

Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council

Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council Meeting Minutes

Place of Meeting : Dalton Village Hall

Date of Meeting : Tuesday 14th April 2026 @ 7pm

PRESENT : Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council (DCCC) Lyndsay Cannon (LC)
 Tina Fitzsimon (TF)
 Kirsten Edgar (KE)
 Rob Salthouse (RS)
 Stephen Stiff (SS)

ABSENT/APOLOGIES Sandra Marshall, Jaime Nicholson, George Jamieson, Gemma Anderson

Members of The Public (MOP) 6 members of the public present.

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ITEM	PROCEEDINGS	ACTION
1.0	Welcome, Apologies, Quorum	
1.1	Chair welcomed all, opened meeting, confirmed quorum.	
1.2	Joint secretary & co-opted member Ronnie Dempster has resigned with immediate effect.	
2.0	Coopted Community Council Nominations	
2.1	Stephen Stiff – Proposed by LC and Seconded by TF	
2.2	Chair asked all other members of the CC if anyone had any objections and there were none. Stephen was welcomed to the Community Council	
3.0	Approval of previous meeting minutes dated 2/12/2025	
3.1	- Proposed - TF - Seconded - RS	
4.0	Matters Arising from meeting dated 10/02/2026	

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4.1	Scotland Tech Army have responded they are in process of making a template for CC website but no timeline given.	TF
4.2	RD reported damaged salt bin at williamwath to DGC and no response	
4.3	RD meet with ward officer and 1 councillor and raised all concerns DCCC have within our community.	
4.4	Dalton Kirk has now sold and new owners have communicated via spokesperson regarding the war memorial <i>“hope to host small, informal gatherings—such as refreshments on Remembrance Sunday or Easter—to open their home to neighbours, share the history, and stay connected with the village”</i>	
4.5	Chair praised KE, GA and RS for their efforts for the bingo night and wished to thank everyone for their prize donations, home baking donation and raffle donations along with SS assistance selling raffle tickets. Evening was a great success with 64 attendees.	
4.6	Chair wished to thank everyone who turned out for the litter pick, was another great success.	
4.7	Carrutherstown Playpark RD & TF meet with development officer who were working up a plan and cost and to be progressed into wider community. TF looking into public survey options.	
5.0	Matters from members of the public	
5.1	MOP advised that two planters and one bench have been made and donated by the Men's Shed and they would like these to be sited on land within Carrutherstown. It was noted that they had previously spoken with a Council officer who indicated the land was community owned. SS provided an overview of the Community Council position, advising that information had been received suggesting the land may belong to the Village Hall, which currently owns the existing planters and has new planters ready to be installed as replacements. It was further noted that the land in front of the hall could be owned by the Hall, Dumfries and Galloway Council, or the wider community. The Community Council has made enquiries through the appropriate Council channels, seeking definitive position on ownership, as the area previously would have formed part of the highway prior to the Carrutherstown bypass, to ensure the community has clarity going forward. The MOP thanked the Community Council for the update and confirmed that they would be content for the planters and bench to be located at an appropriate site within either village.	

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5.2	RS raised that we have between 10–15 no. hanging baskets, kindly donated by Caulders Garden Centre last year. It would be helpful to identify suitable locations for these and also to confirm volunteers who would be willing to assist with watering and maintenance.	
6.0	Police Scotland Report	
6.1	April police report received and attached. • 05/03/2026 – Assault (Cummertrees) • 10/03/2026 – Suspect Persons (Nethermaines) • 24/03/2026 – Wildlife Crime (Cummertrees)	
6.2	DCCC reported the following to Police Scotland • 16/03/2026 – Reported rogue traders visiting numerous properties offering tarring works • 23/03/2026 – Reported fly tipping at Blountfield & Birset <i>(response from Police Scotland on 02/04/26 that they have identified three individual responsible and as such they will be reported to the relevant authorities)</i>	
7.0	Correspondence	
7.1	DCCC have submitted the following Community Council Enquiry Service 1. Fly Tipping 2. Land at Carrutherstown 3. Passed on anonymous posters concerns over Kinmount Hotel 4. Demographic Statistics	
7.2	Email from Church of Scotland with email from purchaser of Dalton Kirk	
8.0	Treasurer's Report	
8.1	Treasurers report attached	
8.2	Treasurer wished to thank everyone for their involvement, help and donations with the bingo night and bake sale.	
8.3	The Treasurer outlined and read out a proposed draft process (attached) for the awarding of grant funding going forward, informed by a review of the past year and lessons learned. This was welcomed by the Chair and received positively by members. It was noted that the proposed process will be developed further.	KE/LC
8.4	The 25/26 books are being handed into the accountant Farries, Kirk & McVean next week for checking and auditing.	
9.0	Planning/Licencing Applications	
9.1	26/0216/LBC and 26/0219/FUL – Dormont Grange – no comments	

