

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 28th November 2022 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	David McMillan	Finley Becks-Phelps (FOR)
Judith Marsden	Mary Saunders	Emily Galloway (NPC)
Cllr John Denerley	Irene McCreath	Kirsty Leiper (FOR)
Steve Cowley		

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Simon Holmes, PC Chloe Ellis and Dennis and Margaret McLean.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 30th October 2022.

AM noted that Simon Holmes was recorded as both apologising for absence and being in attendance. The minutes were amended to correct this error and approved.

Proposed DC.

Seconded CD.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

No police present, report attached.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Cllr Denerley explained the regrettable absence of DGC councillors at the 2 previous meetings. As there are 13 CC meetings to attend a rota has been created to share the responsibilities. Cllr's Campbell and McFarlane should have attended their turns. It is hoped they will attend in future.

Cllr Denerley discussed the new DGC Cost of Living [Website](#) established to support those struggling financially and was pleased to hear of CCT's initiative to offer a Warming Welcome Space in Lagwyne Hall on Monday mornings offering soup, drinks and company.

LH raised the issue of the proposed school closure. The community's disappointment at the non-attendance of elected officials at the public meeting held in Carsphairn was communicated to the Councillor.

7. Presentation.

Finley Becks-Phelps, Emily Galloway and Kirsty Leiper introduced themselves and their project to repower the Windy Standard windfarm. The development was first consented in 1993 and will go offline in 2027. An application to replace the present 36 small turbines of 22MW total capacity with 18 bigger (200 meter)

structures with an increased capacity of 49MW has been completed and submitted to the ECU but will not go live until 2023. The scoping process included a consideration of aviation lighting which, the meeting was assured, was very low intensity and would not be visible from low lying areas. No direct impacts were found on heritage assets. There were no habitats suitable for black grouse found on the site but the developer would be contributing to the Biosphere fund to support black grouse habitat. As the last osprey sighting was in 2016 it is assumed there will be no impact. The community benefit fund totalling £240,000 per year to be split between ourselves, Dalmellington and Cumnock is being discussed; a community liaison group is being established to progress this. There was a discussion regarding potential community uses for the scrap turbine blades. We will be contacted when the consultation process starts. The developer will be displaying information in the hall and be available to answer questions on January 25th from 1 – 8pm.

8. Matters Arising from Meeting 30th October 2022

a/ War Memorial. – A stone mason has been located and will be surveying the memorial in the near future. MH thanked CD for her work in finding this contractor. DM also has a contact and will advise further.

b/ Carsphairn School. – The Chair advised that a schools inspector would be meeting with community councillors in the hall on the 29th. The inspector will scrutinise and report on DGCs consultation process. The decision on whether to progress the closure process will be made at the March Education Committee meeting. It was noted that Cllr Denerley sits on the Education Committee. SS reiterated the communities disappointment at the absence of any elected official at the public meeting. The councillor agreed that there should have been such a presence at the meeting and offered to raise the question with colleagues. CW noted that the opportunity to get a clear impression of the communities mood was now lost.

c/ LEDS 2023 – The letter to CREFL's directors suggesting future discussions regarding the future of the LED scheme has been sent.

d/ Green Well Update. – MH has had further contact with DGCs archaeologist, Andrew Nicholson who explained that, as both Twynholm and Carsethorn CCs have made successful applications for Scheduled Monument Status themselves, it may be better for us to make our own application than wait for a heritage consultant to be found. MH stressed that this should not be progressed without consultation with the landowner. Remains on-going.

e/ Community Garden. – The applications submitted to CREFL's November meeting for garden furniture and electrical works were approved. The tables are now ordered and the electrical work is completed.

ACTION - AM will check that the tables will have the correct community name on.

f/ BT Openreach Building. – The painting work has been completed but the work done is totally inadequate. **Action** – ACK to chase up to see if a proper job can be done.

g/ Defibrillator Monitor. – A new resident in the village has volunteered to replace Ian Saunders who has now resigned. He will monitor the defibrillators and other village resilience issues. A resilience group meeting will be arranged in the New Year. MS advised that the road cones and lights are in her back garden.

h/ Electric Car Charging Points – There was a discussion regarding the practicalities of charging points in the community. It was agreed this is an interesting idea but that it should be put on hold for the time being.

9. Windfarms.

a/ Lorg. – A zoom meeting has been arranged to discuss the proposed Holm Hill substation on Thursday the 15th December.

b/ Laydown area. DM advised that CCT were awaiting a response from the developer as to the future use of the site following approximately 10 responses to their community consultation. Contracts are now being issued for the planting and landscaping works. CCWL have tendered for the work.

c/ Proposed Appin Windfarm Access. – The CC has sent its response to the developers agent, Ruth Semple.

e/ Other Windfarm Business – No other business.

10. Forestry.

a/ Footpath From Hall to Powerline Road. – There was a discussion regarding the feasibility of the footpath originally proposed by the Glenkens Equine Access Group. It was agreed to not progress the project at this time. Proposed DC, Seconded LH.

11. Timber Lorries.

The Community Council has received a number of emails from residents concerned by the frequency of timber lorries on the C35 and B729. An official response has been received. Members of the community will monitor to ensure compliance.

12. Culvert under A713 at North of Village.

A CCES has been raised, we will receive a reply by the 14th December regarding cleaning out the culvert adjacent to The Knowe.

