



DALBEATTIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **MaDalbeattie Community Council Meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7 pm

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

**Community Council Elected Members Present:** Linda Ashton (LA), Edward Palmer (EP), David Reid (MD), John Thompson (JT), Ron Smith (RS), Lyne Gibson (LG), James Carnochan (JC), , May Donaldson (MD) and Aaron Gibson (AG) joined at 7.25pm

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

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

**Dumfries and Galloway Council:** Kimberly Philips (KP),

**Dalbeattie Initiative representative:** Ian Wilbur (IW) (chairman of the Dalbeattie Initiative), Liz Wilbur (LW),

**Royal British Legion Scotland:** Willie Watson (WW), Jim Dingwall(JD)

**Others Present:**

## **Draft Minutes**

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

The chair explained that the meeting was an additional one to progress the Local Place Plan ahead of its imminent submission deadline and review a budgetary issue associated with the Music Pond Fundraising Event which will be covered in the finance session due to the urgency of these matters, the meeting will deviate from the usual agenda format and concentrate solely on these key items.

The Chair emphasised that the meeting needs to finish by 8:30 PM.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the community council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**

These were approved unanimously by all present

### **3. Matters arising from the previous minutes are not covered in this agenda.**

**EP -Broadband RV100** had had feedback from the RV100 team and all the postcodes are rural ones none cover Dalbeattie itself.

**JT Bandstand:** JT reported that he should have an idea of the cost of repairs and will be able to update for the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April

**JT Vaccination Centres:** JT confirmed the NHS will visit the hall at the end of May/beginning of June to check if OK if it is there a strong possibility of bringing vaccinations back to Dalbeattie.



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**EP -News Letter:** EP had asked for articles by the end of the week but none were forthcoming, it was suggested that maybe members of the public could contribute articles. EP said that currently the article topics reflect what is discussed at the meetings and if members of the public could contribute articles outside this it would need an editor to make the decisions, EP said he could not take this on and no one volunteered to take on this role.

**RS Pond Group:** RS has put together a tender that is fully compliant with Scottish law and requirements.

**EP NO WAITING AT ANY TIME: U519s Burn Street** EP had followed this up and had confirmation that these parking restrictions would not affect the ability to drop off outside the Day Centre, there will be no parking but waiting for up to 5 minutes is allowed.

**DC – Erratic Bus Times:** Has been looking into this and confirmed that the buses were not following the correct route and is looking further into resolving the issue

### 4. Actions from the Previous Minutes

### 5. Treasurers Report

Including Music and Mayhem Pond Fundraising update

Income £36,407 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

03/05/2025 donation £60.00 from Maxi Carnochan mem dominos for pond fund

TOTAL INCOME £638.84

Expenditure

03/05/2024 DD ICO £35.00

11/11/2024 cheque 129 £33.71

RS Reported on Reported on the Music Pond Fundraising Event Costs:

A bill of £1,671.60 is required for the lighting and sound, which was not anticipated.

EP asked about how much money was expected to be raised through the event:

RS confirmed the event has a capacity of 250 attendees, with tickets priced at £10 each. This could potentially generate £2,500, in addition to income from raffles and the bar. RS believes the event should be profitable. People will be allowed to come and go throughout the event. Come Ye Inn will handle all licensing, and the organisers will receive a share of the revenue.

Budget Request:

RS requested a budget of £2,000 to run the event. RS said he believes the event will exceed this amount through sponsorships from local businesses, and groups such as the Lions Club, and the Common Good Fund.



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A question was raised about potential liabilities if the event does not go ahead. RS stated that any sponsorship received would need to be returned, but he is confident that any suppliers who have already been paid would refund the money.

A vote was taken to raise the previously approved budget of £500 to £2000 for the Music Pond Fundraising Event to go ahead and this was approved 6 votes for and none against

- 6. Local Place Plan** – A local place plan needs to be submitted and accepted in order to be considered as part of the Local Development plan ( which will be in place for 10 years). Dumfries and Galloway Council have set a target for July for the submission date. KP said there may be a bit of flexibility on the submission timings.

EP reported he attended the webinar on the Introduction to Local Place Plans Part One on 12 February. During the Q&A session, it was mentioned that many authorities, such as the Dumfries and Galloway Council, have set a deadline for this summer since they want the Local Place Plans to be registered ready for consideration as part of the Local Development Plan before the process starts. However, the answer was given that a Local Place Plan can be submitted at any time. There is a legislative obligation for it to be considered as part of the Local Development Plan process. As the Local Development Plan will take several years to formulate and complete, even if the Local Place Plan is submitted a few months after the start of the process, it might still be registered before the Local Place Plans are considered as part of the process. It was quoted that this would most likely be about six months in. It was suggested that we open a dialogue with our local authority if we cannot meet the deadline to inform them that our Local Place Plan might not meet the deadline but is on its way. As we are only just embarking on the process EP said that he had already informed Dumfries and Galloway Council of our situation and that we will try and meet the deadline, but we may be a little later.

