

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 24th April 2023 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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| Liz Holmes (Chair) | Anna Clark Kennedy (Correspondence Secretary) | Ben Ade |
| Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair) | Darren Challis (Treasurer / Minutes) | Clare Duggleby |
| | | Andrew Metcalf |
| | | Simon Holmes |

In Attendance:

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| Steve Cowley | Judith Marsden | Mary Saunders |
| Councillor Andy McFarlane | David McMillan | Martin Temple |
| | Fiona McQuinn | Ruth Williams |

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Matt Hickman, Christine Whipp, Ian Saunders and Melissa Ade.

2. Declarations of Interest.

ACK in regards to 8a.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 27th March 2023.

Proposed SS.

Seconded CD.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

No police present, report attached.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Cllr Andy McFarlane (AMcF) explained that the absence of a councillor at the last meeting was a result of Cllr Denerly being off sick. AMcF is working with Community Councils and will publish a rota to advise who is expected to attend meetings.

A number of issues and concerns were raised and discussed with the councillor:

- Tourism sign for Carsphairn. **ACTION: BA** to send examples of existing tourism signs to allow **AMcF** to check if these are produced by DGC.
- Flood defences: Although AMcF had contacted DGC to determine if flood defences in Carsphairn are to be made permanent, no response has been received. **ACTION: AMcF** to follow up.
- Bus timetables: CCC had suggested the bus leaving time be brought forward 10 minutes, but this has not been implemented. **ACTION: AMcF** to follow up.
- Village speeding: ACK asked if it was possible for Carsphairn to have countdown markers to help reduce speed on the approaches to the village. The promised traffic survey does not seem to have taken place - CCC had asked for alternative locations. There was an inference in the DGC email that the optimal location for monitoring equipment was in a position where it was expected traffic would be slower. **ACTION: ACK** to forward this email to AMcF. **AMcF** to follow up on points raised.
- Potholes: There are a large number of potholes in the area, particularly on B729/B7000 at The Ligate, and en route to Moniaive including Craigdarroch. This makes for difficult and dangerous driving conditions. AMcF explained this was a region wide issue, and although DGC were working to

address this, finding contractors prepared to undertake the work in more remote areas was hampering progress.

- Infrastructure Funding: FM asked if, as part of the planning process, conditions were included in large planning applications to help fund infrastructure maintenance/improvement. **ACTION: AMcF** to check.
- Wind Farm Business Rates: SS asked if information was available in regards to the business rates paid by local wind farms. **ACTION: AMcF** to establish details on amounts and where the funds are allocated.
- Carsphairn School –
 - Although a factor in keeping the school open in the past, it seems that the long travel times are being ignored. The prospect of children having to travel 20 miles to school is unacceptable.
 - It appears that Dalry School staff are not aware of the process of enrolling children at Carsphairn. As parents would have to un-enrol their children at Dalry, in order to register at Carsphairn, this will reduce the apparent demand.
 - At the Education and Learning Committee meeting Louise Rae advised that the DGC would be undertaking an annual review of potential numbers. In order to understand the accuracy of this process it is essential that the community and parents are made aware of the methodology used. **ACTION: AMcF** to seek further information.

7. Matters Arising from Meeting 27th March 2023.

a/ War Memorial. – CD advised that there was a meeting with the DGC representatives, including the Head Gardener, on site on Thursday 27th April, to discuss possible ways to improve the site. **ACTION: ACK** to send email advising that the public are welcome to attend.

b/ Carsphairn School. – FM suggested running a feasibility study to see if it would be viable to privately run a nursery in the school building. This would help to create a 'pipeline' for potential primary pupils and help to justify possible council provision once proven. **ACTION: FM** to send details to CCC for further discussion.

c/ LEDS 2023 – MH had agreed to attend the CREFL May meeting to discuss the LED Scheme. **ACTION: ACK** to email CREFL to finalise arrangements.

d/ Community garden - information board, fences and gates. - AM has installed the new information board which comes with a 10 year guarantee. AM has obtained quotes to replace the gates/fences. **ACTION: AM** to submit an application to seek funding from CREFL.

e/ Resilience Group. – Meeting date to be confirmed.

f/ Culvert Under A713 to North of Village. – DGC to visit site to determine what action is required.

g/ Traffic Survey – ACK had raised a CCES requesting an update from DGC.

h/ Coronation Gathering – ACK to send out a reminder email for RSVPs.

