

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 30th April 2018 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Trevor Molineux	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	David McMillan
Carol Middlemiss	Steve Cowley	Cllr Jane Maitland
Martin Temple	Fiona Clubb	Clare Duggleby
Arnold Duggleby	Ruth Williams	

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies from councillors Gilroy and Campbell.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 25th March 2018.

The minutes were approved.
Proposed SS,
Seconded AM.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

None present.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Councillor Maitland advised that the independent report on DG One had been received today with the conclusions that DGC should not have carried out the design and build with the contractors, Keir, as they were not an adequately informed client. AD and CD raised the issue of the use of the U143 at Knockower for timber extraction. They wished to make clear their understanding that no agreement had been reached with themselves as residents. It was agreed to contact Cllr Campbell to advise him of this and that no extraction should be undertaken until agreement is reached with all affected residents.

ACTION

ACK to email Cllr Campbell and copy in CD and Hillary Hansen.

7. Windy Rigg Windfarm Presentation.

Chris Little of Smithy House Associates and Stuart Davidson of Element Power introduced themselves and brought the meeting up to date on progress with the Windy Rigg windfarm development.

Planning permission has been consented on 12 of the 16 turbines originally envisioned. The site is to the south of the operational Windy Standard 1 windfarm.

An offer of a grid connection has been made for 2020. The development will connect at the Afton windfarm by underground cable. A proposal of application notice will be made to both relevant council planning departments soon.

It is planned that construction will begin in Q3 of 2019. The developer is confident that the economics of the project remain viable.

There are discussions with landowners to see if it would be possible to access the site via the Brockloch route through Carsphairn Forest. This would involve upgrading existing roads but not building any new ones. The CC will be consulted on this alteration to the route and advised of progress by the end of the year.

Carsphairn CC sits on the CLG, the next planned meeting for this group is May or June. There will be a joint suppliers meeting, held in Thornhill, for both this development and Twenty Shilling Hill. The potential for a drop in session for contractors to be held in Carsphairn will be considered.

Businesses wanting to register an interest in supplying goods or services to either of these developments can find more information [here](#)

There was a discussion regarding community benefit from the development. CL explained how the 10 communities on the list were chosen following advice from McNabb Laurie at DGC that all communities within a 15 KM radius should be included. The CLG produced a memorandum of understanding before planning permission was granted including all 10 CCs which follows government best practice.

The fund amounts to 40MW @ £5000 per MW year or a total of £200000 per annum. The developer will pay an extra 10% towards administration costs if necessary.

CL agreed that the percentage split between the 10 communities is critical, acknowledged that Carsphairn is the host community accommodating all the turbines within our parish, and commented that under similar circumstances on the Twenty Shilling Hill development the host community had received 50% of the fund with the other communities sharing the remaining 50% equally.

There was a discussion regarding the Planning Compliance Process and the role of the Ecological Clerk of Works. It was agreed to seek more information on this.

ACTION

ACK to make CCES enquiry for an explanation of these roles.

8. Matters Arising From Meeting 25th March 2018

a/ U172

Works are now in progress.

b/ B729

An email has been sent recording our concerns on snowploughing.

c/ Water on A713 by Drumjohn

As the new financial year has now begun it was agreed to contact the roads department again.

ACTION

ACK to make new CCES to establish when works will begin.

d/ Carsphairn School.

A reply has been received from Gillian Brydson, the Head of Education, regarding our query as to the temporary nature of the role of Principle Teacher at Carsphairn. The letter is attached.

e/ Local Development Plan

Our comments on the LDP relating to the absence of building land identified in the village and comments on the future of the "Smallholdings Policy" have been submitted.

10. Windfarms.

a/ Longburn

The target date has been significantly exceeded. There is no decision yet.

b/ LEDs

Remains ongoing.

c/ Awareness raising

Nothing new to report.

d/ North Kyle Windfarm

It was agreed we will participate in any joint community council meetings regarding this development.

e/ Shepherds Rigg

Comments on the scoping report for this development have been submitted. SH was thanked for his excellent work. The developer will attend our September meeting.

ACTION

ACK to circulate scoping comments to the public.

f/ Cornharrow

The developer will be holding an exhibition in the hall 4 – 7pm on the 10th May.

g/ Enoch Hill

The public enquiry remains ongoing, the CC is being kept informed of progress.

h/ Other Windfarm Matters

The meeting was made aware that the developers of Trostan windfarm had held meetings at Moniave and Dalry. This development may affect Carsphairn as access could be via the B729. Agreed we will monitor progress.

