

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7.00pm on 28th August 2017 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members:

Liz Holmes (Chair)	Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair)	Matt Hickman (Minutes)
Simon Holmes	Andrew Metcalf	Anna Clark Kennedy (Secretary)

In Attendance:

Martin Temple	Darren Challis (Treasurer)	David McMillan
Cllr Patsy Gilroy (part)	Yasmin Akbar	PC John Brown (part)
Trevor Molineux	Steve Cowley	Jane Evans
Lloyd Evans	Fiona Clubb	Graham Hunt

1. Welcome and Apologies.

LH Welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies received from Cllr Dougie Campbell, Keith and Patricia Brander.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 31st June 2017.

It was noted that the minutes approved at the last meeting were from April, not March.

The minutes were approved.

Proposed SS, Seconded AM.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Attached.

5. Police Report.

P.C. Brown advised the meeting that reports of a male wandering around the village were not of concern as he was simply searching for phone reception.

He also advised the community to be aware of large quantities of counterfeit notes being passed locally. These are mainly from the Bank of Scotland and the Bank of Ireland.

The law regarding car child seats has changed. More advice can be found on the "Goodeggsafety" website - <http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/>

The Police are also running a poster campaign to highlight the dangers of alcohol influenced violence. Poster attached.

6. D&G Councillor's Report.

Councillor Patsy Gilroy introduced herself. She will attend our community council meetings in rotation with the 2 other councillors.

They are planning a ward meeting in the Glenkens in the spring.
The new CC scheme of establishment will be discussed at a meeting on the 30th. More information will be available at our September meeting.
AM raised concerns regarding this, listed in 7/c below.
FC mentioned that the CCs comments on the Longburn windfarm had been discounted as we were then disestablished. Councillor Gilroy explained that as we were disestablished we were not a statutory consultee and thus our comments were void.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the June meeting.

a/ Raynet.

AM explained the basic theory of the Raynet project as radio communications during emergencies. He will be attending the training session soon and will pay his own expenses for the time being. It was noted the CC has not yet had sight of the quote for set up costs of this project.

ACTION

AM to forward quote.

b/ U712 Road Repair.

On-going. Agreed to pursue this before the winter if we have not heard from the roads department.

c/ CC Scheme of Establishment.

- AM had attended the SCVS meeting and raised the following issues –
- It is not helpful to remove the option to have office bearers (secretary and treasurer) who are not community councillors.
- As the term of office for community councils has been increased to 4 years it does not make sense to have the Chair's term limited to 3 years.
- There are concerns regarding the absence of independent third party arbitration.
- It is not acceptable to deny the community the facility of postal voting.

Councillor Gilroy was made aware of these concerns and will take them into account as the process progresses.

d/ Trapped Deer in Scottish Power Flume.

Scottish Power have replied to our email regarding concerns for roe deer trapped in the Bow Burn flume. They have suggested initiatives including wooden egress ramps for deer when the flume is dewatered. Residents will continue to check for trapped deer.

e/ BT Nuisance Calls.

MH has checked and can find nowhere for us to report the nuisance of unsolicited phone calls to. There is an ofcom number to report such calls as individuals and good advice for their avoidance on the Citizens Advice website.

f/ Potholes in Village.

These have been mended.

g/ Garden Risk Assessment and Dyke Repair

MH had repaired the damaged dyke and inspected the whole wall, finding its condition safe as of the 28th July.

SS has been in contact with DGC and hopes the electrical connection will be made to the garden within the month.

h/ MSP 20MPH Bill.

LH has emailed and will forward a link for comments.

i/ A713 Pothole.

This has been mended.

8. Windfarms.

Councillor Gilroy left the meeting.

MH distributed a map showing the cumulative total of windfarm developments proposed for our area to the great dismay of all those present.

a/ Longburn.

This application has been refused by DGC. The developer retains the option to appeal this decision.

b/ South Kyle.

This application has been approved. Construction will begin 2019 with a target to begin generating electricity in 2021. A meeting is being arranged to consider the division of the benefit fund between the 4 CCs involved (Dalmellington, Patna, New Cumnock and Carsphairn).

It was agreed to invite a representative from the developer, Vattenfall, to our October meeting.

ACTION.

ACK to issue invitation.

c/ Windy Rig.

SS had attended the recent CLG meeting. The planning application is expected to be heard in November. It was agreed the Chair would sign the Pre Planning Agreement on behalf of the CC. There are a total of 10 communities involved in this agreement.

d/ Trostan.

We have received agreement from the consents unit to extend the deadline for our comments to the end of September. SH will read the scoping report and forward a draft response to other CCs in good time for us to make a submission.

ACTION

SH to read and comment on scoping report.

e/ Cornharrow

A representative of the developer will be in attendance at the next meeting. SH will read the scoping report and submit comments to others in good time to inform discussion at the September meeting.

