

# **Carsphairn Community Council**

## **Minute of AGM held at 7.00 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Lagwyne Hall**

### **Present**

#### **Elected Members**

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

### **In Attendance**

Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Arnold Duggleby
Jane Maitland (Councillor)	Clare Duggleby
Martin Temple	Carol Middlemiss
Steve Cowley	Fiona Clubb
Ruth Williams	David McMillan
Chris Little	Stuart Davidson

### **1/ Welcome and apologies.**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from councillors Gilroy and Campbell.

### **2/ Approval of minute of meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.  
Proposed SH, Second ACK.

### **3/ Chairman's Report.**

Attached

### **4/ Treasurers Report.**

Attached

### **5/ Office Bearers and Examiner of Accounts**

All Officer Bearers remain in position –  
Chair - Liz Holmes  
Vice Chair - Sylvia Sinclair  
Treasurer – Darren Challis  
Correspondence Secretary – Anna Clark Kennedy  
Minutes Secretary – Matt Hickman  
Examiner of Accounts – Martyn Wheeler

### **6/ Committees.**

The Resilience Group and LEDS Steering Group are formal subcommittees of the CC.

### **7/ Voting and Non-Voting Associate Members.**

There remain 6 elected members with voting rights (Liz Holmes, Sylvia Sinclair, Anna Clark Kennedy, Matt Hickman, Simon Holmes and Andrew Metcalf)  
Trevor Molineux is an Associate Member without voting rights.

**8/ AORB**

None

The meeting was closed at 7.14 pm

# Carsphairn Community Council

## 30 April 2018

### Chair's Report for the year ended 31 March 2018

#### Dumfries & Galloway Councillors

After local Council elections in May, we welcomed 3 new councilors elected to the newly designated ward of Dee and Glenkens. We have attendances from one of the three at each business meeting.

#### Community garden

The continuing issue of lighting with especial regard to the steps and which would make our public liability insurance **inoperable** has been finally resolved. D&G Council agreed to allow us to use the mains power in the village powering the street lights to light the garden. The previous battery operated lights were unreliable. The risk assessment for the garden was updated. Both signs in the garden have been replaced. The Christmas tree, purchased from Strahanna, and decorated with new lights looked better than ever.

#### Windfarms

CCC continues to deal with the many windfarm proposals still appearing in our area. Some windfarms we thought had 'disappeared' have reared their heads again including Shepherds' Rig and Longburn. New proposals include Trostan Loch and Cornharrow. Longburn was turned down by DGC but Burcote appealed the decision and we await the final outcome. Enoch Hill is at enquiry currently. After a public enquiry, Benbrack was finally approved. Also given the go ahead are Windy Rig and S Kyle, although Windy Standard 3 has been rejected. Despite assurances that WS1 and other windfarms will be de-commissioned after 25 years, we hear that this windfarm may apply for an extension, giving little confidence that this situation will not be repeated when other windfarms have completed 25 years of operation. However, now that the subsidies for windfarm development are no longer available, and despite being approved, both the S Kyle [Vattenfall] and EON's Benbrack have indicated that they may not go ahead if, to put it bluntly, the profit margin is not large enough.

Related development by way of new pylon erection, associated cabling connections and new roads built into hitherto unspoilt upland landscapes have been seen throughout the Carsphairn area, also requiring responses from the CC

We do our best to inform the public and respond to this morass of windfarm and related development but the workload is becoming ever more onerous. Thanks to Fiona Clubb for working towards awareness raising in the community and elsewhere, a result of the disproportionate number of windfarms approved and proposed in Carsphairn.

A welcome new development resulting from proposed or approved windfarms on the border of D&G and East Ayrshire has been joint working with CCs over the border also affected by these developments. We envisage working more closely together in the future.

A working group has been established to investigate a local electricity discount scheme as some residents were expressing discontent that they were not benefitting from the windfarm community benefit funding. This work remains ongoing.

#### Website

We now have a new website full of useful info which is updated regularly. Thanks to Darren e Gail Challis for producing this resource, of use to not only Carsphairn residents but also those of neighbouring communities.

### Resilience group

Trevor Molineux continues to work hard for this group – a new storage shed is now situated adjacent to the garden and he keeps an eye on the essential maintenance of the community defibrillators amongst other essential activities.

We received £1,361 from the D&G Community Safety Fund towards the costs of Resilience group equipment.

### Anne Rutherford

Anne moved out of the area and we thanked her for her many years of service to the community, not only as a CC member but also as a director of Crefl and a leading member of our resilience team.

### Landline reception

BT Openreach have responded to complaints regarding the poor quality and unreliability of many residents' landlines in Carsphairn and some of these have been significantly improved.

### Seniors' festive dinner

Around 30 people attended this annual dinner which is growing in popularity and which it is planned to continue to provide an evening especially for the older members of the community.