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10.0	ANCBC/Minsca Funding	
10.1	DVH with CPC have submitted an application for £1000 towards a Community Fete to be held on the 27 th August 2026 on the cricket pitch at Dalton. Approval in principal with quotes to be provided. Chair put to vote 5 Yes 0 No	
10.2	DVH and CPC had put on application regarding advise on further applications. Treasurer will make further enquiries regarding another funding pot available through ANCBC.	KE
10.3	D&CCC have submitted an application for £65 to purchase 2nr. first aid kits for the CC and any events Chair put to vote 5 Yes 0 No	LC
11.0	Resilience	
11.1	The Chair thanked Ronnie Dempster for his significant contribution to the development of the Community Council Resilience Plan, including the work undertaken to ensure the plan was submitted to DGC and approved in draft form. This has ensured that the Community Council is appropriately covered under the resilience insurance arrangements. KE will liaise with Becky (DGC) to confirm the next steps required to progress the Resilience Plan beyond draft status. The Chair asked whether Ronnie Dempster would be content to continue to be involved with the Resilience Plan and be listed as a volunteer going forward. Ronnie confirmed that he would be happy to remain involved.	KE
12.0	Federation of Community Councils Annandale and Eskdale	
12.1	Next meeting to be held on the 19.05.26 at 7pm at Ecclefechan. Normally chair and 1 other attend from participating community councils. Chair & SS to attend.	LC/SS
12.2	DCCC has not attended previously, the FCCAE have reintroduced an annual subscription fee of £20, however, any CC that attends 2 or more meeting get an addition within their discretionary grant from DGC.	
13.0	AOCB	
13.1	Chair has noted from holding the bingo event and litter pick that there are a few items that would be beneficial for the community council to purchase and asked if anyone had any objections to purchasing the following items? No objections were raised 1. Lockable metal moneybox 2. 2nr. 50L really useful boses (1 for event stationary and 1 for litter picking equipment)	

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13.1 (cont)	3. Hot flask 4. Flip Charts 5. Ink for printer	
13.2	Chair asked Community Council members who currently hold first aid training and whether members would be interested in undertaking training. Two CC members confirmed they have current first aid certification, and other members expressed an interest in receiving training. Chair had enquired with the Ward Officer, who confirmed that a course had recently taken place and that they would advise when the next course is scheduled. MOP asked how many participants are required to run a course and whether members of the wider community could also attend. The Chair agreed to follow this up with the Ward Officer and report back.	LC
13.3	RS interested on new MOP opinions and what they would like to see – some great suggestions put forward such as a regular standing date for events, surveys and events.	
13.4	The community council are in the process of curating a document set outlining our aims and priorities going forward and what would residents like to CC to be. These will be progressed and issued in due course.	ALL
12.0	Next Meetings	
12.1	Tue 09th June at 7pm Venue TBC (AGM at 6.30pm) Tue 11th August at 7pm Venue TBC	
12.2	Meeting closed at 8.47pm	

Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council
Accounts from 10/02/26 till 14/04/26

Current A/C	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
	£2,847.07			
Solway Tile -water seal-hand prints			£16.00	
Hall hire-CC meeting			£40.00	
Hall hire- business meeting			£30.00	
Donation DVH-electric			£40.00	
Donation CTVH-electric			£40.00	
Stamps for newsletter			£109.62	
Hall hire-resilience			£20	
Bingo night expenses			£86.72	
Bingo night hall hire			£100	
Bingo night- income		£540.40		
Current Closing				£2,905.13
Harestanes				
	£3,700.00			
CPPC-football goals			£500	
Harestanes Closing				£3,200.00
Minsca				
	£16,708.47			
Minsca closing				£16,708.47



Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council is committed to supporting local communities in a way which is open, transparent and demonstrates continuous improvement.

