

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 28th August 2023 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Mary Saunders	Steve Cowley	Ruth Williams
David McMillan	David Bell	

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Denerley, Christine Whipp, Ben and Melissa Ade, Simon Holmes and the police.

2. Declarations of Interest.

ACK declared an interest in item 9a Quantans Hill Windfarm.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 26th June 2023.

Proposed DC.

Seconded ACK.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

Police report attached. A letter had been received explaining the lack of attendance by the police at recent meetings.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

No councillor present. It was agreed by the meeting to support Cllr Denerley's initiative to organise for a remote BSL interpreter to be on-line for meetings while he attends the CCC meeting.

7. Matters Arising from Meeting 26th June 2023.

a/ Tourism Signs. – Ben Ade is dealing with this but was not in attendance due to ill health. Michael Ansell has offered to draft a letter requesting signage to include Gaelic. **ACTION** - ACK to contact MA and ask him to forward his draft for approval by the community council.

b/ Village Speeding and Traffic Signs. – It was agreed that the new speeding figures from DGC amount to a material change making it appropriate to reapply to CREFL for funding for the speeding signs. **ACTION** – AM will re-cost the proposal. DC will reapply to CREFL by the end of October.

c/ Community Garden Fencing and Gates. – The job is completed but snagging works are still required. AM is handling this.

d/ War Memorial. – MH will draft a letter for circulation to the public to gauge interest in a volunteer planting of the rockery and general tidy up.

e/ School. – The GCAT bus is now collecting children from the village. There is a meeting in Lagwyne Hall on the 28th September to discuss school transport, the on-going situation at Dalry School and how it affects the people of Carsphairn. Details on the Dalry Parent Council Facebook page – [HERE](#)

It was noted that the questions in the recent Survey by DGC appeared heavily "loaded" to solicit the responses D&G Council desired.

f/ LEDS. This year's payment of £500 per household has been approved by CREFL. This year's FAQs will include a line advising recipients that the money may also be spent on improving the energy efficiency of properties.

g/ Hybrid meetings with Cllr Denerley. This issue was covered under item 6 above.

h/ Community Market. This year's market will be held on the 16th of September from 10am to 2pm. Bairn Banter will also be running to encourage people to bring their children. The communal table will donate takings to Bairn Banter.

i/ Sloping pavement at school. – The Council have replied and will be looking into this.

j/ Replacement of Rylock fence by Lagwyne Hall. Ben Ade is dealing with this and will forward prices.

k/ Development Officer. – MH will forward contacts for development officers.

8. Windfarms.

a/ Quantans Hill. – The deadline for consultation is the 23rd September. Our community survey ends soon. So far there have been 13 responses.

b/ South Kyle. – Foundation Scotland will be undertaking a “deep dive” to establish what communities really want to spend the benefit money on. No date yet.

c/ Manquhill. – A community survey has been undertaken and the community council has submitted comments.

d Shepherds Rig. – This development has been approved by the ECU despite significant objections.

e Other Windfarm Business. – There are plans to fractionally increase the size of some of the turbines on the Windy Standard 3 development. It was agreed to not object to this.

It was noted that the Quantans Hill “Supplier Day” was premature given that the planning application has only just been submitted.

There was a discussion regarding the benefit money from Benbrack. The fund will be administered by local communities directly and shared between Carsphairn, GDT and the Dalmellington 9 communities.

There have been problems with HGVs accessing this development blocking access for the school bus.

ACTION – ACK will write to the developer.

9. CCT Report. DM advised the meeting that the Trust became a 2 tier organisation in June. Public invitations to join the trust as a member will be circulated imminently. Directors will “Verify” applications. An email is being sent to local residents to establish demand for the yoga classes. The Monday social continues weekly from October.

10. Planning Applications.

None of concern.

11. Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the secretary.

Specific issues raised included –

Fire breaks in forestry plantations. **ACTION** – it is hoped KH will investigate this and respond.

Laydown area. The developer will visit the site and update. CCWL had been contacted and did what they were asked. Should standards not be acceptable the CC will complain to the Planning Enforcement Department. SS can provide photos of the site before works commenced.

A letter has been received regarding damage to the play equipment at Dalry School and asking for contributions to replace. **ACTION** - ACK to investigate further.

12. AORB.

The meeting was advised that timber harvesting will be on-going at Brownhills. There will be lorries heading in both directions on the A713.

SC raised the matter of rubbish being dumped in the laybys south of the village. There is also a lot of broken glass in the layby at Drumjohn. **ACTION** – ACK will raise a CCES regarding both these issues and copy in the Community Safety Officer.

