

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 29th January 2018 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
Trevor Molineux	Steve Cowley	Anna Campbell
Clare Duggleby	Fiona Clubb	PC Johnston (part)
Alan McClelland		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH Welcomed all to the meeting.
Councillor Dougie Campbell had given his apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest.

MH, SH and LH declared an interest in item 9c - Windy Standard access track.

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

The minutes were approved.
Proposed AM,
Seconded SS.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

No crimes have been reported in the local area since the last meeting. Pc Johnston advised that there has been sporadic house breaking in the wider area and that a boat had been stolen from a holiday park. Telephone scams remain ongoing; people should not entertain unsolicited phone calls. Police Scotland is running a month long campaign to [raise awareness of livestock worrying](#) and working with the NHS to help identify [vulnerable missing people](#). There is a drop in session at Dalry Police Office on 2nd February. PC Alison Blackwell has been recruited to the Community Policing Team.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Non Present.

7. Eon – Benbrack Presentation

Despite previously agreeing to attend this meeting, Eon's representative, Nick Taylor was not in attendance.

8 Matters Arising From Meeting 30th October 2017

a/ Raynet

It was agreed to defer this to the TBCF list.

b/ Garden Christmas Tree

Everyone agreed it was the best decorated tree yet. Thanks to AM and Hugh Clark Kennedy.

c/ U172 Repair

The scaffold has now been removed, the repair work can go ahead.

ACTION

ACK to contact CCES.

e/ Galloway Glens Natural Flood Protection

Agreed to invite McNabb Laurie to a future meeting.

f/ Christmas Dinner.

This had been a great success. £63 had been raised in a raffle for the School. The overpayment of £86.11 had been refunded to CREFL.

g/ Landline Telephone Quality

Problems continue.

ACTION

ACK to contact the engineer for an update.

h/ Costs for Defibrillator Power

Paul and Lindsay at the shop were thanked for having offered to donate the costs involved.

i/ U143

DGC have confirmed this is a Council owned road up to the old church.

ACTION

ACK to contact Dougie Campbell for an update on the timber felling and when the consultation process with the community will restart.

j/ Advance Notice Of Forestry Operations

There is a new person in position at the Forestry Commission. Andrew Kitching has been in contact to confirm he will advise us of any planned operations in our area.

k/ New Plantation at Polquarity

The Forestry Commission have confirmed there are plans for a new spruce plantation of 800 acres. We will be kept informed of progress.

Concerns were also raised regarding the replanting of the recently clear felled area around Cumnock Knowes.

ACTION

MH will contact the Forestry Commission for more information on obligations to replant.

l/ Water on A713 at Drumjohn

The flooding is worst between Stroma and the Brockloch cottage entrance. It is being caused by the ditches by the side of the road being totally blocked.

ACTION

ACK to follow up via CCES, asking for the ditches to be cleared out.

m/ Carsphairn School

We have not yet had a reply to our question regarding the secondment of the principle teacher.

9. Windfarms.

a/ Windy Rig

This development has been approved. Agreed to invite the developer to a future meeting.

b/ Blackcraig / Margree connection

Not yet finished, remains ongoing.

c/ Windy Standard 3.

The developer has booked the hall for a public meeting regarding the proposed access road on 26th February 1.30 to 5.00 pm. They will also be making a presentation on the progress of the Windy Standard developments at the CC meeting on the same day, starting at 7.00 pm

d/ Cornharrow.

A public meeting was held in the hall on 7th December, beginning at 4pm. The developer left early due to weather conditions

e/ Kendoon to Tongland reinforcement project.

The third round of consultations finished on 26th January. Concerns were raised regarding the transport of stone through the village.

ACTION

ACK to contact Stephen Jack at SPEN to query stone transport

f/ Longburn project update.

The recorder's decision has been delayed following the publication of new guidance from the government. Remains ongoing.

g/ Windfarm developer revenue and business rates.

We have not had a reply to our request for an explanation of business rates contributions from windfarms.

ACTION

ACK to resend CCES enquiry and copy in JM.

h/ Windfarm benefits for all Carsphairn residents.

Nothing new to report at this stage.

i/ Awareness raising.

FC demonstrated her new pin board map illustrating the remarkable density of proposed development in the CC area. She was thanked for the work she has put into this.

j/ Other windfarm matters.

None to report

10. CREFL Report.

Deferred to the next meeting.

CREFL [minutes](#) are now on the community website MH encouraged members of the community to read them.

11. Resilience Group Report.

Attached.

Concerns were raised regarding dog fouling behind the Salutation. TM will look into this. SS reminded the meeting that a report was due to the Council for the funding received. TM will check this with AR.

It was noted that the pads on the defibrillator will need replacing. TM offered to check the expiry dates.

12. CCT Report.

The feasibility study into the purchase of the woodland at Muirdrochwood remains on-going, details of proposed community engagement are expected next month. The photography and yoga courses continue with details on the community noticeboard.

13. Planning.

Nothing of concern.

14. Correspondence.

LH raised the issue of proposed Scottish Power works at the Deugh intake clashing with access to the Knockengorroch Festival.

ACTION

ACK to liaise with LH and email Scottish Power

15. AORB

There was a discussion regarding the new scheme of establishment for CCs. AM will attend the SCVS meeting on the 28th February.

ACTION

ACK to obtain final draft for comments

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm

Date of next meeting – 26th February 2018.

Carsphairn Community Council

Treasurer's Report for January 2018

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>				£2,830.10
Bente Sander Holm	Christmas Tree	45.00	0.00	£2,785.10
Community Council Balance				£2,785.10

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
D&G Council	Donation	500.00	0.00	£1,000.00
Andrew Metcalf	Christmas Lights	116.38	0.00	£883.62
Andrew Metcalf	Electricity Installation	100.00	0.00	£783.62
Steve Cowley	Electricity Installation	720.00	0.00	£63.62
Balance				£63.62

Community Garden (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
No Transactions				£59.74
Balance				£59.74

Senior's Dinner (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£850.00
Liz Holmes	Refund of underspend	0.00	36.11	£886.11
CREFL	Refund of underspend	86.11	0.00	£800.00
Oliver Rigg	Entertainment	300.00	0.00	£500.00
Liz Holmes	Cash Advance	500.00	0.00	£0.00
Balance				£0.00

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
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>				£846.53
Anne Rutherford	Equipment	229.68	0.00	£846.53
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Balance				£283.14

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
Balance				£500.00

Ring-fenced Balance	£912.13
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Bank Account Balance as at start of day 29th January	£3,697.23
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Carsphairn Community Trust

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Muirdrochwood Project:

The feasibility study is progressing well. We hope that we will be a position to give some details of the Community Engagement process in our next monthly report.

Recreation Group:

- 1. Photography for Fun** – a new block of sessions starts on 13th February.
- 2. Yoga** – Monday sessions are still ongoing.

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

Resilience Team Report.

We have had some more deliveries for the Resilience Team shed.

We also have a new member joined us for the Team he is Graham who lives in the village ,

We have had the delivery of sand less sand bags from Dumfries Council, have delivered to everybody that was flooded in 2015 and a few more properties as well.

Sylvia brought the pavement gritter from the school plus a couple of snow shovels so is now housed in the Teams shed, When we had the snow the other week we had help in clearing the snow and gritting a restricted width of the path up and down the village. Thanks to Angela, Margo, Graham and myself.

Also been in touch with the Council and have asked them to fill our grit/salt boxes up as they are fairly empty now.