

Carsphairn Community Council

Minute of AGM held at 6.45 pm on 27th June 2022 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
Darren Challis (Treasurer)
Clare Duggleby
Ben Ade
Christine Whipp

In Attendance

Councillor John Denerley
Martin Temple
Steve Cowley
David McMillan
Jane Metcalf
Wendy Fenton
Dennis McLean
Margaret McLean
Juliet Dixon
Jackie Locke
A Clarke
Sign language interpreter for Cllr Denerley

1/ Welcome and apologies.

Apologies were received from Fiona McQuin, Councillor Dougie Campbell, Cllr Andy McFarlane, Ian and Mary Saunders, Melissa Ade and Sarah Ade.

2/ Approval of minute of meeting 29th April 2019.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.
Proposed DC, Second LH.

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 remain formal subcommittees of the CC.

7/ Voting and Non-Voting Associate Members.

There are 11 elected members with voting rights (Liz Holmes, Sylvia Sinclair, Anna Clark Kennedy, Matt Hickman, Simon Holmes, Andrew Metcalf, Darren Challis, Christine Whipp, Clare Duggleby and Richard Duggleby), and Ben Ade who is a co-opted member with voting rights.

8/ AORB

None

The meeting was closed at 6.58 pm

Carsphairn Community Council

AGM at the Lagwyne Hall

Monday 27 June 2022 at 6.45 pm

Chair's Report

Lockdown was imposed on 23 March 2020 owing to the covid pandemic. We therefore missed our March 2020 meeting and all subsequent meetings till this June meeting as now virtually all restrictions owing to covid concerns have been lifted.

We continued and still continue to work to represent Carsphairn community in dealings both with the local authority and other appropriate bodies, mainly by email since lockdown.

We have recorded all our activities since lockdown and regular bi-monthly reports [apart from the first report which covered March to July 2020] have been distributed to our correspondence list to ensure that the public have been kept informed of our work in the interests of transparency as we are mandated to represent our community.

This report covers April 2021 to June 2022, but our work from March 2020 can be examined via the reports. Monthly treasurer's reports have also been distributed to keep the community informed.

We have found ourselves no less busy than we would have been had the pandemic not struck, and we felt that only now is it safe to resume live meetings as covid still presents a health hazard to the general public although the latest Omnicron variant has proved largely less dangerous to health than earlier variants.

Events that the community council have organized included the community market in September 2021, a Young Deciders' film showing for children facilitated by a Vattenfall grant for young people in March this year and the Queen's jubilee gathering earlier this month where residents gathered in the garden on a sunny afternoon to enjoy a buffet from Carsphairn tearooms and music from the Kilmarnock brass band. Two plum trees have been planted in the garden as a memento of the jubilee and residents should be able to enjoy the fruit when in season. A plaque was erected by the two trees as a further memento of the occasion.

Melissa Ade started to organize a highly successful playgroup for younger children last July on a Saturday morning which attracts parents and young children from the wider Glenkens. Children's film showings in the hall will resume in the autumn.

Despite covid the children's annual Christmas party took place in the church where Santa gave out presents as is customary.

Redundant pylons and access tracks were removed whilst the Council finally rolled out the new kerbside recycling scheme although, despite several requests, Carsphairn will not receive glass recycling facilities.

The community council has purchased a new notice board which will be installed in the garden as the previous one is too small and not located in a noticeable location.

The consultation for closure of Carsphairn school will start this autumn after delays caused by covid, despite lack of consultation with the community and an absence of responses from the schools' manager to various points made by the community council.

The garden continues to be maintained by Martin Temple and is an undoubted asset to the village.

The annual LED Scheme ran again successfully in 2021 and is a very effective way of ensuring that all Carsphairn residents benefit from the community benefit provided by operational wind farms in Carsphairn.

Proposed and consented windfarm developments continue to present themselves to Carsphairn and have taken up much of our time in responding to scoping reports, the Environmental Impact Assessment reports, running community surveys, negotiating levels of community benefit and monitoring agreed outcomes with various developers. The Windy Rig development posed significant road and transport issues for residents on the B729 and C135 and have highlighted the fact that many roads in this area are highly unsuitable for other proposed wind farms planning to use the same routes. Agreed road repairs have fallen short of expectation and there is still more work required to make the relevant roads safe and suitable.