DC questioned if the Housing Needs Study had been circulated to the public. LH will check.

It was agreed DC will apply for the discretionary grant from the Council.

It was noted that the Blackcraig benefit money is due soon and consideration should be given to how it will be spent.

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm

Date of next meeting – 25th September 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for August 2023

Community Council General Transactions and Balance

No Transactions

Community Council Balance **£2,327.61**

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>				£3,934.96
Martin Temple	Garden Maintenance	450.50		£3,484.46
Balance				£3,484.46

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>				£1,223.00
Melissa Ade	Advance	500.00		£723.00
Balance				£723.00

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>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£877.44
Sylvia Sinclair	Planters – plants	40.07		£837.37
Keegan & Pennykid	Garden Insurance	368.68		£468.69
Balance				£468.69

D&G Council Hardship Fund

No Transactions

Balance **£916.90**

Ring-fenced Balance **£6,022.93**

Bank Account Balance as at start of day 26th August 2023 **£8,350.54**



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Carsphairn

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Community Council Carsphairn**POLICE**
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Date of Meeting 28/08/2023

Report Prepared By PC Ellis, V0297

UPDATES REQUIRED / REQUESTED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing of note.

CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY OF CRIMES IN THE LOCAL AREA RELEVANT TO PUBLIC MEETING

Between 2100 hours and 2200 hours on 18/08/2023 suspects have been seen on CCTV entering Benbrack wind farm, between Carsphairn and Dalmellington, where they have stolen a quantity of copper and a Stihl saw.

MATTERS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION BY COUNCIL

Report sent prior to meeting, as Police were unable to attend. Will await to hear from correspondence whether any matters are brought to Police attention by the council however there has not been anything since the last meeting.

LOCAL EVENTS / PROJECTS

Drop in at Dalry Police Station, 3-4pm on Saturday 23 September.

CURRENT POLICE CAMPAIGNS / DRIVES**ATM Theft**

Link, SaferCash and Crimestoppers have come together to push a campaign looking to tackle ATM distraction theft which is an increasing problem across rural and urban areas, primarily targeting and affecting vulnerable members within communities.

Advice is to spot the signs of potential offenders including:

- Suspicious behaviours and loitering
- Strangers starting conversations at or near to ATMs

- Damaged or modified ATMs

You can reduce the chances of being victim of these offences by:

- Checking your surroundings
- Covering your PIN
- Not engaging in conversations

CrimeStoppers.

Breaking the wall of silence since 1988.

Should you witness an ATM Theft in progress call the police on **999**.

Any information regarding these incidents/those responsible can be reported to police on **101**, or alternatively completely anonymously by making a report to **Crime Stoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

Scottish Health Survey

- A Scottish Health Survey is to be conducted on behalf of the Scottish Government to collect information from children and adults which the Government cannot get in any other way, by means of an in person interview.
- The study has been given ethical approval by the Research and Ethics Committee for Wales, all interviewers will undertake Disclosure Scotland Vetting.
- The survey will take place from March 2023 until February 2024.
- There will be approximately 11,228 homes surveyed across Scotland.
- **Letters will be sent to sampled addresses in advance of an interviewer attending, permission will be sought to interview including taking measurements such as height, weight and blood pressures, co-operation is entirely on a voluntary basis.**
- Children will also be interviewed following consent of a responsible adult and only in the presence of a responsible adult in the household at all times.
- More information can be found here:

[Scottish Health Survey - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

POLICING PRIORITIES IN GALLOWAY

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents.

- Violent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- Crimes of theft and dishonesty
- Substance misuse
- Road safety and road crime
- Protecting vulnerable people.

CONSTABLE'S COMMENTS

COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

MEETING NOTES

CONTACT US

You can contact your local Community Policing Team at:

StewartryCPT@Scotland.police.uk or via **101**.

In an emergency always call **999**.

If you are looking to report a crime or incident please contact police via 101 or 999 in an emergency and refrain from attempting to do so through the Community Policing Email address.

Alternative modes of contact include using the Contact Us form on the Police Scotland website, attending at your local Police Station's front counter or speaking to police officers when you see them in public.

The Community Policing Team from Castle Douglas Police Station is made up of:

Inspector Stewart McColm

Sergeant Colin Scott

Constable Alison Blacklock

Constable Chloe Ellis

Useful Links:

OFFICIAL

www.scotland.police.uk

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

[https://victimsupport.scot](https://victimsupport.scot.nhs.uk)

www.dumgal.gov.uk