

# CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 26th February 2024 in Lagwyne Hall

## Present:

### Elected Members:

Darren Challis (Treasurer)	Andrew Metcalf Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair)	Matt Hickman (Minutes) Clare Duggleby
Christine Whipp	Ben Ade	

### In Attendance:

Mary Saunders	Judith Marsden	Steve Cowley
David McMillan	Martin Temple	Emily Wall
Jenna Cairn(Dalry CC)	Nicola Hill (DGC)	Ingrid Gemmell (DGC)
Becky Cartright	Brian Cockburn	Cathy Cockburn

## 1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Simon Holmes, Anna Clark Kennedy, Melissa Ade and Cllr Dougie Campbell

## 2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The draft minute was amended to record that it was AM alone who attended the meeting with DGC under item 8/b.

The minute was then approved.

Proposed DC.

Seconded LH.

## 4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

## 5. Police Report.

No police in attendance, Police report not available at meeting.

## 6. D&G Councillor's Report.

No councillor present

## 7. Local Place Plans with Nicola Hill from DGC.

Nicola Hill from DGC was welcomed to the meeting and gave the presentation attached.

## 8. Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

a/ Tourism Signs. – It was agreed to not progress this issue further.

b/ Village Speeding and Traffic Signs. – This remains on-going, AM will continue to progress.

e/ Hybrid meetings with regard to Cllr John Denerley's attendance. The meeting felt this had worked adequately and would be continued.

f/ Development Officer. The application to CREFL to ring-fence funds had been accepted. The role will cover housing and other community projects. LH continues to lead on this.

h/ Funding To Develop Local Place Plans. This continues to be investigated and was covered in the presentation attached.

i/ Laydown Area. There has been further communication with DGC, the issue remains on-going.

j/ Seniors' Dinner. This had been a great success. The raffle raised £100 for the children's party.

k/ Broadband Connectivity. CW reported that the properties up the Ken from the Holm of Dalquairn to Corlae are now able to connect to the fibre optic cable. There are no plans to allow connection of any of the other properties that the cable passes as funding has run out. CW will continue to work on this.

l/ LEDS. It was agreed the scheme had been a success once again. Consideration should be given to running it earlier this year as the CC elections are in the autumn.

m/ Dalry Secondary School. Emily Wall advised the meeting that the Education Committee will now not be recommending mothballing at the March meeting. It is likely it will be put before councillors in May.

Students in S2 are being forced to make decisions on future options without knowing the outcome. The Council's current mothballing policy only covers primary schools not secondary.

n/ Moorbrock Fences. This is being looked into by the Countryside Access Office from DGC.

## **9. Windfarms.**

a/ Benbrack. Deliveries of turbines will begin shortly and continue for 10 weeks.

b/ Other Windfarm Business. It was noted the Cornharrow variation was approved.

## **10. CCT Report.**

DM advised the meeting that the extracurricular grant opens in early April. £400 is available for each child. Good progress is being made in recruiting a development officer following local and national advertising. A short list has been made from the 12 applications received. Interviews are imminent. The Monday morning social continues to be well attended. Scottish Power's "help in power cuts" leaflets are in the rack in the hall.

## **11. Planning Applications.**

None of relevance.

## **12. Correspondence.**

This has been distributed by the secretary.

## **13. AORB**

AM reported that the community garden fence has now been satisfactorily completed and the contractor has now been paid.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm.

# Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report for February 2024

## 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>				<b>£2,545.21</b>
Lady Haig's Poppy Factory	Poppy Wreath	37.20		£2,508.01
<b>Community Council Balance</b>				<b>£2,508.01</b>

## 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>				<b>£3,016.96</b>
Community Garden (CREFL)	Fences/Gates	2081.00		£935.96
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£935.96</b>

### **Bairn Banter (CREFL)**

No Transactions

**Balance** **£223.00**

### **Young Deciders (Vattenfall - South Kyle)**

No Transactions

**Balance** **£395.81**

### **Blackcraig Fund**

No Transactions

**Balance** **£646.16**

### **D&G Council Hardship Fund**

No Transactions

**Balance** **£916.90**

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**Ring-fenced Balance** **£3,117.83**

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**Bank Account Balance as at start of day 24th February 2024** **£5,625.84**

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# DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Council Carsphairn

REPORT



**POLICE**  
**SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe  
**POILEAS ALBA**

Date of Meeting 26/02/2024

Report Prepared By PC Blacklock

## UPDATES REQUIRED / REQUESTED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing of note.

## CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY OF CRIMES IN THE LOCAL AREA RELEVANT TO PUBLIC MEETING

No crime reported in council parish since last report.

## MATTERS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION BY COUNCIL

## LOCAL EVENTS / PROJECTS

## CURRENT POLICE CAMPAIGNS / DRIVES

### ***Police Scotland is now recruiting in rural areas***

**Do you love your community? Sign up to become a local police officer and help to keep people safe.**

Police Scotland has launched a campaign to find new recruits ready to keep communities safe in Dumfries and Galloway.

New police constables can be anyone, from school and university leavers to experienced workers who are considering a career change. We are looking to recruit the best talent out there, from all sections of the local community, who will earn, build, and maintain the trust of the people in Dumfries and Galloway.

The local recruitment drive follows an announcement from Chief Constable Jo Farrell that police officer recruitment will restart nationally as a result of the Scottish Government budget for

2024/2025:

“I welcome the recent budget announcement. The improvement on flat cash is recognition of our track record on reforming to maintain capacity and improve service while returning savings to the public purse.

“A revenue uplift of £74.5m allows us to restart officer recruitment for the year ahead.”

The campaign to recruit officers in Dumfries and Galloway aims to increase interest in policing as a career opportunity for those wanting to live and work in a rural area.

Being a rural police officer is without doubt a challenging job, but it's also incredibly rewarding. You will learn invaluable skills and make a real difference to people's lives.

Police officers often support people on the worst day of their life and provide reassurance in overwhelming situations. It's a great responsibility and a real privilege to be there for people in need. You don't need formal qualifications to join the police service. Your values, attitude and life experience are more important to us.

We are looking for recruits of all ages and backgrounds, but you do have to be aged 18 or over (you can apply at 17.5), physically fit, and hold a valid driving licence.

To take your first step in becoming a police officer in Dumfries and Galloway visit **[scotland.police.uk/sign-up](https://scotland.police.uk/sign-up)**, where you can also sign up for an online recruitment event to hear from serving police officers who work in your area.

## 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