8. Windfarms.

a/ Quantans Hill – A 'meet the developer' event took place. **ACTION: LH** to send out Community Survey.

b/ Enoch Hill 2 – A new application has been submitted by RWE for an extension of the existing (approved) wind farm. This is for two further turbines.

c/ Other Windfarm Business. – None

9. CCT Report.

DM advised that due to wavering numbers the yoga sessions have been moved from afternoon to mornings. The extra curricular grant scheme is in progress, applications should be submitted prior to 12th May.

10. Planning Applications.

None of concern.

11. Correspondence.

- Local Place Plan (LPP): DGC had emailed offering assistance with developing an LPP, and this had been highlighted by Sarah Ade. A LPP could be beneficial to Carsphairn, allowing better engagement with DGC and helping to ensure the community can properly shape Carsphairn's future, including the housing project and the school re-opening. **ACTION: LH** to ask Sarah if she would be willing to take this forwards.

12. AORB.

- Vattenfall (South Kyle) funded Development Officer (DO): A DO would help drive projects such as LPPs. SS/DM advised that these would be independent officers, appointed by each community and paid for by the developer. The dates for the potential implementation have been pushed out to June.
- LH / SH will be absent from the next meeting. SS will chair in place of LH.

The meeting closed at 8:38pm

Date of next meeting – 29th May 2023 at 7.00 pm

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for April 2023

Community Council General Transactions and Balance

No Transactions

Community Council Balance **£2,462.61**

Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

Community Garden (CREFL)

No Transactions

Balance **£2,288.96**

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> | | | | £1,450.00 |
| Melissa Ade | Refund (Furniture Grant) | | 27.61 | £1,477.61 |
| CREFL | Refund (Furniture Grant) | 27.61 | | £1,450.00 |
| Balance | | | | £1,450.00 |

Young Deciders (Vattenfall - South Kyle)

No Transactions

Balance **£395.81**

Temporis Capital Blackcraig Small Grant Fund

| <u>Payment Details</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Paid Out</u> | <u>Paid in</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| <i>Brought Forward</i> | | | | £1,063.04 |
| Sylvia Sinclair | Shed Keys | 30.00 | | £1,033.04 |
| Bryan Cockburn | Defibrillator Pads | 87.60 | | £945.44 |
| Balance | | | | £945.44 |

D&G Council Hardship Fund

No Transactions

Balance **£916.90**

Housing Project (Inspiring Scotland)

| <u>Payment Details</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Paid Out</u> | <u>Paid in</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| <i>Brought Forward</i> | | | | £3,500.00 |
| SOSCH | Housing Project | 3500.00 | | £0.00 |
| Balance | | | | £0.00 |

Ring-fenced Balance **£6,031.18**

Bank Account Balance as at start of day 23rd April 2023 **£8,493.79**



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT
POLICE SCOTLAND

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Community Council – Carsphairn

Date of Meeting - Monday 24 April 2023

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By - PC Baird V0523

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

No crimes to report since date of last meeting (27/03/2023).

Please continue to report any information and/or suspicious vehicles and persons to Police via 101

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

STEWARTRY COMMUNITY DROP-IN DATES

SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2023

PC Brown/Baird @ Kirkcudbright Police Office 9am-1030am

PC Brown/Baird @ Dalry 11-1230pm

PC Brown/Baird @ Dalbeattie 2.30pm-4pm

PC Ellis @ Castle Douglas 6pm-730pm

Friday 19th May 2023

PC Brown/Baird @ Kirkcudbright Police Office 930am-11am

PC Brown/Baird @ Dalry 130pm-3pm

PC Ellis/Blacklock @ Castle Douglas 2.30pm-4pm

PC Ellis/Blacklock @ Dalbeattie 430pm-6pm



Using fake stories, asking for directions and tapping the victim on their shoulder, are common ways criminals distract ATM users so they can steal **bank cards, cash, and personal items.**

Signs to spot:

- Suspicious behaviour & loitering
- Strangers starting conversations
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Protect yourself:

- Check your surroundings
- Always cover your PIN
- Don't engage in conversations

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Matters brought to Police attention by Council

Response given to above points at the meeting

Further action to be taken regarding above point

Section Sergeant (Comments)

Area Inspector (Comments)

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