

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 26th February 2018 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

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| Trevor Molineux | Darren Challis (Treasurer) | David McMillan |
| Keith Brander | Steve Cowley | Anna Campbell |
| Patricia Brander | Fiona Clubb | Doreen Rennie |
| Carol Middlemiss | Ruth Williams | Christine Whipp |
| | Emily Galloway (Natural Power) | Cllr Gilroy (Part) |
| | Scott Bennett (Natural Power) | PC Blacklock (Part) |

1. Welcome and Apologies.

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

2. Declarations of Interest.

MH and LH declared an interest in item 7 - Windy Standard access track.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 28th January 2018.

The minutes were approved.
Proposed SS,
Seconded AM.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

PC Blacklock introduced herself as the new Community Officer.
A report was made of a suspicious vehicle in the area. The police would like to be made aware of such vehicles even if they turn out to be innocent.
A sheep has been stolen in Glenlochar.
Building equipment has been stolen in Kirkcudbright.
The police have issued guidance on crime prevention during the lambing season, there is a [link to sign up to](#) to be kept informed.
An incident of fly tipping was reported to the police.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Councillor Gilroy reported that there will be a meeting on 27th February to discuss the new Council budget. Significant savings will have to be made this year and even greater savings next year.

DGC councillors unanimously voted to object to the Windy Standard 3 development. As a section 36 application it will still be decided by national government. As the Council's response had exceeded the time limit it may not go to a public enquiry. Advice was given that, in the case of fly tipping reported to the Police, it would be appropriate to contact the Council to arrange removal.

7. Natural Power Presentation.

Scott Bennett and Emily Galloway explained the need for a new track to the Windy Standard windfarm complex. The present access track is privately owned and subject to shared use from forestry operations. This has caused complications when the road is required for construction traffic for the windfarm. Thus it is proposed to build a new road from the A713 going round Holm Hill, and construct a new bridge crossing the Water of Deugh just below Knockengoroch to join established forestry tracks from there onwards. These tracks will require upgrading to 5 metres wide.

It is expected a planning application will be made at the end of March with a 12 week formal consultation process following.

SB will forward consultation forms for distribution to the public.

Concerns were raised regarding impact on residents close to the development and potential safety impacts on traffic on the A713.

SB agreed it was appropriate for local residents to contact Natural Power directly to discuss their position.

A brief update was given on the various Windy Standard windfarm developments –

WS1 – Fred Olson Renewables have taken ownership of this established development from RWE. Its planning permission expires in 2021. It is expected that a section 42 application will be made to extend its life by a further 7 to 10 years. It is not predicted that the development will be repowered before then.

WS2 – This development is now operational. The community will start receiving benefit funds imminently.

WS3 – The planning process has been delayed by DGC significantly exceeding the time frame. DGC has now objected to the application.

8 Matters Arising From Meeting 28th January 2018

a/ U172

No progress yet.

ACTION

LH to send photos to ACK to forward to CCES.

b/ B729

Works have been completed to verges and plans made for pothole patching in the new financial year.

ACTION

ACK to report concerns regarding ditches being cut in front of gateways obstructing access to fields. LH to add snowploughing of this road to the agenda for next meeting.

c/ Telephone reception

Good progress has been made to improve the phone quality in the parish. More work is scheduled for the near future. It was agreed to wait until these works have been completed before pursuing the matter further. ACK was thanked for her input on this.

d/ Timber Felling by U143

Nothing has happened as yet

ACTION

ACK to contact councillor Dougie Campbell to ask for notice when the consultation process is restarted.

e/ Advance Notice Felling Licences

Dealt with at a previous meeting.

f/ Replanting applications

MH had been in contact with the Forestry Commission and reported that there is an agreement made as part of a felling licence to replant the area with trees. It may be possible to offset this against other areas of new planting as is the case with forestry cleared for windfarms and pylons.

There has not yet been any progress with the new proposed plantation by Polquarity.

g/ Water on A713 by Drumjohn

No progress

ACTION

ACK to chase this up again with CCES

h/ Carsphairn School

No progress. Agreed to write directly to the Director of Education to establish the reasons for the secondment of the principle teacher.

ACTION

ACK to follow this up.