To allow the Community Council to fully demonstrate ethical and transparent accounting I believe as treasurer for the Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council that the following process should be adopted for grant applications from the beginning of the 2026 financial year-

Step 1. Apply for funding via the Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council (DCCC) funding form.

Applications may be completed more quickly where the applicant is able to submit a quote or estimate for the desired item, service or activity along with the initial application form.

Step 2. Application will be formally considered at the next Community Council meeting. The applicant will be informed as soon as possible. The applicant may be asked for more information where appropriate to enable a decision to be reached.

Step 3. If the application is successful or approved in principle unless already provided, the constituted group or individual applying will be asked to submit a quote or quotes for the item, service or activity they are requesting funding for.

In most cases a quote for the desired item, service or activity will be available and should be provided to demonstrate transparency.

Where a 'contribution' is sought, there will be many occasions where a quote will still be available to cover the contribution, such as the hire of a marquee or generator or an inflatable which will be used for an event.

Where the Community Council is satisfied that the applicant cannot reasonably acquire a quote, the CC may consider an alternative means of demonstrating legitimate spending such as indicative costs from a website, comparable costs from another similar event or a letter of intent.

The Community Council will consider each case on its own merits and where the Community Council supports a particular cause in principle, it will assist applicants in understanding what evidence they need to provide to best enable their application to be successful.

Step 4. If the applicant is successful, the approved funds will be released.



Step 5. After funds have been issued and the purchase made from the group or individual a receipt needs to be provided to the Community Council along with relevant forms.

Quotes or equivalent, along with receipts and relevant forms will all be submitted as part of the year end reporting.

The aim of the process outlined above would be to strengthen financial management within the community council to ensure greater efficiency, accountability, and continuous improvement.

As a way forward I believe DCCC should also adopt a written policy for Finance and Funding applications. This would allow for consistent and transparent decision making moving forward.

Kirsten Edgar

Treasurer (Dalton and Carrutherstown Community Council)

Report to Annandale South – Annan Landward Community Councils

Officer submitting	PC Liam Calderwood V215
Date of report	01/04/2026

Area Crime Information and Notable Incidents:
05/03/2026 – Assault (Cummertrees)

Police attended a report of an ongoing assault, on attendance enquiries were carried out and a male was issued with a recorded warning for a minor assault.

10/03/2026 – Suspect Persons (Nethermains)

Two males attended at a farm and offered to fill in potholes for the landowner, on being challenged for business details they got back into their vehicle and sped off. Enquiries ongoing to identify the males.

24/03/2026 – Wildlife Crime (Cummertrees)

Police attended a report of two males observed on a farm chasing hares with lurcher-type dogs. Enquiries are ongoing.

Local Initiatives:


Galloway Off Road aim is to help keep our Communities Safer by providing a controlled legal environment for off-road motorcycling. Our charity will help children & young people learn through motorcycle related activities by providing a structured, safe environment for young people to learn and enjoy off-road motorcycling.

Galloway Off Road MCC will be a division of Kingdom Off Road, The Kingdom Off Road model demonstrates how structured riding environments can not only promote road safety and responsible behaviour but also support youth engagement and strengthen local motorsport participation.

Kingdom Off Road delivers accredited learning and development programs developed over a number of years for all of those attending and has become an inspiring example of what can be achieved through partnership working between clubs, local authorities, and the wider community. This collaboration and the development of Galloway Off Road marks a significant step forward, in the fight to improve our communities and reduce the impact of anti - social behaviours. The focus is on positive youth development within the context of motorsport, fostering an uplifting and community-oriented atmosphere.

Galloway Off Road is proud to be working with Kingdom Off Road, by introducing this business model to Dumfries and Galloway we will provide local agencies and communities with the infrastructure and the correct environment to encourage young people to learn and develop through off road motorcycling, giving them confidence and skills, that will help them develop as individuals.

We are inviting you to support our charity, by making use of the facilities and the programs we offer.

The videos below show how Kingdom Off Road is making a real difference in the local community and what Galloway Off Road could deliver for the Children and Young People of Dumfries and Galloway.

Please check out our appearance on Sky One <https://youtu.be/y-mHsNCzMjQ> Through The Gears Programme

Levenmouth <https://youtu.be/AEvEdn6RMyw?si=F4rM8UHWjggPZg3M>

Also our 2 min Case Study <https://youtu.be/imBSDkacOO0>

We look forward to working with you in the future as the project progresses. If you would like to learn more about the initiative, please do not hesitate to contact us.