



DALBEATTIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Dalbeattie Community Council Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7 pm

Venue - Birchvale Theatre, Maxwell St, Dalbeattie, DG5 4AG

### **Approved Minutes**

**Community Council Elected Members Present:** Linda Ashton (LA), John Neilson(JN), Edward Palmer (EP), John Thompson (JT), Ron Smith (RS), Lyne Gibson (LG), James Carnochan (JC), May Donaldson (MD) and Aaron Gibson (AG) joined at 7.30pm

**Community Council Members Apologies:** David Reid (MD), Councillor Ian Blake (IB), Councillor Kim Lowe (KL),

**Regional (D&G) Council Members:** Councillor Davie Stitt (DS),

Dumfries and Galloway Council: Tony Topping (TT),

Amey Consulting: Kelly McNee (KM), Peter Ovrnion (PO)

Royal British Legion Scotland: Willie Watson (WW), Robert Kirk (RK) Jim Dingwall(JD)

Others Present: Margaret Copp (MC), John White(JW), Kate Caldlow (KC), Jennifer Taylor(JT),

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chair**

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#### **2. Apologies**

3. David Reid , Councillor Ian Blake, Councillor Kim Lowe , Ian Wilbur

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the last meeting

#### **5. Matters Arising**

None were raised

#### **6. Actions from the Previous Minutes**

None were raised

#### **7. Police Report**

07/01 – report of dogs worrying livestock, enquiries ongoing.

09/01 – report of fail to stop road traffic accident, High Street, enquiries ongoing.

11/01 – report of vandalism to disabled toilets, Water Street Car Park, enquiries ongoing.

18/01 - report of threatening and abusive behaviour towards delivery driver, enquiries ongoing.



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- 19/01 – report of theft by shoplifting, Co-op, enquiries ongoing.
- 20/01 – vehicle with no insurance
- 22/01 – report of theft of an electric bike, person identified and charged
- 25/01 – report of male assaulted, High Street, person traced and charged with relevant offence
- 30/01 – report of communications offence, person traced and charged
- 31/01 – vandalism to windows, High Street, enquiries ongoing

### 8. Anthony Topping – Reporting on

**1<sup>st</sup> phase was 20mph speed limits and widening of the pavement opposite the health centre – Covid affected phase 2.**

#### **Reporting on Phase 2:**

- 20mph speed limits of side roads and widening of the pavement opposite the health centre – Covid affected Phase 2. It was reported by JD that the current system floods as the drain although clear does not seem to flow properly. TT said this would be looked into, and KM said the works will include a full flood review.

#### **New Foot Bridge**

- New footbridge at Church Crescent to link to the park. Currently not easy to access due to steps. Funds are available, but it needs community support. Ramp access and widening, as well as raising, are planned.
- An environmental study is required first if Transport Scotland has the funds.
- The whole project could well be over a million £
- JW asked where the money was coming from and TT explained it had been allocated to encourage pedestrian and cycling transportation. LG said maybe it could be combined with previous initiatives to encourage walking to school.
- It was asked what would happen to the old bridge, and TT explained it will have to be removed but they will look into the possibility if some can be reused or recycled locally.

#### **Pelican Crossing:**

- Due to be replaced with a puffin-type crossing. There was a discussion on whether it should be downgraded to a zebra crossing. The consensus was that it should not be downgraded as is used by wheel chair users.
- It should be redone in this financial year; if not, then definitely in the financial year after.

#### **Dalbeattie to Castle Douglas Active Travel Route:**



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- Discussion on what type of path and its feasibility. Acorn Consultancy will have public events to gather input.
- If there is a possible route and there is the demand for it in terms of potential use then a proposal can be put together.
- Considering the size of the project will probably happen in stages if it were to go ahead.
- It was suggested that the old railway track may be a good route.

AG – arrived 7.30

### 9. Town Hall renovations DS reported:

- New kitchens to be installed upstairs and downstairs.
- The tower needs repairs.
- Roof repairs are planned
- Total repairs to take 8 week
- Decoration DS was unsure but hoped the colour would be changed

### 10. Broadband RV100 <https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation>

For Dalbeattie it comes up : “Our data indicates that your property / premises is not currently part of the R100 programme. If you believe this to be incorrect, please email [R100Evaluation@stantec.com](mailto:R100Evaluation@stantec.com)”

EP will look into it

### 11. Treasurer’s Report

#### Treasurer's Report: Fiscal Year 2024

- **Opening Balance:** £39,884.32 (From Closing Balance FY2024)

#### Income:

- £36,347 ringfenced for pond
- 03/04/2024 Interest: £142.53
- 27/06/2024 Interest: £146.16
- 27/09/2024 Interest: £149.81
- 16/12/2024 Interest: £140.34



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- **Total Income:** £578.84

### **Expenditure:**

- 03/05/2024 DD ICO: £35.00
- 11/11/2024 Cheque 129: £33.71 (cleared 14/01/2025)
- **Total Expenditure:** £68.71

### **Summary:**

- Opening Balance: £39,884.32
- Income: £578.84
- Opening Balance plus Income: £40,463.16
- Expenditure: £68.71
- Closing Balance: £40,394.45

## **12. Lead Role Reports**

### **Bandstand:**

- JT reported that the base needs some cement and the pillars need sandblasting and repainting, the wooden cladding that covers the supports of the bandstand is starting to rot and could do with replacement.
- JT will look into the costs of cosmetic repairs to the cement at the base of the bandstand, sandblasting and repainting the supports, replacement of the rotten bits of wooden cladding that cover the support
- Davie will liaise with JT to see if permission can be obtained for the repairs.