9. Windfarms.

a/ Windy Rig

Agreed to invite the developer to our April meeting.

ACTION

ACK to invite.

b/ Cornharrow

Agreed the CC will make comment on the planning application when it is submitted.

c/ Kendoon to Tongland reinforcement project

The developer advises that they have not yet identified sources of stone though it is likely some will be transported through the village. The community liaison process will continue throughout the construction period to allow such issues to be dealt with.

f/ Longburn

No decision yet from the recorder. There is a new target date of 14th March.

g/ Revenue Generated by windfarms

A reply has been received explaining receipts from windfarms. DGC presently collects about £1.2 million from operational windfarm developments. This is paid into a national pool which is then redistributed back to local councils. DGC currently receives more than it pays in.

h/ Windfarm Benefits to Local Residents

The LEDS steering group has held a second meeting and is making good progress. Ongoing.

i/ Awareness Raising

FC has continued her awareness raising initiative and made the meeting aware there is no publicly funded advisory body to consider the socio-economic impacts on local communities.

j/ Other Windfarm Matters

Nothing new to report at this stage.

10. CREFL Report.

The November meeting approved grants to Lagwyne Hall Committee and the CC Annual Dinner. 2 Educational grants and a Vocational grant were also approved. Further information has been requested regarding a defibrillator at Dundeugh.

11. Resilience Group Report.

Attached.

TM also reported that the new dog fouling notices have been defaced.

ACTION

TM will check to ensure the hall defibrillator has all necessary equipment.

12. CCT Report.

Attached.

13. Planning.

It was noted that the retrospective application for a temporary radio mast erected by the developer of the pylon line has been rejected and enforcement action taken.

14. Correspondence.

A letter has been received regarding the VC centenary.

ACTION

ACK to follow this up with Anna Campbell as Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

Agreed to contribute £50 to Glenkens children's Christmas party.

A letter from Andi Holmes of Dalry CC regarding the absence of postal voting for CC elections was discussed. It was agreed we supported his position.

The letter from Alasdair Jack arranging a meeting with CCs was discussed. It was agreed to write to him to make him aware of local issues of concern.

ACTION

LH to draft letter for ACK to send.

15. AORB

Nothing raised.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm

Date of next meeting – 26th March 2018.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for February 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> | | | | £2,785.10 |
| 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> | | | | £63.62 |
| CREFL | Refund of underspend | 63.62 | 0.00 | £0.00 |
| Balance | | | | £0.00 |

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> | | | | £59.74 |
| CREFL | Grant | 0.00 | 1400.00 | £1,459.74 |
| Balance | | | | £1,459.74 |

Village Planters (CREFL)

| <u>Payment Details</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Paid Out</u> | <u>Paid in</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Brought Forward</i> | | | | £0.00 |
| CREFL | Grant | 0.00 | 200.00 | £200.00 |
| Balance | | | | £200.00 |

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> | | | | £283.14 |
| D&G Council | Sandbags | 117.12 | 0.00 | £166.02 |
| Anne Rutherford | Equipment | 79.17 | 0.00 | £86.85 |
| D&G Community Safety Fund | Refund of underspend | 28.43 | 0.00 | £58.42 |
| Balance | | | | £58.42 |

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 |

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| Ring-fenced Balance | £2,223.79 |
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| Bank Account Balance as at start of day 26th February | £5,008.89 |
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Resilience Team Report,

I have checked the Defibrillator behind shop the expiry date of pads is 31-12-18. The battery expires end of Oct 2019.

We have had two more keys cut for the Resilience Team shed, which have been handed to two team members making a total of four.

Two of us have signed the Dumfries & Galloway Community Safety Fund Monitoring Report (Area Committee Stewartry). It has now been sent in.

Dog fouling had the poo bags delivered Thursday. Also contacted Community Safety Enforcement Officer asked for some dog fouling signs and I picked them up from Castle Douglas depot. I have put two on fence going up to Salutation flats, so they should be in view. Also put one on the litter bin in Church lay bye and another up on the Heritage Centre litter bin. got a few more to put up yet.

I also asked if there was any possibility of a bin to be placed on the road side by the War Memorial Garden as most of us go that far with our dogs. He is Interested to speak with me about doing a campaign on the likes of dog fouling in the village. He would be happy to visit our Council if invited.

