

Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council

Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council Meeting Minutes

Place of Meeting : Dalton Village Hall

Date of Meeting : Tuesday 21st October 2025 @ 7pm

PRESENT :

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

ABSENT/APOLOGIES Rob Salthouse, Gemma Anderson

Members of The Public (MOP) Greame Wilson, Heather Robb, Marie Brown

DISTRIBUTION	Sandra Marshall, Lyndsay Cannon, Kirsten Edgar, Tina Fitzsimon, Ronnie Dempster, Gemma Anderson, Rob Salthouse, Jaime Nicolson & DGC Community Council Email, DCCC Facebook Page
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ITEM	PROCEEDINGS	ACTION
1.0	Welcome, Apologies, Quorum	
1.1	LC welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, with apologies from Rob Salthouse and Gemma Anderson and the Quorum has been met.	
2.0	Approval of previous meeting minutes dated 12/08/2025	
2.1	- Proposed - RD - Seconded - TF	
3.0	Maters Arising from meeting dated 12/08/2025	
3.1	Thank you to Greame Wilson and his wife for fixing the handprint memorial in Dalton. A coat of stormguard still required over the tiles.	
3.2	LC received email from Solway Recycling for Beltie Planters. Pole to be carried out for community for type of planters. Vote carried out for purchase of new planters Yes – 5 No - 0	

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3.3	LC got in touch with DGC community council team and it was the Scotland Tech Army who assisted with website. LC to email and approach.	<u>RD/LC</u>
3.4	DCCC took concerns over bus timetable to DGC. The reply we received was that DGC are actively looking at feed bank and will review regarding the budget.	
4.0	Police Scotland Report	
4.1	Police Report attached	
4.2	MOP raised concerns over speeding in Dalton village. To take this to next police meeting. RD going to email Police Scotland.	
5.0	Correspondence	
5.1	1. Email from DGC Neighbourhood Services	
6.0	Treasurer's Report	
6.1	KE presented the treasurer's report which is appended to these minutes.	
7.0	Windfarm Funding Update	
7.1	As per treasurer's report.	TF/KE
7.2	KE has submitted financial report to Harestanes and happy to announce we have been awarded the top up for this financial year.	
7.3	Yearly reporting is September. All applications need to be in by last meeting before August to allow to be distributed and reported.	
8.0	Village Noticeboards	
8.1	Noticeboards are made and due to delivery and installation on Wednesday 29 th October.	
8.2	RD will dig holes for Dalton noticeboard on Thursday. Work party will be organised to dig holes for Carrutherstown noticeboard on Sunday.	
8.3	RD thinks we will need around 8 bags of postcrete. TF can arrange and will submit receipt/invoice into treasurer for reimbursement.	
8.4	TF knocked on door opposite location of Carrutherstown noticeboard to let them know and will attempt again.	
9.0	Remembrance Day	
9.1	DCCC would like to buy a wreath to place on the war memorial Votes Yes – 5 Votes No - 0	

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9.2	Advertise to community regarding laying wreath on the 11 th November? KE & TF to take to school parent council to involve the children/school. DCCC willing to assist with cost of transport if required.	RD
10.0	Sale of Dalton Kirk	
10.1	RD has emailed and spoken with Church of Scotland regarding the sale. CofS state they own all ground including war memorial as Sherrif document from 1930.	
10.2	LC emailed War Memorial Trust who have replied to say they have a meeting with CofS and will discuss Dalton War Memorial.	
10.3	RD spoke with councillor Archie Dryburgh who is Armed Forces Champion who has advised we have access to the Councils help and advise. Will write a letter to be submitted through enquiry service.	
10.4	LC asked about the Millenium tree. RD thinks John Cannon planted it around 1998/1999 as a Community tree as no space left at millennium memorial at top of village.	
11.0	Minute Secretary Advert	
11.1	Advert for discretionary value for 6 meetings a year rather than hourly rate. Speak to Jaimie Nicholson re costs other community councils pay for service. Another post on social media and noticeboards.	<u>RD</u>
12.0	CC Members Updates	
12.1	Roads EMES RD submitted FOI to DGC regarding road issues. DGC sent 2 staff members who meet with RD, KE and SM to discuss signage, roundels, 20mph, white lining etc RD noted 30mph road roundel was changed to 20mph day prior to meeting. RD will go back to DGC if not heard anything in couple months. Well Done Ronnie.	
12.2	Community Council Conference LC attended DGC first ever CC Conference, was good to meet other members of local community councils and vendors such as neighbourhood/Rural Watch.	
12.3	Neighbourhood/Rural Watch Rural Watch you sign up for weekly updates from police, fire Scotland, trading standards etc Sign-up for alerts Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Neighbourhood watch you sign up as a community for a WhatsApp group to share information.	