### **Vaccination Centres:**

- JT spoke about getting vaccination centres. The NHS will visit the hall at the end of May/beginning of June to check if OK if it is there may be the possibility of bringing vaccinations back to Dalbeattie.

### **News Letter:**

- EP asked for articles by the end of the week maybe one on resilience, the fundraiser line up etc

## **13. Working Party Report/ Sub Group Reports**

### **Pond Group:**



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- Had a meeting last year. It was hoped that Hazel would help set up a letter of invitation for estimates in three phases, but this has not manifested itself.
- **Phase 1:** Seal the pond, take down the wall, rebuild the wall, and install a new sluice gate. Fundraising efforts will need to start after this.
- RS will help put together the tender as he has experience in this area.

### 14. Community Organisation Reports

#### British Legion:

- Beacon on the quarry, a couple of spotlights, a service in the park, and an entertainer.
- On both VE Day on 8 May and VJ Day on 15 August.

### 15. Regional (D&G) Council Report to the Council

DS Council Tax review this week will be going up probably by about 10%

### 16. Planning Applications that need Community Council comment.

- Scottish Water asked for feedback on a marine licence application that has been made for the harbour wall replacement at Palnackie Harbour. RT wondered why we had been asked, and EP said we had, so that is why it is on the agenda. It was agreed that Dalbeattie Community Council has no comment to make on this matter.

- **NO WAITING AT ANY TIME: U519s Burn Street**

**North-east side:** a) From a point in line with the northwest gable wall of Lintogil, in a north-westerly direction to a point in line with the southeast gable of Hallburn, a distance of 27 metres, or thereby.

**South-west side:** a) From a point in line with the northwest gable wall of Lintogil, in a north-westerly direction to a point in line with the southeast channel of the access to the Day Centre car park access, a distance of 5 metres, or thereby. b) From a point in line with the



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northwest channel of the Day Centre car park access, in a north-westerly direction to a point in line with the northwest gable of the Day Centre, a distance of 43 metres, or thereby.

Generally in support. There are concerns that this may affect the ability of people to be dropped off and picked up from the Day Centre, but people are blocking the roads at night by waiting and parking there. Could there be a drop-off space outside the Day Centre to address this, but without allowing parking?

### 17. Other Projects

#### Pond Fundraiser

RS reported the Fundraiser- for the pound, lots of activities and bands arranged 8 in total for 26 July.

RS asked if Dalbeattie Community Council could underwrite the event to the tune of £500. AG thought that this was a lot of Money a vote was taken for this motion 6 for and one against to allocate £500, to fund the fundraiser.

#### Place Plan –

EP suggested all should try and attend the online training:

Details of the events can be found at [Community Council Events](#)

- [Wednesday 12 February](#) - Introduction to Local Place Plans 1: What is a Local Place Plan and how is it different from a Community Action Plan?
- [Wednesday 19 February](#) - Introduction to Local Place Plans 2: The Who, When, Why and How of Local Place Plans.
- [Wednesday 26 February](#) - Project managing your Local Place Plan.
- [Wednesday 5 March](#) - Designing an Engagement Strategy for your Local Place Plan.
- [Wednesday 12 March](#) - Processing the Data you gather for your Local Place Plan.
- [Wednesday 19 March](#) - Writing your Statement of Regard to Statutory Plans: An Intro to National Planning Framework 4 for your Local Place Plan.

There were no volunteers to form a sub group so it was agreed that there should be a working group meeting called for all to attend. RT said this needed to take place before he could apply for money.

EP said that the deadline was the end of June to submit it to Dumfries and Galloway Council so that this should be a special agenda item at the AGM all agreed.



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### **18. Public Feedback**

MC – Bus times are erratic as Busses do not follow the route properly so DS to follow up

JD- What has happened to the volunteers? JC to take the lead – they discussed this at the end of the meeting.

What happened to Resilience LG to take the lead? This was discussed at the end of the meeting. AG asked if the Birchvale still wanted to be involved EP said that they had been very good at providing space for those that experienced extensive power cuts.

WW – not so many dog fouling signs now.

JW – Flood defences in Dumfries may damage Dumfries' ability to hold events such as the funfair.

### **19. Date of Next Meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

EP to book a Place plan Working Group over the next few weeks