### Craft & Heritage Centre

With a new name, the Heritage Centre stocks locally made arts e crafts and provides an attractive and informative stop off for visitors to Carsphairn

### CREFL

This body continues to support community initiatives, vocational and academic learning amongst Carsphairn residents.

### CCT

The Trust is busy investigating the purchase of Muirdrochwood and the many facets involved, and continue to organize events and learning opportunities in the Hall

### The School

Of great concern to the community is the falling school roll. We are keeping an eye on the situation and will be ready to deal with any decisions made by the Education dept. with which we do not agree.

# Carsphairn Community Council

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Treasurer's Report for Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

It was another busy financial year for the Community Council.

The final payments for the Energy Storage feasibility study, undertaken by Natural Power and funded by a Local Energy Scotland CARES grant, were completed in early April.

Dumfries and Galloway Council provided £1361 following an application to the Stewartry Area Committee Community Safety Fund. This was matched funding for the grant we received from CREFL in the last financial year. The funds were used to purchase Resilience Equipment and a shed in which to store this.

The Community Garden maintenance and insurance cost £1470.17. This continued to be funded by CREFL, with grants of £500 and £1400. The unused funds will remain ring-fenced and be carried forward to fund ongoing maintenance costs. A CREFL grant of £1500, received last financial year, was used to install a new power connection which will provide all year round lighting.

The 2017 Senior's Dinner took place in December and was funded by a grant from CREFL to cover the expenses of £886.11.

A successful application was made to CREFL for £200 to repair the village planters and provide new plants.

Other costs incurred during the year included; website hosting, examination of accounts, advertising, data protection registration, a Christmas tree and a poppy wreath.

A discretionary grant of £559.30 was received from Dumfries and Galloway Council.

The final balance for the financial year was £4613.67 once all outstanding payments were cleared.

Attached to this report is a copy of the examined Statement of Accounts, which includes full details of income and expenditure.

#### **Approximate Projected Costs for 2018/19:**

Garden Maintenance	1000
Garden Insurance	250
Website	100
Examination of Accounts	95
ICO Registration	35
Christmas Tree	45
Wreath	35
Village Planters	200
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£1760</u></b>

## Carsphairn Community Council – Statement of Accounts – 01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Seniors' Dinner	886.11	Seniors' Dinner	886.11
Garden	1900.00	Garden	1470.17
Garden Lighting	0.00	Garden Lighting	1500.00
Resilience Group – D&G Council Grant	1361.00	Resilience Group	2668.56
Power Storage Feasibility	12946.59	Power Storage Feasibility	12946.59
Discretionary Grant	559.30	Other	305.17
Village Planters	200.00	Administration	35.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>17853.00</u>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>19811.60</u>
Uncleared from last year now cleared	-575.93	Uncleared cheques and banking	-365.24
Balance of Bank Account @ 01/04/2017	<u>7148.20</u>	Balance of Bank Account @ 31/03/2018	<u>4978.91</u>
	<b>24425.27</b>		<b>24425.27</b>

**Signed** **Date**

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**Treasurer**

**Chairman**

### Examiner's Report

We have examined the Carsphairn Community Council Statement of Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, without audit and hereby certify that they are correctly prepared in accordance with the books and other records supplied to us.