13. Christmas Tree for Garden.

It was agreed to source the Christmas tree for the community garden from Strahanna and offer to pay. AM will deal with placement, BA offered to help.

14. Traffic Calming.

The refusal of the CREFL grant application for funding of the traffic calming signs was discussed. It was agreed to resubmit the application for CREFL's February meeting. LH stressed that, as the road was not classified as dangerous, there was no expectation of DGC funding these safety measures. MS has seen 2 serious traffic accidents in the village in 5 years. **ACTION** - LH will draft the resubmission for approval by colleagues, ACK will draft a reply to Nigel Martin's emails raising concerns regarding this matter.

15. CCT Report.

DM advised that the proposed fuel discount scheme had been abandoned as no supplier could be found. The group is trying to find funding for a community transport vehicle and will be hoping to secure volunteer drivers. On-going initiatives including Ladies Night, the yoga class and social meetings are going well with 11 people attending the social today. The Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the hall this Sunday, revenue from the rent of tables will be donated to Glenkens Scouts. Calendars are being delivered throughout the parish; additional copies are available at £5 each with funds donated to the Stepping Stones Foodbank in Castle Douglas.

16. Planning

Applications were noted at Brochloch Farm and Windy Standard Windfarm but no concerns raised.

17. Correspondence

It was agreed to forward the email from Local Energy Scotland to CREFL for their comments.

The issue of the bus connections timing in Dalry was discussed. **ACTION** - ACK will contact Councillor Denerley to chase up.

IM reported that the bus from Castle Douglas school is over capacity with some children left waiting 2 hours. **ACTION** – ACK to forward details to Cllr Denerley for him to follow up.

18. AORB

The works on the Vodafone mast near McAdams way was discussed and no concerns raised.

DM reported that water was running over the road on the B729 close to the Community Woodland site due to a blocked culvert. **ACTION** – ACK to report this to the council via CCES. DM also noted that the lights from the Benbrack windfarm were shining onto the A713. **ACTION** – LH and MH will check on the way home.

IM mentioned that David Bartholomew had now retired as Minister and been temporarily replaced by Rev. Pam Bellis. Irene also raised the matter of the serious sheep worrying incident in the community not being recorded on the police report. 10 sheep were killed or later destroyed. Charges have been made and the dog rehomed. **ACTION** – ACK to query this with the police.

LH asked to be made aware of any new residents to invite to the older residents Christmas dinner.

It was agreed to allow an elderly resident to be accompanied by a carer and to deliver a meal to an individual unable to attend the meal due to ill health.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm

Date of next meeting – 30th January 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for November 2022

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>				£2,399.81
Adjustment	Planter Repair		100.00	£2,499.81
Adjustment	Village Planters – Plants		25.00	£2,524.81
Community Council Balance				£2,524.81

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>				£2,782.24
Adjustment	Garden Insurance		320.72	£3,102.96
Martin Temple	Garden	465.50		£4,806.96
CREFL	Picnic Tables		1704.00	£5,281.96
CREFL	Electrics		475.00	£5,845.96
CREFL	Garden Sign		564.00	£5,281.96
Border Signs	Garden Sign	564.00		£5,281.96
Balance				£4,816.46

Resilience Group

No Transactions

Balance **£34.07**

Bairn Banter (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	Revenue Grant	0.00	1950.00	£1,950.00
CREFL	Music Event	0.00	250.00	£2,200.00
Balance				£2,200.00

Young Deciders (Vattenfall - South Kyle)

No Transactions

Balance **£642.40**

Temporis Capital Blackcraig Small Grant Fund

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£1,712.00
Adjustment	Planter Repair	100.00		£1,612.00
Adjustment	Village Planters – Plants	25.00		£1,587.00
Adjustment	Garden Insurance	320.72		£1,266.28
Balance				£1,266.28

D&G Council Hardship Fund

No Transactions

Balance **£916.90**

Ring-fenced Balance **£9,876.11**

Bank Account Balance as at start of day 27th November 2022 **£12,400.92**

POLICE SCOTLAND
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Community Council – Balmaghie

Date of Meeting - 23 November 2022

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By - PC Baird V0523

Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting

None

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

No crimes to note since date of last report

Significant Incidents / Occurrences - (Local / Divisional / National)

STEWARTRY COMMUNITY DROP-IN DATES

Sat 10th December 2022

PC Brown/Baird @ Dalry Police Station 9am-1030am
PC Brown/Baird @ Kirkcudbright Police Office 11am-1230pm
PC Ellis @ Castle Douglas Police Station 2pm-330pm
PC Ellis @ Dalbeattie 5pm-630pm

Thurs 19th Jan 2023

PC Brown/Baird Kirkcudbright Police Office 9am-1030am
PC Brown/Baird Dalry 11-1230pm
PC Blacklock/Ellis Dalbeattie 3pm-430pm
PC Blacklock/Ellis Castle Douglas 6pm-730pm

Safe Online Christmas 2022 Campaign: Launches December 1st 2022

Our top tips for staying safe online this festive season include advice on buying, setting up devices, safeguarding kids, video calls and much more #OnlineChristmas
www.getsafeonline.org/onlinechristmas

OFFICIAL

Community Issues

Matters brought to Police attention by Council

Response given to above points at the meeting

Further action to be taken regarding above points

Section Sergeant (Comments)

Area Inspector (Comments)

Use overleaf if necessary