Consented wind farms now under construction include Vattenfall's South Kyle development which fortunately uses the A713 for plant and equipment delivery whilst consented developments starting construction later this year or next year include Benbrack and Windy Standard 3. Windy Standard 1 is applying as a new development known as WSI Repowering whilst new planning permission is sought for the Lorg and Appin wind farms. Sylvia and I regularly attend wind farm developer meetings to ensure Carsphairn is represented properly in all relevant discussions.

Community benefit coming to Carsphairn from consented developments will undoubtedly help to facilitate major projects to support Carsphairn's sustainability.

Forestry creation applications came thick and fast last year and included proposed planting plans for Blackmark, Carminnows, Furmiston and Marbrack whilst Daltallochan Hill has been approved. Fortunately the Daltallochan Hill developers are happy to support the community in various community projects such as a path from the hall to Bridgend.

End

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AGM
27th June 2022

Treasurer's Report
Financial Year ending 31st March 2022

There were a number of projects undertaken during the financial year and Carsphairn Community Council are very grateful for the funding provided by CREFL, Temporis Capital via their Blackcraig Small Grant Fund and also Vattenfall for the Young Decider's Project.

The details of income and expenditure have been provided in the monthly Treasurer Reports and bi-monthly Community Council reports and a Statement of Accounts for the period has been provided below.

Carsphairn Community Council – Statement of Accounts – 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

Income	2020/21	2021/22
CREFL - Garden	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
CREFL - LEDS 2019 (adjustment)	£90.28	£0.00
CREFL - LEDS 2020	£28,608.55	£0.00
CREFL - LEDS 2021	£0.00	£28,607.62
CREFL – Bairn Banter	£0.00	£775.33
Temporis Capital Blackcraig Small Grant Fund	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
D&G Council Hardship Fund	£1,375.35	£0.00
Bairn Banter	£0.00	£127.04
Vattenfall – South Kyle – Young Deciders	£0.00	£1,000.00
D&G Council Discretionary Grant	£558.45	£0.00
Total Income	£34,132.63	£34,009.99
Uncleared from last year now cleared		£0.00
Balance of Bank Account @ 01/04/2021		£6,589.19
		£40,599.18

Expenditure	2020/21	2021/22
CREFL - Garden	£562.00	£1,735.11
CREFL - LEDS 2019 (adjustment)	£90.28	£0.00
CREFL - LEDS 2020	£28,608.55	£0.00
CREFL - LEDS 2021	£0.00	£28,607.62
CREFL – Bairn Banter	£0.00	£300.00
Temporis Capital Blackcraig Small Grant Fund	£2,091.66	£3,044.26
D&G Council Hardship Fund	£458.45	£0.00
Bairn Banter	£0.00	£81.79
Vattenfall – South Kyle – Young Deciders	£0.00	£111.01
Village Planters	£22.49	£0.00
Other	£266.25	£307.27
Administration	£35.00	£130.00
CREFL Broadband refund	£3,600.00	£0.00
Resilience Group	£0.00	£78.81
Total Expenditure	£35,734.68	£34,395.87
Uncleared cheques and banking		£0.00
Balance of Bank Account @ 31/03/2022		£6,203.31
		£40,599.18

Registered Assets @ 31/03/2022:

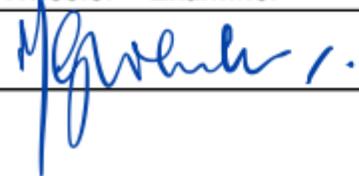
Community Garden, DG7 3TQ

Darren Challis – Treasurer	Date
	7/5/22

Elizabeth Holmes – Chair	Date
	7/5/22

Examiner's Report

We have examined the Carsphairn Community Council Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2022, without audit and hereby certify that they are correctly prepared in accordance with the books and other records supplied to us.

Martyn Wheeler – Examiner	Date
	4/5/2022