

Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council Meeting Minutes

Place of Meeting : Carrutherstown Primary School

Date of Meeting : Thursday 20th March @ 7pm

PRESENT :

Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council (DCCC)	Sandra Marshall (SM)
	Lyndsay Cannon (LC)
	Tina Fitzsimon (TF)
	Kirsten Edgar (KE)
Dumfries & Galloway Council (DGC)	Jaime Nicholson (JN)

ABSENT/APOLOGIES None

Members of The Public Linda Harkness, Jen Goldie, Iona Copeland, Richard Beattie, Mark Beattie, Daniel Turnhoat, Rob & Vanessa Salthouse

DISTRIBUTION	Sandra Marshall, Lyndsay Cannon, Kirsten Edgar, Tina Fitzsimon, Jaime Nicolson & DGC Community Council Email, DCCC Facebook Page
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ITEM	PROCEEDINGS	ACTION
1.0	Welcome, Apologies, Quorum	
1.1	SM welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, with no apologies and the Quorum has been met.	
2.0	Approval of previous meeting minutes	
2.1	• Proposed - TF • Seconded - KE	
3.0	Office Bearers	
3.1	Since last meeting there have been 3 resignations from DCCC including the Chair on 03/03/25 and Treasurer on 01/03/25	
3.2	SM wishes to step down as secretary but will stay on if not required to do minutes. All agreed this wasn't a problem.	
3.3	JN said that the CC can pay a minute secretary and they do not need to live within the boundary. Office bearers can also be interim and an EGM can be called to appoint positions.	Noted
3.4	KE proposed LC as Chair. LC agreed and TF seconded.	
3.5	LC proposed KE as treasurer. KE agreed to interim treasurer and SM seconded.	

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3.6	LC to chair remainder of meeting.	
4.0	Police Scotland Report	
4.1	Police Report attached	
4.2	Sergeant Iain Monro is the new local Community Sergeant for Annandale/Eskdale.	
5.0	Correspondence	
5.1	1. Email from Jaime Nicolson regarding Windfarm Funding will be discussed at Item 8 2. Email from DGC Community Council regarding Community Council Enquiry Service 3. Email from SEPA regarding launch of new surface water maps 4. Email from JN regarding spring clean asking for any litter picks to be registered via the website and she may be able to help with litter picking equipment. 5. Letter from Elan City regarding radar speed signs. SM suggested this could be discussed at a later date. 6. Letter from Dalton Village Hall (DVH) asking for £500 contribution to restoring phone box to house defib and if DCCC would submit planning application on their behalf to move phonebox to the hall will be discussed as Item 10	
6.0	Treasurer's Report	
6.1	SM raised no report available due to treasurer's resignation, however there has been no movement out of the bank account since November 2024 and the DGC admin fund paid in, in January.	
6.2	LC asked for log in details to be passed to KE for the bank account. SM responded with it is not an online account and that 2 signatories are required for any monetary movements.	
6.3	SM is in possession of accounts from previous treasurer but hasn't looked through what has been passed over. LC asked for them to be passed to KE, however SM will keep until signatories on bank have been set up.	SM/LC/KE
6.4	KE asked where we are for this years accounts, could a meeting be arranged to go over the accounts with LC and SM and for the bank account signatories to be updated.	SM/LC/KE
6.5	JN noted that unless DCCC has submitted audited accounts to DGC then no AGM can take place	

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7.0	Planning/Licensing Applications	
7.1	LC asked JN what is expected of the CC in relation to planning/licencing application. JN noted that it's to ascertain if the community has any comments and to possibly endorse or object on behalf of the community or CC can stay impartial.	
7.2	1 planning application has been received I. 25/0254/FUL Almagill Farm, Dalton, Lockerbie, DG11 1DZ ERECTION OF CATTLE SHED AND MILKING PARLOUR, SITING OF BULK TANK, WATER TANK AND FEED SILO, FORMATION OF SILAGE PIT AND SLURRY LAGOON	
7.3	Richard, Daniel and Mark in attendance tonight are from Farming Partners who have made the planning application for Almagill and are present to answer any questions that anyone may have regarding the application. I. TF asked about additional traffic as concerns over speed of vehicles on the narrow roads. RB/DT said they would be using local contractors and there shouldn't be much more traffic than there has been in the past to the farm. II. SM noted it was nice to see Almagill being a Dairy again as her relatives had a dairy on Almagill in the 1960s and asked how many cows they will be milking, will be around 400/450 cows.	
8.0	Windfarm Funding Update	
8.1	TF arranged a meeting with James Parker from DGC who administers the MINSCA windfarm fund. This fund has not been accessed since 2018/2019 and rolls over each year. Currently this can be accessed for CC projects immediately with the fund normally being administered from July each year. There is criteria that any community group wishing for funding requires to meet but JN noted groups don't need to be constituted.	
8.2	LC has emailed Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC) who distribute Harestanes windfarm funding asking for the local representative and received a member nomination form to update contact information for DCCC. LC and TF agreed to be the nominees and will complete the form and send back.	TF/LC
8.3	JN says that CC put in set criteria for funding and that the school cannot apply but the PTA can along with other community groups can.	
8.4	KE encouraged the community to think of projects that they would like to put forward to the CC.	ALL