11. Hew Clark Kennedy – VC Commemoration

There is to be an event in Carsphairn on August 27th. Agreed to find more details of expectations of the CC to be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION

ACK to investigate.

12. CREFL Report.

No report.

13. Resilience Group Report.

TM had been unable to attend the meeting but had advised in advance he was continuing to pursue DGC to repair the damaged verge in the village.

14. CCT Report.

Attached.

16. Planning Applications.

None of relevance.

17. Correspondence.

This had been distributed by the secretary.

18. AORB

It was agreed to cancel the May meeting as many of the CCs would be unable to attend. FC reported problems with her phone line. It was noted that other residents have made similar complaints.

ACTION

ACK to contact Openreach and report again.

AM had attended the Community Council Network meeting discussing CC constitutions and reported that the proposals will be ratified shortly. It will not be necessary to hold CC elections in October. Issues still remain regarding the lack of opportunity for postal voting and the inability of DGC councillors to serve on community councils.

DC reported that the supplier of the community website had been changed resulting in a substantial saving.

The proposal for new forestry planting at Braidenoch was discussed. It was agreed SH would draft comments. The deadline is 22nd May.

ACTION

SH to circulate draft to colleagues for comments before submission.

LH and ACK reported they had attended the meeting with Alister Jack MP. Amongst the issues discussed was the potential to use "[White Space](#)" to improve local broadband connectivity.

The CC is awaiting guidance from DGC regarding our obligations under the new data protection legislation.

ACTION

ACK to email correspondence list for approval to remain on our database.

Gail and Darren Challis were thanked for their work renewing the planters in the village

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

Date of next meeting – 25th June 2018.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for April 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
Balmaclennan CC	Children's Party Donation	50.00	0.00	£2,735.10
Anna Clark Kennedy	Easter Egg Prizes – School	20.00	0.00	£2,715.10
Darren Challis	Website Hosting	37.24	0.00	£2,677.86
Community Council Balance				£2,677.86

Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

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>				£1,459.74
Martin Temple	Maintenance	258.00	0.00	£1,201.74
Balance				£1,201.74

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>				£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>				£28.44
Balance				£28.44

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	£1,935.81
----------------------------	------------------

Bank Account Balance as at start of day 30th April	£4,613.67
---	------------------

Your Ref:

Our Ref: S:\Schools District\Stewartry
District\Primary Schools\Carsphairn

Date: 28 March 2018

Anna Clark Kennedy
Correspondence Secretary
Carsphairn Community Council

Sent by email

**Children, Young People & Lifelong
Learning**

122-124 Irish Street
DUMFRIES
DG1 2PB

Any enquiries please contact

Gillian Brydson

Direct Dial: 01387 260403

E-mail: Margaret.Jardine2@dumgal.gov.uk

Dear Ms Kennedy

FUTURE OF CARSPHAIRN SCHOOL

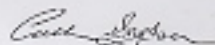
I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13 March 2018 and would apologise for the delay in forwarding the authority's response.

In relation to your enquiry regarding the future of Carsphairn School and Principal Teacher appointment I would advise that we decided upon a temporary position for the following three reasons: -

- Firstly, making it temporary is often seen as a better opportunity for staff to be appointed as many prefer a temporary promoted post as it allows them to try the position for a period of time without committing to the long term;
- Secondly, we are trialling the PT02 position in three-school partnerships schools. The substantive post-holder at Carsphairn is currently carrying out this roll;
- Thirdly, there is a risk to the Council that a further permanent appointment is made and the pupil roll is sitting at five children, three of whom are P6, one P4 and one P2 therefore there would be associated costs of paying a salary which might not be needed if numbers do drop further.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



Gillian Brydson
Head of Education

Carsphairn Community Trust

Report – April 2018

Muirdrochwood Project:

The CCT woodland group have set up a new Company Limited by Guarantee called Carsphairn Community Woodland Limited. Although CCT will continue to be involved during the feasibility study, the new organisation will progress the woodland project from this point.

Recreation Group:

Yoga – Monday sessions have restarted and will be ongoing. New participants are welcome

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