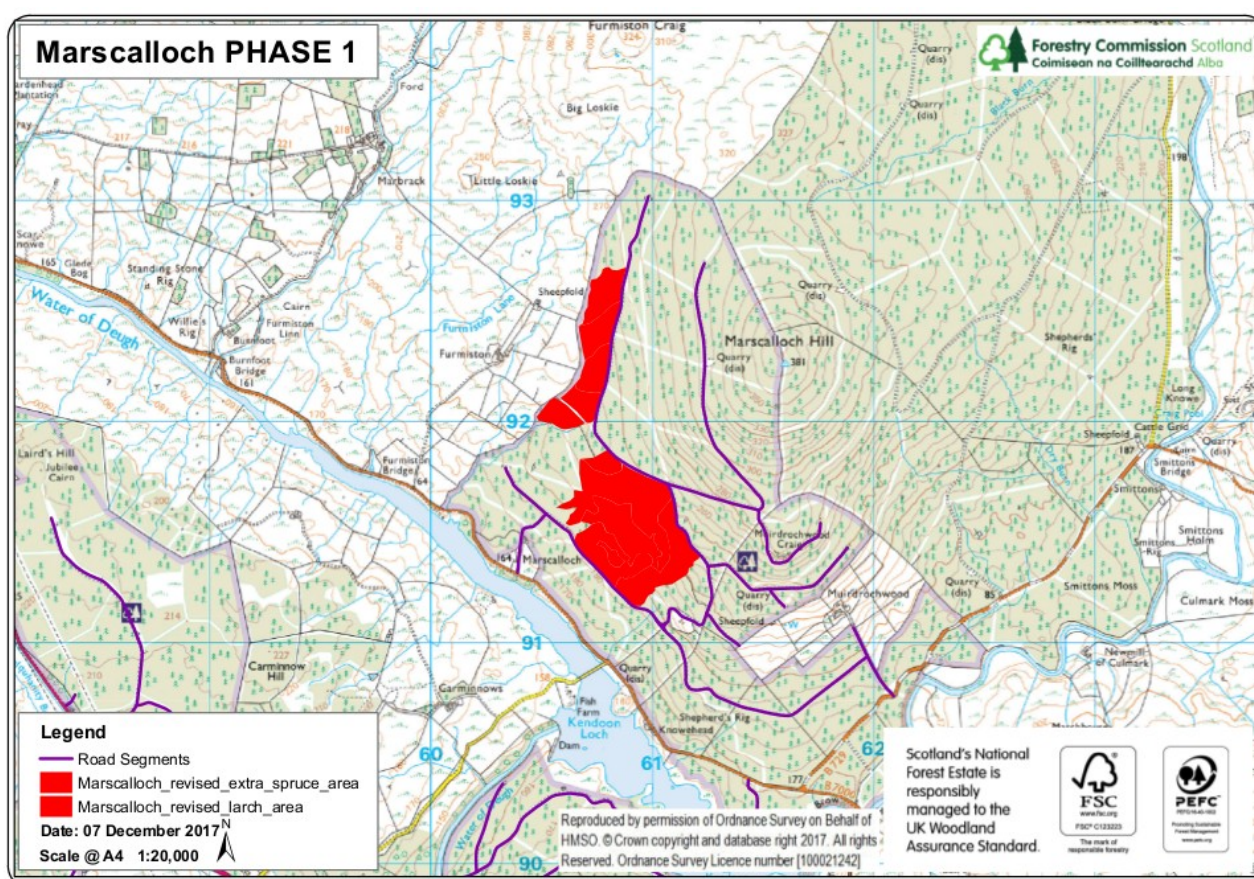
Carsphairn Community Trust

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Muirdrochwood Project:

CCT are awaiting the valuation of the woodland before we can use these figures to inform the feasibility study. Until we have this information we continue to investigate funding and use options for the woodland, and are still working towards the Community Engagement stage.

FES will begin the phase one felling operations in the forest starting on 28th February. Phase one felling map:



Recreation Group:

1. **Photography for Fun** – Tuesday sessions are currently ongoing
2. **Yoga** – Monday sessions are still ongoing

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