

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 29th April 2024 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

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

In Attendance:

Mary Saunders	Cllr Andy McFarlane (part)	PC Alison Blacklock (part)
Steve Cowley	PC Andrew McCornick (part)	

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Simon Holmes.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 25th March 2024.

The minute was approved. Proposed LH, seconded CW.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

PC McCormack advised the meeting of the campaign to reduce sheep worrying during lambing season and that the police are currently recruiting new officers in rural areas. Police report attached.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Cllr McFarlane raised the issue of potholes on local roads being experienced nationally. There is to be an increase of investment in D&G with new staff in post from 1st April. He accepts that the situation on the B729 is exceptionally bad but reassured that improvements are in the pipeline. AM complimented the roads department on the high standard of the recent repairs to the A713.

7. Election of Associate Member.

Cathy Cockburn of Dalgleish Cottage, Carsphairn, DG7 3TQ was proposed as an associate member of the community council by Liz Holmes and accepted unanimously.

8. Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Meeting 25th March 2024.

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

ACTION AM will forward relevant emails to Cllr McFarlane who will chase them up.

b/ Broadband Connectivity. BA has received communications from BT which will be circulated to the public to solicit more interest in fibre connections, along with the recent reply from Findlay Carson.

c/ Dalry and Carsphairn Schools. The decision at the March 28th meeting of the full council was to not allow the mothballing of Dalry Secondary School. There is now a cross party group looking into mothballing policy and the impacts on the broader communities. Dalry Secondary will remain open until 2025 at a minimum. An education forum is being established to look at new ideas and work with parents to maximise the benefits from the school facilities.

There are now 7 children on the list as wishing to attend Carsphairn Primary.

d/ Local Place Plans. There will be more work done on this during the summer including an outreach at the Carsphairn Show and the Big Lunch. DC advised that GCAT are looking at options to support. As a CC we have applied for £2000 from DGC's levelling up fund and £1000 from CREFL which should give enough capital to fund the project. Freelance facilitator Becca Nelson will be handling the Big Lunch but we need to find someone for the Carsphairn Show as Becca is not available. There is now a simplified on line form for people to complete - [HERE](#)

It is hoped that a draft of our plan will be available from Autumn/winter. There will then be further consultation with the community before a final version is produced in time to meet the deadline next summer. A booklet will be made available for written responses. **ACTION** DC will draft an email for circulation to the public.

e/ Big Lunch. We are awaiting a decision from CREFL in the next few days but it was agreed that this project should go ahead regardless of funding. It will be held the day after the show. It is currently advertised on the front page of the community website. **ACTION** Cathy Cockburn will handle all "yes" RSVPs. ACK will invite ex-residents. LH will check hall availability. BA will advise of the dimensions of the gazebo.

f/ Biosphere. Jenna Cains attended the Heritage Group exhibition and the process is now ongoing.

9. Dark Skies Observatory.

The community council had been approached by the Scottish Dark Skies Observatory for a letter supporting the proposed relocation of the observatory to Clatteringshaws. Following discussion it was decided unanimously to decline the invitation to support, feeling our first loyalty is with our neighbours in the Doon Valley who have made it clear they wish the facility to remain in their community as the funding for the project was specific to that aim in the first place.

10. Carsphairn Forest - Long Term Plan.

Our comments have now been submitted. Michael Ansell was thanked for his help. It was noted that access is being obstructed to Kings Cairn. **ACTION** – LH to contact Tillhill and ask for the path to be cleared and made good. BA to contact Robin Ade and ask for his story on having been turned away by security.

11. Windfarms.

a/ Benbrack – damage to U172. The council have judged the repairs adequate so it was agreed not to pursue this any further. The light pollution from the development was discussed. **ACTION** – CD to draft email to the developers.

b/ Other Windfarm Business. The proposal to reroute the Lorg grid connection closer to local residents' homes was discussed and found to be totally unacceptable. There had been a public consultation event at the hall which had clearly not captured residents' opinions and was considered a waste of people's time. It was agreed the CC will object. ACK will circulate Sarah Ade's email for amendments before submission.

12. CCT Report.

No one from CCT present.

13. Planning Applications.

Nothing of relevance.

14. Correspondence.

This has been distributed by the secretary. It was agreed we would accept DGC's offer to provide a returning officer for the elections in October.

15. AORB.

Bus – There is a proposal to remove the 520 service from Carsphairn. This is the only bus serving the community and will leave those without their own transport stranded. It was agreed to object. **ACTION** ACK to draft objection.

Elections – The CC elections are to be held in October this year. Those wishing to be nominated will need to apply in July/August to be considered for election.

Greystones – It was agreed the Greystones feasibility study and progress on the employment of a housing officer need to be agenda items for the next meeting.

