

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 31st October 2022 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Liz Holmes (Chair)	Andrew Metcalf	Matt Hickman (Minutes)
Simon Holmes	Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair)	Anna Clark Kennedy (Secretary)
Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Clare Duggleby Christine Whipp	

In Attendance:

Juliet Dixon	Ian Saunders	David McMillan
Martin Temple	Margaret McLean	Mary Saunders
Dennis McLean		Jackie Locke
Judith Marsden		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Ben and Melissa Ade and Simon Holmes. It was noted no apologies had been received from any DGC Councillor.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 26th September 2022.

The minutes were approved.

Proposed DC.

Seconded ACK.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

PC Blacklock advised there had been no crimes of any relevance since the last report. A drop in session will be held at Dalry Police Office on 10th November from 10am to 2.30pm. DM made the constable aware of an unidentified black pickup causing suspicion locally. PC Blacklock advised that there were numerous scams being run at the moment and reminding everyone to be cautious. Leaflets with more information were provided.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

No Councillor present. It was agreed the Chair would email Councillors to bring it to their attention that we have had 2 meetings with no attendance from any DGC Councillor. **ACTION** - LH to draft email

7. Matters Arising from the Minute of the meeting 27th June 2022.

a/ War Memorial. – Remains on-going. MH will be making contact with the contractors recommended by DGC.

b/ Carsphairn School. – The Chair stressed the deadline for contributions to be included in the report to the Education and Learning Committee is the 4th November. It is important that anyone opposing the closure of the school has their objections recorded.

The Chair's previous request that local community groups should also submit objections was reiterated. The Scottish Women's Institute in Carsphairn have already done so. CW also questioned if now was an

appropriate time to be considering a permanent closure, as it had been mentioned at the School Closure Public Meeting that there was a proposed wholesale restructuring of education in D&G to occur imminently. DM assured he would check that both CCWL and CCT had made contributions.

c/ LEDS 2023 – Following further discussion it was agreed to send the letter drafted by MH and circulated to colleagues. We are suggesting an on-going discussion and collaboration with CREFL to explore ways to improve and expand the LED scheme in the future. Proposed CW, Second CD.

d/ Green Well Update. – MH has made contact with Andrew Nicholson and will be contacting the heritage consultants he has recommended.

e/ Community Garden. – All applications have been submitted to CREFL's November meeting for garden furniture and electrical works. The plum trees have been replaced by MT.

f/ BT Openreach Building. We are still awaiting a response. **ACTION** – ACK to chase this up.

8. Windfarms.

a/ Lorg. – We are still trying to arrange a meeting regarding the proposed Holm Hill substation. **ACTION** – ACK to arrange meeting.

b/ Laydown area. A CCES has been made regarding the overgrowth near the laydown area. We have had no further contact with the developers regarding improvements. **ACTION** – SS will contact the Statkraft again.

c/ Proposed Appin Windfarm. – Further concerns were discussed regarding the impacts of transport to this development through our community. We are advised that the Shinnel Glen road is unsuitable, so there is a chance of the B729/C35 route through the Lorg being used. MH agreed to resend to colleagues the email he had previously written following investigation of this.

d/ Proposed Manquhill Windfarm. This developer has now submitted a proposal of application notice and made contact with the CC.

e/ Other Windfarm Business – No other business.

9. Forestry.

a/ Scoping Carsphairn Forest. – The CC made a submission stressing our preference for reduced Sitka and increased hardwoods.

b/ Attenuation Ponds. – We are advised by Ben Anstead, the forest manager on Daltallochan Hill, that SEPA approved attenuation ponds have been built with the intention of slowing the flow of water into the Greenhead Strand. DM raised concerns that the water would still not be able to exit into the Deugh and such works may increase flood risk to the village. It was agreed to contact the developer and ask for more details of the works. **ACTION** – ACK to contact developer.

c/ Footpath From Hall to Powerline Road. – A further email had been received from Ben Anstead indicating that works on the path will begin imminently. LH responded that, following concerns raised by residents local to the proposal, we would like more details of the route of the path before any construction works begin. It was stressed that this project will not be progressed against the wishes of residents and that an alternative route may be preferable. **ACTION** – LH to contact developer for more information.

d/ Development of Grassed Area by Hall. – Ben Anstead has indicated he is aware of this and action will be taken soon.

e/ Request for extension to Dalshangan Woodland Management Consultation. Philip Webb had advised via email that it was not possible to extend the consultation period, however UKFCG were open to consultation responses even if they arrived after the consultation closing date.

10. Land Use in the Glenkens Webinars.

These are run by the Social Enterprise Academy. The Glenkens has been selected as one of only five rural communities in Scotland to undertake a learning programme focusing on land use. Link here – <https://your.socialenterprise.academy/course/view.php?id=1297>

11. Community Garden.

The plum trees have been replaced..

12. Seniors' Festive Dinner.

The dinner will take place on the 11th December. An application has been made to CREFL for funding. JD and MS will run the raffle with proceeds to the children's Christmas party.

13. CCT Report.

DM reported that CCT are struggling to find a company interested in supplying the heating fuel bulk buy scheme but are continuing to try. Also, the group is hoping to use the hall for a weekly drop in session for local residents with free coffee and soup. They are awaiting a response from the hall committee.

14. Planning Applications.

None of note received.

15. Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the secretary.

16. AORB

The Chair advised the meeting that Natural Power are again investigating the potential for battery storage within the local communities.

Fred Olson Renewables will be in attendance at the November meeting to discuss the repowering of Windy Standard 1.

The idea of electric car charging points was raised. **ACTION** – LH will look into this.

IS reported that the defibrillators have been checked and found to be functioning correctly and in good order. New pads and batteries will be required by May 2023. An application will need to be made to CREFL for their February meeting. CD had attended the defibrillator training and found it helpful and well attended by 17 people. Ian Howie was thanked for leading the training which was organised by the Loch Ken Trust. DM advised that a new machine is to be installed at the Community Woodland and will be more accessible to residents in the area.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm

Date of next meeting – 28th November 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for October 2022

Community Council General Transactions and Balance

No Transactions

Community Council Balance	£2,399.81
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Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

Community Garden (CREFL)

No Transactions

Balance	£2,782.24
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Resilience Group

No Transactions

Balance	£34.07
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Young Deciders (Vattenfall - South Kyle)

No Transactions

Balance	£642.40
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Temporis Capital Blackcraig Small Grant Fund

No Transactions

Balance	£1,712.00
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D&G Council Hardship Fund

No Transactions

Balance	£916.90
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Ring-fenced Balance	£6,087.61
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Bank Account Balance as at start of day 30th October 2022	£8,487.42
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