeon regarding the blanket windfarm developments in our area. She has had no reply as yet. She also suggested a double sided board to display windfarm developments and other community information. She will progress this following discussion with the hall committee.

j/ Other windfarm matters

None to report

9. Knockower Forest.

A consultation document had been received by the CC a month after the consultation process had finished. It was discussed that it had been agreed with John Dougan of the Forestry Commission that the CC would receive advance notice of felling licence applications for our area. This has clearly not happened. CD, HH and M Hanson expressed great frustration that they had not been consulted with as neighbours. Councillor Campbell offered his involvement in this issue. It was agreed he will visit the site and keep the CC in the loop regarding progress. Also, that the felling process should be halted until necessary consultations with neighbours have been completed.

ACTION

ACK to contact Alasdair Speedy and John Dougan to report the absence of consultation ask for the process to be temporarily halted.

10. Resilience group report.

Attached.

11. CCT report.

Attached.

12. Planning applications.

Nothing relevant.

13. Correspondence.

NHS disabled access – Contact had been made by Sue Vest, Health & Wellbeing Community Development Worker for the Stewartry, advising us of work she has done in other communities. It was agreed to invite her to a future meeting.

QR Medi – This SCVS initiative was discussed and support agreed. It is a method of storing relevant medical information and history for emergency use. The information will be displayed in the CC noticeboard and is attached.

RAF Centenary event – It was agreed to not progress this.

14. AORB

DC advised we had missed the deadline for CREFL applications for the maintenance costs for the community garden. He will make an application for the February meeting.

DC explained that a felling licence had been applied for to fell 40 Ha of larch and 50 Ha of spruce on the land that CCT is investigating future purchase of. DC will forward details to ACK and the CC will respond.

Attention was drawn to the amount of water on the road by Drumjohn. The ditches running adjacent to the road are blocked.

ACTION

MH to draft email to CCES.

DM raised concerns regarding the stocking density of deer at Camp Carminnows and questioned if this breached planning consent or the dangerous wild animals licence previously issued. It was agreed the CC would consider its role and act if appropriate.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Date of next meeting – 27th November 2017.

Resilience Team report

- 1) Had a replacement door for the resilience storage at community gardens.
- 2) In contact with Anne Rutherford as she is ordering things for the resilience team from the allowance from the Grants that she applied for, received the first batch some more to follow.
- 3) 21st of October there was a flood in front of community gardens, council and police were informed as most of the problem was leaves blocking the gully that goes across the road to the water way that goes under the Manse drive and that was also backing up so the council employee said he would report it, apparently the flood was there at 4.30am so the wife and I was there about three hours until it was under control.
- 4) Had a phone call from the council to see if I would take on the job on dismantling the flood gate onto The Holm field so she can use it for a few weeks ago agreed they came up and showed me what to do and replace it when about middle of December and the gate will be stored in the Resilience storage shed.

Carsphairn Community Council

Treasurer's Report for October 2017

Community Council General Transactions and Balance

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£2,270.80
No Transactions				£2,270.80
Community Council Balance				£2,270.80

Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

Community Garden Electric Light Connection (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£1,500.00
No Transactions				£1,500.00
Balance				£1,500.00

Community Garden (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£356.74
No Transactions				£356.74
Balance				£356.74

Resilience Group (Fund Raising)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£5.63
No Transactions				£5.63
Balance				£5.63

Resilience Group Equipment (CREFL / Stewartry Area Committee)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£1,228.72
No Transactions				£1,228.72
Balance				£1,228.72

Resilience Group Defibrillator (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£500.00
No Transactions				£500.00
Balance				£500.00

Ring-fenced Balance	£3,591.09
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Bank Account Balance as at start of day 30th October	£5,861.89
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Carsphairn Community Trust

Report – October 2017

Muirdrochwood Project:

CCT have had a busy month with regards to the Muirdrochwood Project.

Firstly, we're please to say that Scottish Land Fund approved our grant application to fund the feasibility study.

As part of our survey earlier this year we had asked if anyone was interested in being actively involved in the running of the woodland. We invited the members of the community who expressed that interest to a special meeting to discuss the project. The outcome of that meeting was a new woodland project sub-group made up of 14 local people.

This new group met with our selected consultants, Community Woodlands Association, to discuss the feasibility study and next steps.

When the new group have more information to impart they will be undertaking community engagement including a session in Lagwyne Hall to share their plans and allow feedback from the wider community.

Recreation Group:

1. Photography for Fun – the last block of sessions has now ended, however a new block of six weeks is due to start on 31st October.

2. Badminton – the last session of this block has ended. Those who have been involved have been arranging this for themselves and may continue to do so. If anyone is interested in being included in the mailing list, please let us know.

3. Yoga – Monday sessions are still ongoing and quite well attended.

4. Ladies' Night – There is a Ladies' Night on Friday 17th November. Anne Ireland will be bringing a selection of Christmas Gifts from her shop in Dalmellington and showing us how to make a floral table decoration for Christmas.

5. Art Class – We are finalising dates and will advertise this when we know.

Updates will be put on the community website and notice boards in the village.