ACTION

SH to read and comment on scoping report.

f/ Other Windfarm Matters

There followed a vigorous discussion regarding the disproportionate scale of windfarm development in Carsphairn. Members of the public communicated their extreme distress at the apparent future decade or more of ceaseless development and erosion of their quality of life in so many different ways including dangerous traffic on roads, light pollution, noise pollution from generators and off road traffic, the industrialisation of the landscape along the main tourist route of the A713 and the impacts of the infrastructure associated with these developments. Attempts were made to quantify the potential revenue generating capacity of developments for the developers and landowners and the business rates receipts expected by DGC. New residents expressed concerns that proposed developments are not being revealed to potential home purchasers through solicitors' searches.

It was also noted that the Scottish Government's targets to increase the national forestry stock are being compromised by timber felling to accommodate windfarm development and, to avoid the timber shortage projected for 2025, new areas of land will have to be planted with commercial forestry.

FC commented that Trostan farmhouse had been demolished shortly before a proposal for a windfarm had been received.

The Chair thanked the public for their contributions and expressed the CC's exhaustion at having so many developments to confront. CCs communicated their frustration at their powerlessness to obstruct undesirable developments and the futility of letter writing in the face of such massive corporate interests. Surprise was expressed that many local people may not be aware of the seriousness of the situation and thought to be given to a campaign of awareness raising within the community.

ACTION

MH to investigate revenue generated for developers and business rates DCG receive from windfarms.

FC to prepare to advise the next meeting on awareness raising within the community and a possible specialist future public meeting.

9. New Carsphairn Website.

The CC sincerely thanked Gail and Darren Challis for their excellent work producing the new community website. DC invited any comments be made to him at webmaster@carsphairn.org. Suggestions were made regarding the inclusion of information on the archaeology in the area.

10. SP Energy, Trusted Partner network.

It was agreed DC would pursue this on the CC's behalf.

11. Flooding.

MH reported he had been in contact with a local resident planning to put their house on the market. Following advice from the estate agent they had commissioned a flood report which still showed a moderate risk of flooding despite the new flood defences built by DGC. It was also noted that the wall is in a different position from that proposed by the Kaya flood study commissioned by DGC and Scottish Power.

ACTION

MH to draft an email to the Council to investigate this serious issue.

12. CREFL Report.

The AGM and public meeting has been rescheduled for 6th September.

A grant of £2173 has been agreed for the renovation of the hall floor.

There was an agreement made in principle to support CCT's work at Muirdrochwood.

Further information was sought regarding an application from the Glenkens Gazette.

13. Resilience Group Report.

The Resilience Group shed has been delivered and is ready to be erected.

The Council has installed a new drain under the road at the community garden.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of progress at improving the drain under the access road to the Manse.

ACTION

MH to pursue improvements to Manse drain with DGC and inform them the drain at Glendale is blocked.

14. CCT Report.

Attached.

15. Planning Applications.

None of relevance received.

16. Correspondence.

This had been distributed by the secretary.

Attention was drawn to –

The Police drop in session at Dalry Police Office on 1st September.

The updated register of electors will be in force from 1st December 2017, any resident who has not received a form should contact Michael Gowan on 01387 260609 before the 1st December.

It was agreed to increase the payment for the maintenance of the community garden.

17. AORB

It was reported that the B729 verges are becoming dangerously overgrown and need trimming.

ACTION

ACK to contact Roads Department.

It was reported that further peat is being extracted from the Windy Standard 2 development.

ACTION

ACK to contact Scott Bennett at Natural Power and seek more information.

The CC thanked SS for planting the flower troughs at either end of the village for a display in the spring.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Date of next meeting 25.09.2017.

Carsphairn Community Council

Treasurer's Report for August 2017 (Revised)

Community Council General Transactions and Balance

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
No Transactions				£2,270.80
Community Council Balance				£2,270.80

Ring-fenced Transactions and Balances for Funded Projects:

Community Garden Electric Light Connection (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£1,500.00
No Transactions				
Balance				£1,500.00

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>				£771.91
Martin Temple	Maintenance	298.34	0.00	£473.57
Keegan & Pennykid	Insurance	253.03	0.00	£220.54
Balance				£220.54

Resilience Group (Fund Raising)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£5.63
No Transactions				£5.63
Balance				£5.63

Resilience Group Equipment (CREFL / Stewartry Area Committee)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£2,697.00
No Transactions				£2,697.00
Balance				£2,697.00

Resilience Group Defibrillator (CREFL)

<u>Payment Details</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid in</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Brought Forward</i>				£500.00
No Transactions				£500.00
Balance				£500.00

Ring-fenced Balance	£4,923.17
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Bank Account Balance as at start of day 28th August	£7,193.97
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Carsphairn Community Trust

Report – August 2017

Muirdrochwood Project:

CCT are working with Scottish Land Fund on a revised funding application. We expect to hear in October if we will be able to progress with the feasibility study.

