

DALRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: 3rd March 2025 Time: 7.00pm

Item	Agenda item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies Present: Jenna Cains, Pat Wheeler, Maureen Biggar, Anabel Lyth. Michele Owen Council representative: John Denerley. (and his interpreter) Apologies: Morag Paterson, Gerald Bell Minutes taken by: Jason Wilding	
2	Previous minutes approval for month: Nominated by: Jenna Cains Seconded by: Pat Wheeler	
3	Action log: No update provided for the meeting.	
4	Matters arising: No issues to discuss.	
5	Police matters: See report: 1 item of note a stolen vehicle	
6	Councillor Update: D&G Full Council met on 27 th Feb. Councillors voted to increase Council tax in an effort to protect front line services and deliver planned projects. It is reported that the council faced an estimated 3-year funding gap of £34.2m. As a result, the council will implement a raft of revenue raising. Initiatives from a 9% rise in council tax to increases in selected fees and charges relating to leisure, sport, licensing, registrars, and bulky waste uplift. The Council will take forward a range of measures to address the funding gap including savings options that formed part of the council's budget consultation 2025/26 late last year, totalling £3.51m in 2025/6 increasing to £13.3m by 2027/8. In addition, the budget reflects the council's commitment of a further £10m to support the estimated whole project costs of the Dumfries Academy/ Loreburn Primary Project. Additional £1.6m to be allocated to tackling poverty and inequalities to support vulnerable people and mitigate cost of living increases. The budget also contains development costs in 2025/6 to help progress capital projects, including Borderlands funded projects including Stranraer Marina, Chapelcross and business infrastructure, and Locharmoss Solar Array project. The CC offered to write a letter of support, should this be required, in respect of John accessing communication support to enable him to carry out his duties effectively. Jenna asked if John could identify what and where the Locharmoss project will take place, and said there is no awareness that this has been through local consultation. Jenna offered that the Glenkens are worth more than just forestry and windfarms and any development would always force a compromise in terms of the local ecology. John offered that a number of schemes will be pushed likely be pushed to the fore a head of the National Park decision. In respect of the National Park, John offered that D&G has yet to provide a view in support or otherwise of the park, whilst the 2 neighbouring counties have expressed their support.	JC JD
7	Village matters: It was discussed that Stewartry Adult Social Services are not currently able to provide packages of care to residents of Dalry. John D said he will investigate this matter and report if this is correct. Maureen agreed to investigate whether there could be funding from Drax for a generator or Dalry. The Resilience test event organised in partnership with Dalry CC, Loch ken Trust, emergency services and statutory bodies will take place on 5 th March. This is a showcase	JD MB

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	<p>event to get people to act together. This will be a mock major incident scene, with spectators welcome.</p> <p>It was noted that 80 communities have a resilience plan, but many may not be active.</p> <p>Update from Feb. Sent off compensation request for town hall warm space Saturday 25th March. Waiting to hear back, they are very busy.</p> <p>Update from Feb. Lochinvar are having their roof fixed this week or next</p> <p>Update from Feb. The Light pollution issue at Glen Lee has been resolved.</p>	
8	<p>Pavements, roads, and verges: Jenna asked John who has responsibility over keeping pathways clear, John said it was the Council's responsibility, of particular concern is the pathway from the village to Alan Gibbon bridge. Jenna to forward details to John.</p> <p>The foot bridge at Kendoon has been reported to the council and a structural report will be undertaken by Robbie Cowan to assess any need for repair.</p> <p>Core Path No 23 from the high road to Kendoon, a vehicle has been using this pathway (presumably as a shortcut to the A713) driving daily and at speed. Pat asked if a no vehicular access sign could be erected. Jenna will contact forestry Scotland regarding this.</p>	
9	<p>Planning and housing: Land below Dalry School. John asked for some historical context of what was approved. (10 villa's) Maureen to send a picture of the approved plan to John he will discuss the validity of the planning approval with colleagues.</p>	JD
10	Wind farms: No items	
11	Forestry: No items	
12	National Park: A general discussion took place to understand the personal views towards a National Park, (as above) John offered that a number of schemes will be pushed likely be pushed to the fore a head of the National Park decision. John also offered that D&G has yet to provide a view in support or otherwise of the park, whilst the 2 neighbouring counties have expressed their support	
13	Microgrants, funding and treasurer's update: No treasurers update	
14	Correspondence and external meetings: No items	
15	<p>Any other relevant business: Dalry is to be included in the Newton Stewart Walking Festival. The walk will be a Supper Walk, Glenlee to Dalry on Monday 12th May</p>	
16	Date of next meeting: 7 th April 2025	