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9.0	Community Litter Pick	
9.1	LC wanted to express a well done to everyone who took the time to come out and participate in the litter pick on the 2 nd March and that we should be proud of our efforts.	
9.2	LC has also noticed that the area at the top of Carrutherstown is already filling back up with litter and does anyone have any suggestions on how to deter. R. Salthouse suggested only way to discourage would be to infill the wide section to stop lorries parking. JN noted that it is not classed as an official lay-by. R. Beattie noted if we needed any rocks etc to fill in road they would be willing to help. <i>Subsequent to meeting – LC spoke to someone in the DGC Roads and you are not allowed to infill or place anything on a carriageway and if we did they would be removed and they will raise at their next roads meeting along with have a think if there is any signage that can be done. They also noted that any wait restrictions (double yellow etc) require to be signed off by Police Scotland.</i>	DCCC
9.3	TF raised that the lay-by at the bottom of Carrutherstown was as bad as the top of the village and that the village appears to be a traffic cut through to try and get ahead/overtake slow traffic on the A75.	
9.4	TF has had a member of the village wish to carry out a litter pick with their children as they enjoyed participating in the community litter pick. TF to advise them to register their Spring Clean Register your clean-up event for Spring Clean Campaign 2025	TF
10.0	Dalton Village Hall Letter & Application for £500	
10.1	Letter received from Dalton Village Hall (DVH) for £500 contribution to the upgrade/repair of the village phonebox to allow it to house a defib and a book swap/library. LC put to a vote to members for £500 contribution to DVH 4 in favour 0 against. Application will be made to MINSCA for funding.	LC
10.2	LC raised that currently we are unable to assist with the planning application request within the letter due to the treasurer's resignation and new office bearers are not fully briefed on the existing financial situation. LC noted that DVH can progress the Planning themselves or wait and raise at the next meeting where we will hopefully be in a better position.	

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10.3	SM asked why phonebox needs to be moved. R Salthouse noted this is because the defib needs a power supply and doesn't currently have one or access in current location.	
10.3	LC asked how the CC owns the phone box and JN noted that when they were decommissioned by BT they were offered to all the communities for £1 and to transfer to DVH we just need to carry out a vote. LC asked if we transferred would this affect CC or DVH being able to do the planning application. JN advised it wouldn't. LC put vote to members to transfer Dalton phonebox to DVH 4in favour 0 against	
11.0	Casual Vacancy Election (CVE)	
11.1	To carry out a CVE it needs to be voted by the current CC members and JN can start the process when back in the office. The process would take around 6 weeks, anyone wishing to join the CC requires to be registered on the electoral register and live within the DCCC boundary. JN able to assist anyone wishing to check if they are on the electoral register. DCCC currently has 7 vacancies and if no more than 7 join then it will be non-contested however if more than 7 it will be contested and a vote like election will be set up to allow the community to vote.	JN
11.2	LC put vote to members to carry out a CVE 4 votes in favour 0 against	
11.3	JN will start ball rolling for CVE and information will be sent to the secretary and then shared out to other CC members.	JN
12.0	AOCB	
12.1	Member of public reported to LC they witnessed a painter & decorator fly tipping paint out over the top of the Birsset road. JN said if you report via CCES then community safety team can look into. LC to set up new generic email address for DCCC. SM had set one up previously but it wasn't well used and not sure if still active.	LC
12.2	Linda Harkness raised that Tommy raised at the last meeting about wine bottles being fly tipped and he spoke with a car parked recently with a passenger drinking wine, noted to them that he had taken note of number plate and no bottles since. Also someone else in the village had called the number on the receipt of subway rubbish that had been chucked out.	

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12.3	R Salthouse raised the tile handprints in Dalton SM said Bill Crombie went to collect them for safekeeping and they weren't there. RS and LC both have seen them recently lying on the ledge of the memorial. RS advised that the adhesive is still on the sandstone, but the tiles are glazed on the rear. Adhesive needs removed and reapplied. LC asked RS to check if the tiles are still present or if someone has lifted them. <i>Subsequent to meeting – RS checked and sent photo to LC with the tiles still present.</i>	
12.4	J Goldie asked about how the CC will let the public know the criteria for windfarm funding. CC will put a notice up on the DCCC facebook page. JG also asked how best to report potholes. LC has been advised that in the first instance it should be done via Report It on the DGC Webpage then it can be brought to the CC to escalate via the Community Council Enquiry Service (CCES) which requires to be responded within 3 days.	
13.0	Next Meeting	
13.1	General Meeting - Tuesday 20th May 2025 6.30pm at Carrutherstown Primary School AGM – Tuesday 20th May 2025 7pm at Carrutherstown Primary School	
13.2	SM agreed to submit request form to DGC for hire of Carrutherstown Primary School for next meeting.	SM