Recreation Group:

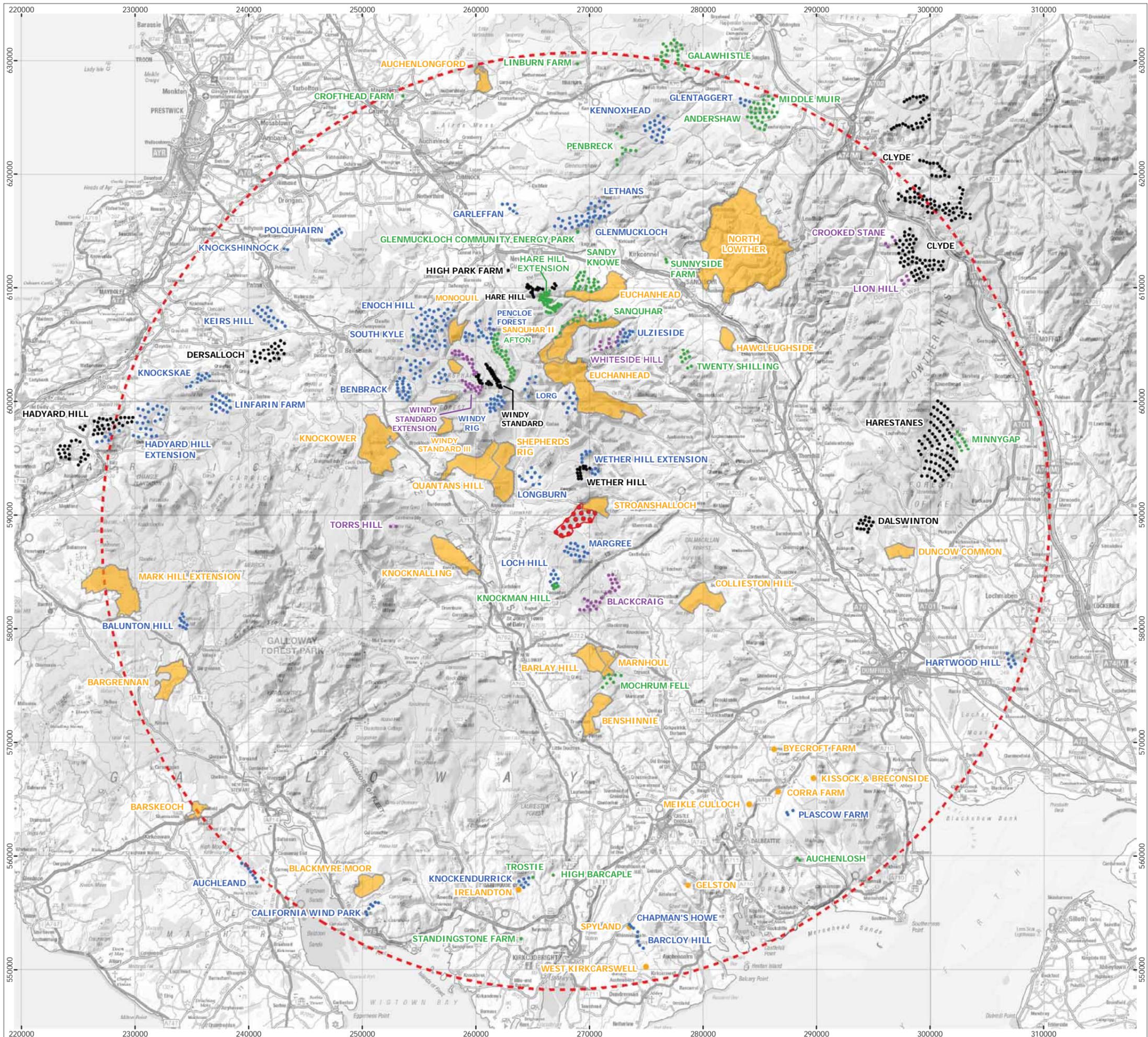
1. Yoga - next week (4th Sept) is our 1st anniversary and we're having a wee party - mostly involving cake. Everyone is very welcome.

2. Photography for Fun – new block of 6 classes starting Tuesday 5 September, 1-3pm. The new block will feature some 'on location' work, using the hall as a base in case of bad weather.

3. Art Class – We are looking to start this autumn, currently confirming days and times.

4. Badminton - was due to start back in October but this may have to be postponed to allow the hall floor to be re-varnished.

Updates will be put on the community website and notice boards in the village.



- Proposed Turbine Layout
- ▭ Troston Loch Site Boundary
- ▭ 40km Study Area
- Operational Turbine
- Under Construction Turbine
- Consented Turbine
- Application Turbine
- ▭ Scoping Site

1:325,000 Scale @ A3
 0 7.5 15 km

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Cumulative Wind Farms
Figure 7

Troston Loch Wind Farm
Scoping Report

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