CHI Boards – It was agreed to make a donation to CHI of £50 for the recent loan of their display boards. Proposed DC, Seconded MH.

Soup Book – A book of soup recipes has been produced following the success of CCT's Monday social. It is priced at £5 with the proceeds going to Stepping Stones Food Bank in Castle Douglas.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Date of next meeting – 27th May 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Carsphairn Community Council - Treasurer's Report April 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>				£2,508.01
Darren Challis	Website Hosting Renewal (3 years)	114.29		£2,393.72
Community Council Balance				£2,393.72

Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

Community Garden (CREFL)

No Transactions

Balance **£3,244.96**

Bairn Banter (CREFL)

No Transactions

Balance **£223.00**

Young Deciders (Vattenfall - South Kyle)

No Transactions

Balance **£395.81**

Blackcraig Fund

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£605.21
Darren Challis	Website Hosting Renewal (3 years)	300.00		£305.21
Melissa Ade	BB Travel Expenses	32.76		£272.45
Melissa Ade	BB Garden Compost	117.03		£155.42
Balance				£155.42

D&G Council Hardship Fund

No Transactions

Balance **£916.90**

Ring-fenced Balance **£4,936.09**

Bank Account Balance as at start of day 29th April 2024 **£7,329.81**

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT

Community Council Carsphairn



POLICE
SCOTLAND
Keeping people safe
POILEAS ALBA

Date of Meeting 29/04/2024

Report Prepared By PC McCornick

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

Drop-in sessions around the towns and villages of the Stewartry area are currently being undertaken, this will take the form of community officers attending in the mobile police office at advertised times and dates.

Carsphairn has been pencilled in for,
1330 to 1415 hours on Thursday 6th June 2024
Location: Village Hall



CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE
101
IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

STEWARTRY COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURGERIES

SPRING 2024

<p>Tuesday 16th April 2024</p> <p>Ringford (Village Hall) 09:00 – 10:00</p> <p>Twynholm (Village Hall) 10:15 – 11:00</p> <p>Gatehouse of Fleet (Car Park) 11:15 – 12:00</p> <p>Borgue (Village Hall) 12:15 – 13:00</p> <p>Kirkcudbright (Harbour Sq.) 13:15 – 14:00</p> <p>Dundrennan (War Memorial) 14:15 – 15:00</p> <p>Auchencairn (Post Office) 15:15 – 16:00</p>	<p>Monday 6th May 2024</p> <p>Colvend (Post Office) 09:00 – 10:00</p> <p>Dalbeattie (Water St. Car Park) 10:15 – 11:00</p> <p>Kirkgunzeon (Church Car Park) 11:15 – 12:00</p> <p>Lochfoot (Village Hall) 12:15 – 13:00</p> <p>Crocketford (Village Hall) 13:15 – 14:00</p> <p>Springholm (Village Hall) 14:15 – 15:00</p> <p>Haugh of Urr (Village Hall) 15:15 – 16:00</p>	<p>Thursday 6th June 2024</p> <p>Crossmichael (Village Hall) 09:00 – 10:00</p> <p>Laurieston (Village Hall) 10:15 – 11:00</p> <p>Mossdale (Post Office) 11:15 – 12:00</p> <p>New Galloway (High Street) 12:15 – 13:00</p> <p>Carsphairn (Village Hall) 13:30 – 14:15</p> <p>St Johns Town of Dalry (Police Office) 14:45 – 15:30</p> <p>Corsock (Village Hall) 15:45 – 16:30</p>
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Email your local policing team: StewartryCPT@scotland.police.uk

 DumfriesGallowayPoliceDivision
 PSOS DandG

Keeping People Safe
in Dumfries and Galloway



POLICE SCOTLAND
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CURRENT POLICE CAMPAIGNS / DRIVES

SHEEP WORRYING

It is now lambing season and with this comes increased reports/ concerns in relation to sheep worrying we are again reminding dog owners of their responsibilities when in the countryside.

It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals.

Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, wild mammals and ground nesting birds, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry.

Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process.

Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again. If you do not control your dog properly near livestock you risk prosecution.

Protection of Livestock (Amendment) (Scotland) Act provides powers to Police Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to investigate and enforce those who allow dogs to become out of control in the countryside.

The Act allows the courts to issue penalties, including a fine of £40,000, disqualification from owning a dog, or a 12 month custodial sentence.

Your Dog, Your Responsibility.



(please find below document for distribution amongst the community and displaying at information points)



4555 CS_Sheep
Postcard A6.pdf

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.

OFFICIAL

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**, 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

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 Andy McCornick

Useful Links:

www.scotland.police.uk

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

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

<https://victimsupport.scot>

www.dumgal.gov.uk