It was discussed that a Local place plan is anything related to planning and the Community Action Plan covers other projects and initiatives.

As highlighted in the table below: examples were then given by each of the members and a discussion was had as to whether they were projects/issues for the community action plan or local place plan:

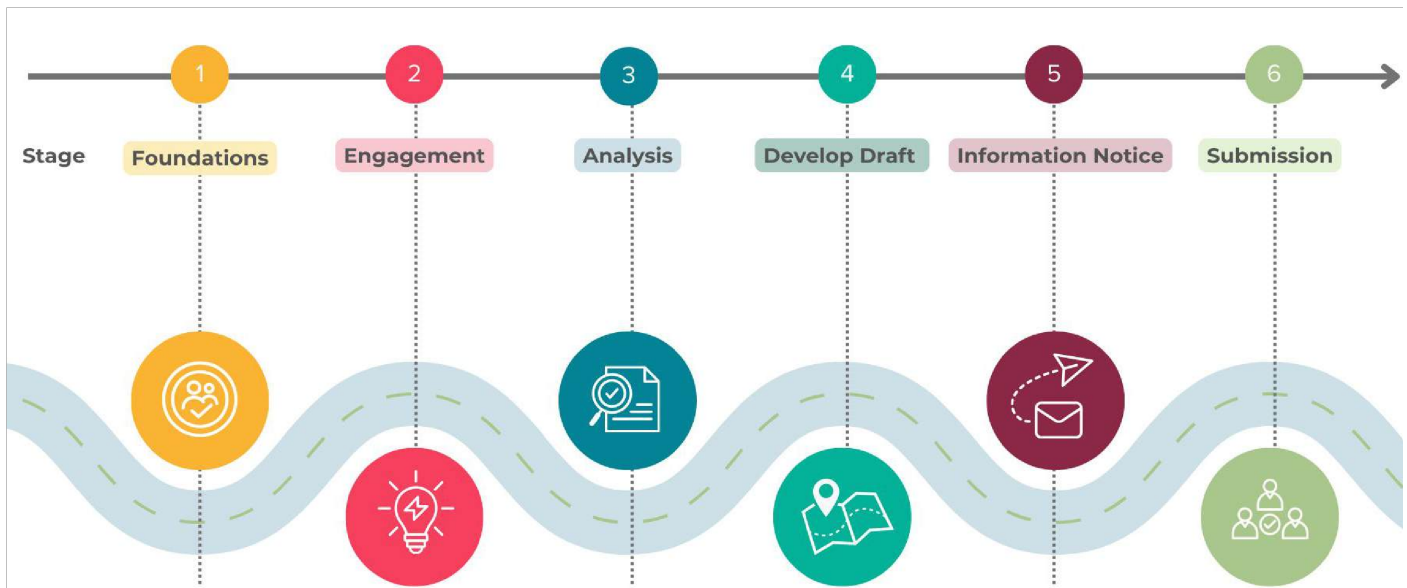


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Plan	Community Action Plan (CAP)	Local Place Plan (LPP)
<b>Focus</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b> Development	Community <b>DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>Scope</b>	<b>Projects</b> and initiatives of <b>ALL</b> types	<b>Proposals</b> relating to the <b>use and development of land and buildings</b> which are <b>controlled by the planning system</b>
<b>Outputs</b>	Delivery plan (lead org, timeframes, partners, first steps, indicative costs). <b>No reasons required.</b>	‘Spatial vision’ (maps!). Arguments for proposals to be accepted into the Local Development Plan to control future development. <b>No delivery plan required.</b>
<b>Leadership</b>	Community-led	Community-led
<b>Outcomes</b>	Community organising, securing funding, planning for community-led delivery.	Community organising & Influencing Spatial Planning System
<b>Traction</b>	Community agency, advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some elements could also fit in a CAP using current buildings/ campaigning lobbying etc</li> <li>Return of police station to Dalbeattie</li> <li>Parking /Traffic Wardens</li> <li>Activities for Kids/youth</li> <li>Banking Hub</li> </ul>	Decision by Planning Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leisure Facilities for Families, Swimming pool, cinema, bowling etc</li> <li>Need for better housing</li> <li>More Garages Taking Cars off roads</li> <li>Affordable Housing</li> <li>Single /small dwellings</li> <li>Could also be planning if a site needed to be allocated to build facilities</li> </ul>



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### **Stage 1 Foundation:**

- Understand our community needs – there was a discussion on the Standard Place survey that has been launched and it's importance in giving a platform for the CAPs and LPP. If it does not reach significant numbers then it has no value and sends out the wrong message about Dalbeattie
- Out of this will come priorities and ideas that will fall either under the CAP or LPP the CAP was suggested should be formed each year at the AGM and this was agreed. The LPP needs to be completed now.