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12.4	Bus Shelter Solar Lighting They have been purchased and assembled, hoping to det Dalton up this week. Do we want to tidy/paint Carrutherstown bus shelter first? TF to speak to neighbouring house regarding access for painting.	TF
13.0	Planning/Licencing Applications	
13.1	None	
14.0	Current/New funding application	
14.1	Carrutherstown Parent Council (CPC) application for £300 for transport to and from a Christmas cinema trip. LC put to a vote 4 in favour 0 against 1 abstaining	
15.0	AOCB	
15.1	Sandra Marshall and Ronnie Dempster agreed to carry out secretary duties jointly.	
15.2	An anonymous letter was slid under the door of Dalton Village Hall for DCCC. DCCC will keep and file letter but unable to action due to being anonymous.	
15.3	KE asked about setting up a WhatsApp community group to disseminate information. KE to set up and we will advertise access.	KE
15.4	Community engagement BYOB Meet & Greet at DVH with DCCC. Agreed date as Friday 28 th November with possibility of Xmas light switch on as DVH are planning on erecting a Xmas tree again this year. To gather information/feeling from the community	
15.5	Discussion had for Xmas tree/lights for Carrutherstown village. No location for a tree with a power supply for lights. Could we ask for lighting to school or play park and light up trees? Approach garden centre for lighting if possible solar Christmas lights. KE will approach and ask Caulders GC.	KE
15.6	Autumn issue of Newsletter to be issued weekend commencing 31 st October. LC to chase DGC for addresses to issue newsletter to community.	TF/LC
15.7	MOP suggested posting something on noticeboard located within the Thai.	
15.8	MOP suggested ask if anyone in a community would like to add a poppy, crochet for top of post box for Remembrance Day.	

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15.9	SM gave apologies she will not be able to attend next scheduled community council meeting on the 9 th of December POST MEETING NOTE – Date changed to 2 nd December as no quorum available for meeting on 9 th December	
16.0	Next Meeting	
13.1	General Meeting - Tuesday 2 nd December 2025 7pm at Dalton Village Hall	
13.2	Meeting closed at 8:52pm	

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Financial update for Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council from 12/08/25 to 21/10/25

The Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council Current Account carried over a balance of £2802.32 from the previous meeting on 12/08/25. On the 6th of October a payment of £466.65 was received from Dumfries and Galloway Community Council for the Administration Grant.

The £7524.02 for the two solar notice boards received from the Minsca grant fund is still sitting in the Dalton and Carrutherstown bank account, it will be paid when the Solar noticeboards are installed. The planned date for installation is 29/10/25.

From the previous meeting the Harestanes Windfarm Grant carried over a balance of £3250.00.

Dalton Village Hall Committee applied for a £1000 Harestanes grant for infra-red heaters for the Village Hall. This grant was accepted, a cheque was handed over and the funds left the account on 15th August 2025.

Dalton Village Hall Committee applied for a £350 Harestanes grant for solar lights for the bus shelter in the village, this grant was accepted, a cheque was handed over and the funds left the account on 15th August 2025.

It was decided at the previous meeting on 12/08/25 that it would benefit Carrutherstown if the bus shelter in the village also had solar lights. The Dalton Village Hall kindly offered to order alongside the solar lights for Dalton bus shelter. A balance of £162.98 for the two sets of solar lights was given as a cheque to Dalton Village Hall and the funds left the account on 5th September 2025. Many thanks to Ronnie for his work in sourcing and ordering these. Ronnie has kindly agreed to install them, and this will be done soon.

Carrutherstown Primary Parent Council applied for a £863.92 Harestanes grant for the purchase of an outdoor table tennis set for the use of the school children in school hours and for the local community to use outside of school hours. This grant was accepted, a cheque was given, and the funds left the account on 8th September.

From the previous meeting the Minsca Windfarm fund carried over a balance of £16,708.47. There has been no spending since the previous meeting, so the balance remains the same. This fund is retained by D & G Council and is ring fenced for our community.

Kirsten Edgar (Treasurer Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council)

Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council

Accounts from 12/08/25 till 21/10/2025

Current A/C	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
	£2,802.32			
Admin Grant		£466.65		
Current Closing				£3,268.97
Harestanes	£3,250.00			
Top up payment		£3,126.90		
DVH			£350.00	
DVH			£1,000.00	
DVH			£162.98	
CPPC			£863.92	
Harestanes Closing				£4,000.00
Minsca	£16,708.47			
Minsca Closing				£16,708.47

Report to

Officer submitting	PC Calderwood V215
Date of meeting	--/10/2025

Area Crime Information and Notable Incidents:
Dalton:

There have been no new notable incidents/criminality reported since the date of the last meeting.

Local Initiatives:
Rural Thefts:

There have been a number of rural and commercial thefts and housebreakings that have occurred across the region recently to appropriate tools, vehicles and other valuable items. Enquiries are currently ongoing with these incidents, if you have any concerns regarding suspicious activity in the area, or any information regarding this please contact 101 or email using the contactus form located on the Police Scotland website.



Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative to bring local people together to address crime and other community safety issues.

Part of the Neighbourhood Watch system is Neighbourhood Alert.

Neighbourhood Alert is a secure community messaging system which allows key information providers to email registered users with reliable, localised, targeted and timely Alerts on issues of crime, safety and resilience. This keeps local people

informed about issues affecting their area in a timely manner.

Current information providers include Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Local Authorities and Get Safe Online.

Alerts provide the recipient with information to take a course of action, provide advice, provide information and include a point of contact for reporting.

The alert system is used to provide information on current scams, crimes, emerging issues alongside advertisement of community surgeries and engagement events.

To sign up to received alerts scan the below QR code and click 'I want to sign-up for alerts'. All you need to do is provide your email address and locality to ensure you received location specific information. It is complete free.

You can also sign up by visiting – www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/sign-up-for-alerts

Neighbour Alert



Neighbourhood Alert is translatable. As well as being able to detail interests and demographics if they wish, when a member of the public signs up to receive Alerts, they can choose their preferred language for receiving information. They

will then receive future messages in their chosen language as well as English.

Rural Crime – There have been a number of rural thefts and Housebreakings have occurred across the Dumfries and Galloway region and enquiries are ongoing.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION