

CARSPHAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held at 7pm on 27th May 2024 in Lagwyne Hall

Present:

Elected Members

Sylvia Sinclair (Vice Chair)

Darren Challis (Treasurer)

Anna Clark Kennedy (Secretary)

Ben Ade

Clare Duggleby

Andrew Metcalf

Christine Whipp

In Attendance: Irene McCreath, Judith Marsden, Mary Saunders, Martin Temple, Emily Wall, Tom Wall.

1. Welcome and Apologies

SS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Campbell, Cathy Cockburn, Matt Hickman, Liz Holmes, Simon Holmes.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting 29th April 2024

Proposed by AM, seconded DC. The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Treasurer's Report.

DC gave a summary of the report previously circulated and attached.

5. Police Report

No report was available at the meeting however one came in later that night from PC Blacklock stating that no crime had been committed in the area since last report. Also attached was information on Cyber Crime.

6. D & G Councillor's Report

Although no Councillor in attendance, Cllr Campbell had sent a written report prior to the meeting. This contained three main points:-

- **520 Bus** – He had been in talks with a member of the SWESTRANS Board who will raise this at a meeting in June. Cllr McFarlane has also raised this with another Board member so waiting for feedback from these
- **Education Forum** – Cllr Campbell with fellow ward councillors has been invited to join this group. He is working to ensure that the Education Dept fully engage with the

Education Forum. There has been a reorganisation of directorates and the Education directorate is now Education, Learning and Community Wellbeing. First meeting will be after the summer recess. Cllr Campbell intends to continue membership to scrutinise implementation of the terms of his motion 28th March 2024 to suspend mothballing Dalry Secondary School

- **Roads** – He is aware of the condition of some roads around Carsphairn and is meeting with the Interim Head of Road Services next week. He asked for details of any roads that CCC would like discussed. CD, ACK and BA reported that the A713 just north of Carsphairn Village requires attention as does the B729 at Carroch and Smittons. ACK will send information to CCES and asked for photos to be sent to her. She also asked that individuals report any potholes to the Council. Fault reporting link, (<https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/faultreporting>). Judith Marsden stated that the pavement in the village south of the hall is unsafe and that a resident had almost fallen with their walker. She provided a photo of the pavement.

7. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting 29th April 2024

- a] Village speeding / traffic calming AM has contacted the Council and received a response. A link was sent with information. This is ongoing.
- b] Broadband connectivity Discussion reflected that there are huge inconsistencies in the delivery of this. BA is in communication over a possible connection.
- c] Dalry and Carsphairn Schools – Education Forum Emily Wall gave a full and detailed account of the current position. She explained that the Education Forum has been set up by the Community Action Plan Steering Group (CAPSG). In relation to Carsphairn P.S. councillors have requested an annual review on mothballing. It was agreed that the Council would be contacted to reattach dog fouling signs and empty the bins. In relation to Dalry SS, there appear to be inconsistencies and scarcity of information around timetabling, transfers, transport and a possible change to the school week. Emily will keep CCC updated on any developments, including the Education Forum.
- d] Local Place Plans DC reported that Liz Holmes and Jenna Cairns will be at Carsphairn Show on 1st June 2024 to share information on LPP and Biosphere. Becca Nelson will attend the Big Lunch on 2nd June 2024 to share information on Local Place Plans.
- e] Big Lunch 84 guests are currently expected. BA is providing the sound system. Mary Saunders is providing two gazebos and will be joined at 9am or after by BA, CD, LH, AM, Emily and Tom Wall and CW to prepare the garden (if weather appropriate). AM will provide transport for the tables and chairs from the hall.
- f] Galloway and Southern UNESCO Biosphere Jenna Cairns as above.
- g] Dark Sky Observatory Deferred to next meeting.
- h] King's Cairn Deferred to next meeting.
- i] 502 bus service See item 6, Cllr Campbell's report.
- j] Greystones Deferred to next meeting.

8. Windfarms

- a] Benbrack, light pollution – After discussion it was agreed that CD will draft a communication for ACK to send to Red Rock Power.
- b] Rerouting of Lorg grid connection – Responses to concerns to date from SPEN have been unsatisfactory. CCC has sent another communication outlining concerns and invited representation at CCC meeting on 24th June 2024.
- c] Any other windfarm business – none.

9. CCT Report

None.

10. Planning Applications

Nothing of relevance.

11. Correspondence

Previously circulated by ACK.

12. AORB

- Carsphairn Village Shop Ltd. (CVSL) - The chair/secretary/treasurer thanks everyone who responded to the questionnaire. Comments are being taken seriously and the committee is working to see what changes / improvements can be made.
- Lay Down Area - ACK will contact Cllr Campbell to see if the Enforcement Team can action improvements required. This will also be reported to CCES.
- Village Planters – CCC will provide funding for Mary Saunders and SS who will fill the planters.
- Carsphairn Church Update – Irene McCreath reported that the SW Presbytery plan for Galloway has approved the retention of Carsphairn Church. Carsphairn Parish will be in union with Balmaclellan, Kells and Dalry. The manse in Dalry is to be sold and a replacement will be required. In due course there will be linkage for Carsphairn with the parishes of Crossmichael, Parton and Balmaghie.

13. The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

14. Date of next meeting – 24th June 2024, 7pm.