**Signed** **Date**

**Examiner**

# Carsphairn Community Council

## Transaction Report 01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018

Transaction Date	Type	Payee/Payer	Purpose	Details	Reference	Debit	Credit	Balance
<i>Balance brought forward</i>								<b>7148.20</b>
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<i>Uncleared from last year</i>								
04/04/17	FPO	Andrew Metcalf	Other	Website Hosting	2016/17-19	35.93	0.00	7112.27
04/04/17	FPO	CVSL	Other	Defibrillator Installation	2016/17-20	72.00	0.00	7040.27
05/04/17	CHQ	Martin Temple	Garden	Maintenance	2016/17-21	366.00	0.00	6674.27
10/04/17	CHQ	Owen Kerr Signs	Garden	Replacement Viewpoint Sign	2016/17-22	102.00	0.00	6572.27
						<b>575.93</b>		
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<i>Cleared Transactions:</i>								
03/04/17	BGC	Energy Scotland	Power Storage Feasibility	CCESS Grant Natural Power	2016/17-C	0.00	11045.79	17618.06
04/04/17	FPO	Natural Power	Power Storage Feasibility	CCESS Grant Natural Power	2017/18-1	11045.79	0.00	6572.27
05/04/17	BGC	D&G Community Safety Fund	Resilience Group	Grant	2017/18-A	0.00	1361.00	7933.27
13/04/17	DEP	Natural Power	Power Storage Feasibility	Harper Mcleod overpayment	2017/18-B	0.00	1900.80	9834.07
24/04/17	FPO	Harper Mcleod	Power Storage Feasibility	CCESS Grant Natural Power	2017/18-02	1900.80	0.00	7933.27
24/04/17	FPO	Wheeler Groves	Other	Examination of Accounts	2017/18-04	85.00	0.00	7848.27
24/04/17	FPO	Andrew Metcalf	Other	Website Hosting	2017/18-03	35.93	0.00	7812.34
03/05/17	DD	ICO	Administration	Data Protection Act	2017/18-07	35.00	0.00	7777.34
16/06/17	FPO	Lady Haig's Poppy Factory	Other	Poppy Wreath	2017/18-06	32.00	0.00	7745.34
03/07/17	CHQ	Martin Temple	Garden	Maintenance	2017/18-09	298.34	0.00	7447.00
18/07/17	DD	Keegan & Pennykid	Garden	Insurance	2017/18-08	253.03	0.00	7193.97
29/08/17	TFR	Trevor Molineux	Resilience Group	Shed Base	2017/18-11	119.28	0.00	7074.69
30/08/17	FPO	Anne Rutherford	Resilience Group	Shed	2017/18-12	1349.00	0.00	5725.69
31/08/17	DEP	CREFL	Garden	Grant	2017/18-D	0.00	500.00	6225.69
06/09/17	CHQ	Martin Temple	Garden	Maintenance	2017/18-10	363.80	0.00	5861.89
07/11/17	CHQ	Martin Temple	Garden	Maintenance	2017/18-13	297.00	0.00	5564.89
22/11/17	FPO	Anne Rutherford	Resilience Group	Equipment	2017/18-14	382.19	0.00	5182.70
23/11/17	DEP	CREFL	Seniors' Dinner	Grant	2017/18-E	0.00	850.00	6032.70
23/11/17	BGC	D&G Council	Discretionary Grant		2017/18-F	0.00	559.30	6592.00
27/11/17	FPO	Liz Holmes	Seniors' Dinner	Cash Advance	2017/18-17	500.00	0.00	6092.00
27/11/17	FPO	Anne Rutherford	Resilience Group	Equipment	2017/18-16	229.68	0.00	5862.32
06/12/17	CHQ	D&G Council	Garden Lighting	Donation	2017/18-15	500.00	0.00	5362.32

08/12/17	FPO	Andrew Metcalf	Garden Lighting	Christmas Lights	2017/18-18	116.38	0.00	5245.94
14/12/17	FPI	Liz Holmes	Seniors' Dinner	Refund of underspend	2017/18-G	0.00	36.11	5282.05
14/12/17	FPO	CREFL	Seniors' Dinner	Refund of underspend	2017/18-19	86.11	0.00	5195.94
14/12/17	TFR	Oliver Rigg	Seniors' Dinner	Entertainment	2017/18-20	300.00	0.00	4895.94
18/12/17	FPO	Bente Sander Holm	Other	Christmas Tree	2017/18-21	45.00	0.00	4850.94
19/12/17	FPO	Anne Rutherford	Resilience Group	Equipment	2017/18-22	333.71	0.00	4517.23
08/01/18	FPO	Andrew Metcalf	Garden Lighting	Electricity Installation	2017/18-23	100.00	0.00	4417.23
08/01/18	FPO	Steve Cowley	Garden Lighting	Electricity Installation	2017/18-24	720.00	0.00	3697.23
29/01/18	FPO	CREFL	Garden Lighting	Refund of underspend	2017/18-25	63.62	0.00	3633.61
01/02/18	TFR	D&G Council	Resilience Group	Sandbags	2017/18-26	117.12	0.00	3516.49
14/02/18	FPO	Anne Rutherford	Resilience Group	Equipment	2017/18-27	79.17	0.00	3437.32
15/02/18	DEP	CREFL	Garden	Grant	2017/18-H	0.00	1400.00	4837.32
15/02/18	DEP	CREFL	Village Planters	Grant	2017/18-I	0.00	200.00	5037.32
26/02/18	CHQ	D&G Community Safety Fund	Resilience Group	Refund of underspend	2017/18-28	28.43	0.00	5008.89
07/03/18	TFR	Trevor Molineux	Resilience Group	Shed Keys	2017/18-29	29.98	0.00	<b>4978.91</b>

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***Uncleared transactions:***

		Martin Temple	Garden	Maintenance	2017/18-30	258.00	0.00	258.00
		Balmaclennan CC	Other	Children's Party Donation	2017/18-31	50.00	0.00	308.00
		Anna Clark Kennedy	Other	Easter Egg Prizes – School	2017/18-32	20.00	0.00	328.00
		Darren Challis	Other	Website Hosting	2017/18-33	37.24	0.00	<b>365.24</b>