**MINUTES**

**Dalry Community Council**

**Date: 6/3/2023** **Time:** **7pm** **Location: Town hall**

**Present: Graham West (Chair) (GW), Morag Paterson (MP),** **Gerald Bell (GB), Gary Blissett (GYB), Jenna Cains (JC), Michele Owen (MO), Andy McFarlane (AMc)**

**Apologies: Alex Macrae**

**Minutes taken by: Michele Owen**

Chair welcomed group.

**Minutes of February meeting:** MP proposes and GYB second's minute

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| **Agenda Item** | **Action** |
| **1.Matters arising**  Co-op Jenna Cains – proposed by GW  Vice Chair Michele Owen – Proposed by MP, seconded GYB  · **Review of Action Log**  **· Councillor update on outstanding issues** |  |
| **2. Police report** –  GW received an email from Rural Scotland in regards to registering electrical appliances due to a large number of products being recalled. GW to pass the email on to the sjtdcc email for all to view and share.  Due to door step scams if we can keep an eye out for any neighbours and especially any vulnerable residents dealing with callers at their doors. Be vigilant for ourselves and others. | GW |
| **3.Village matters** –  Biosphere consultation event was a good turnout and positive feedback to the consultation.  DCC to request councillors to have a more detailed knowledge of the plans and to request artists impressions to share with residents.  Re-Enquiry from a concerned resident in Underhill regarding water quality and a number of other concerns. Councillors have researched and reached out to relevant organisations for information and we will ensure we respond back to them as soon as possible as they have been waiting a couple of months with no reply. | **JC**  **GW** |
| **4. Pavements, roads and verges**  Potholes – we are not happy with the work completed, just filling in the holes and they break up very quickly.  AMc stated that the holes are filled in temporarily until they can be repaired properly. AMc Stated that the contractors will do the jobs that are closer such as borders and central, Dumfries and Galloway is the furthest away and that could be the reason we are waiting. GB asked why local contractors are not used. Due to the roads being affected mostly due to the large timber vehicles GW mentioned that the Timber Association publish a list of which roads will be used and when, at the moment they repair the roads ready for use before timber work starts and during but not after. Mentioned to AMc that the process could be that the Timber Association work with the council to help pay for the repairs as they come through the village and surrounding area and need to take more of a responsibility and work with the council to achieve a better result for road users. Morag proposed wind farms and forestry to link up using roads that link them up instead of using the village roads to work with strategic timber transport fund /scheme.  Large hole surrounded with barriers at the top of Carsphairn road and Midtown – This has developed into a sink hole which is waiting for repairs. This began due to the Pipes and lid sinking and collapsing. MP advised she has been notified that contractors are waiting on getting the right products to do the job properly such as a certain concrete. Raised our concerns that the hole and barriers cover more than half of the road and could potentially cause an accident as well as inconvenience to farmers and other road users.  Raised the Pothole App with AMc but he has not heard of any app. Will need to contact John Denerly regarding this as he mentioned it in his last attended meeting in January. |  |
| **5. Planning and housing**  Lagoon issue , still unacceptable to have no action to the potential slurry pit. Feel that school will suffer from smells and the close neighbours. Retrospective planning – AMc confirmed we can still raise concerns after a retrospective planning application has been awarded if affects community.  MP raised the issue that other Regional Councils/Local Authorities have a Biodiversity officer – where is our officer, no one is in this post. If we have any issues with land use, environment, agricultural areas we would benefit having a liaison officer to go to with any issues. MP to share email with biodiversity contact with AMc | MP |
| **6. Windfarms**  GDT – Windy Rig funding is closer to coming in. |  |
| **7. Forestry** –  Mackilston  MP reported that Highfield Forestry say they have submitted their plans to Scottish Forestry, so far we have had no notification from SF and the case doesn’t appear on the Public Register.  Waterside – Landowner trustee meeting – not heard back yet.  Dundeugh – MP went to two consultations which were positive events and will have updates and further information to follow. Possible walk in the forest in April to aid engagement. |  |
| **8. Microgrant, funding & treasurer’s update** –  Decisions update – Town Hall request TBC. Further discussions to be had in view of printer.  Statement of accounts  Agreed £60 for leaving the community council to Andrew Belinski and Kerry Morrison |  |
| **9. Correspondence and external meetings**  Many emails forwarded from correspondence secretary. Graham feels that there is not enough response from all the councillors and would like everyone to give some enthusiasm and commitment to meetings and consultations. If all members can share out meetings/webinar and surveys.  To make use of associated members and residents to attend meeting or events that are relevant to them. Sharing on facebook or other media.  Glenkens Housing Forum  CC members attended the Glenkens Housing Forum. There were several presentations which covered projects such as community affordable housing from wind farm funds, and buildings being taken into community ownership for housing and business purposes.  We also heard from the Pamela Young Trust, who have an extensive waiting list of people waiting for houses, and also about the problems the Trust faces with retrofitting the houses to the new EPC standards.  The evictions at New Galloway were also discussed. | MP |
| **10. AOB** –  RLUP Community Learning Programme  CC members attending two online wrap up sessions for the Regional Land Use Pilot Community Learning Programme. Other stakeholders in attendance included officials from the Scottish Government Land Use Team and representatives from Scottish Forestry.  The new land use addendum for the Community Action Plan has been revised to reflect feedback from attendees, and will be presented to the CAP steering group to be signed off.  Dalry Community Council agreed to prepare a bid to the Awards For All Fund to secure a part time post for a Glenkens Land Use Forum Convener (title to be confirmed). The intention would be to secure the support of the other Glenkens Community Councils to strengthen the bid. JC to lead, MP will not be involved in the bid to avoid possible future conflicts of interest. | MP  JC |
| **11.** **Bench Andy Holmes** – getting quotes for bench – using local groups to make it. Such as men’s shed, Carsphairn woodland. No plastic so looking at wood or metal. Recycling wind farm blades to make bench is an option but Andy would only want wood. |  |
| **12**. **Kings coronation** –  A Day of volunteering is an option for the Monday – an hour of helping each other/groups/ charity shop/cafe/school.  Free sandwich, cake and tea – show the coronation on screen in Dalry Town Hall.  Delegate the roles out to the DCC | JC & MO  All |
| **13.Warm spaces** –  get information from residents are they struggling? What areas can we use? Can we get funding? | All |