### **Stage 2 Engagement:**

- There was a discussion on how to understand better and frame the needs that drop out of the survey into projects:
  - Discuss with the Local Authority other organisations
  - Run Focus groups of residents
  - Focused surveys.
  - Public meetings.
  - Social media



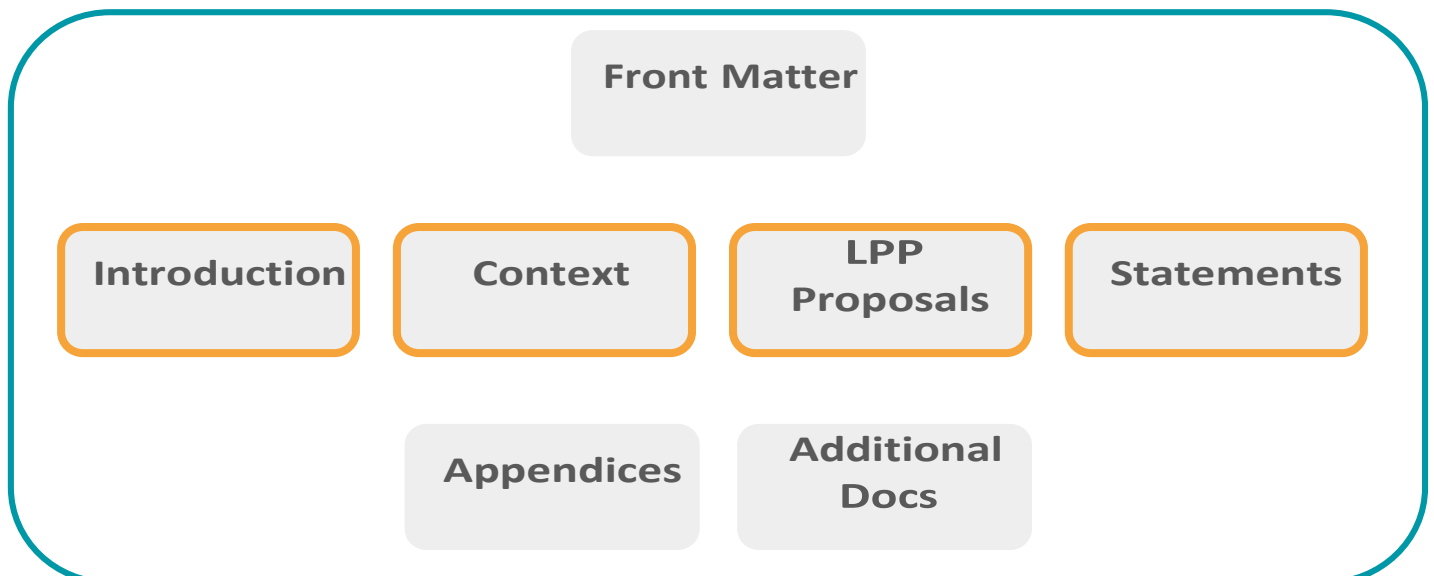
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### **Stage 3 Analysis:**

- This is a very complex stage bringing it all together at this stage once we have completed our analysis on all the information we have gathered EP suggested it may be worth budgeting for external expertise to check our conclusions and focus.

### **Stage 4 Develop Draft:**

- This will be very time-consuming we need to evidence this and tie it in with the National Planning Framework 4
- EP suggested it may be worth budgeting for external expertise to help draft this
- DS said it was worth looking at others the one in New Abbey included % chance of success.
- Each proposal in the LPP must include:
  - Proposal Details
  - How the Proposal links with National Planning Framework 4
- LPP Template:
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Once drafted and checked with Dumfries and Galloway Council there is a 28-day information period during which surrounding Community Councils etc get to respond. Their responses may then change the LLP slightly or be acknowledged and included as appendices in the plan



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**Next steps**

1. Gain significant response to the survey at least 10%
2. Review the results at the next meeting and prioritise areas that may be appropriate to be included in the LPP.
3. At the April meeting assign roles
4. At the April meeting plan the community engagement
5. Set a time scale for the next stages on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

**7. Public Feedback** – Was asked for in written format – none was received.

**8. Date of next meeting.**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2025