



Dalbeattie Community Council Meeting

Monday 13th October 2025 @ 7pm Dalbeattie Town Hall Draft Minutes

FUNDRAISING NIGHT 15TH NOVEMBER RACE NIGHT

Dalbeattie Bowling Club doors open 7pm Racing starts at 7.30pm till midnight, Bar open.

Get your glad rags on your betting money out and have a fun evening while raising much needed funds for Phase 2 of the pond.

Community Council Elected Members Present :

Linda Ashton (LA) Chair, May Donaldson (MD) Vice Chair, Ron Smith (RS) Treasurer

Edward Palmer (ED), Lynn Gibson (LG) Robert Widdelson, Pauline Paterson (PP) Secretary, John Neilson.

Councillors : Davie Stitt

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

Dalbeattie Initiative: no attendance.

Public: Kate Caldlow, David Hailstone, John White, Margaret Copp, Om Prakash, D Whalen, E Carey,

1 Welcome and Introduction

LA opened the Meeting

2 Apologies

Ian Blake, James Carnochan. David Reid

3 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (11th August 2025)

Approved

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes and Agenda

LA discussed that Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC) had asked if the CC could buy a 50 inch screen to put on the wall in the Town Hall so that DGC could rent it out for groups making some money. There was great discussion regarding why DGC could not buy the screen themselves as they would be the ones making the money from it. In the end it was agreed that the CC should not buy the screen as CC needs to focus on raising funds for the pond.

Painting the interior of the Town Hall

LA said that DGC had run out of money to complete the internal painting of the Town Hall, it was discussed if the Dalbeattie Clean up group would be able to carry out the work or the Community Payback.

This was discussed with RW who said he would get in touch with the group and ask if anyone was prepared to carry out this work. It was then discussed about materials LA has asked Brian Gowans who has no money but then said he would contribute to the materials.

The upstairs room, bottom wood to be re-painted, and the downstairs woodwork, which would require undercoating and glossing.

DS informed the meeting that after all the work to the Town Hall there was a leak under the Bell Tower which has now been repaired.

5 Actions from the Previous Minutes

Carried over to December meeting

6 Police Report

LA informed the meeting that at a meeting with Police Scotland there is going to be a re-structuring in the area the community safety officers are going to be reduced from 12 to 8, if people could write to the police with their views something different may happen.

LA read out the crime Statistics below:

Summary of crimes in the local area from 7th August till 8th October 2025, relevant to public meetings.

1 x Report of Vandalism, enquiries ongoing

2x Reports of Vandalism, 1 charged, 1 enquiries ongoing

2 x Reports of drugs, 1 person charged 1 enquiries ongoing

2 x Reports of fraud both enquiries ongoing

2 x Reports of theft both ongoing enquiries

2 x Reports of threatening and abusive behaviour 1 person charged 1 enquires ongoing

1 x Report of malicious mischief enquiries ongoing

1 x Report thrift by shoplifting person traced and charged

1 x Report of breach of bail and threatening behaviour person charged

1 x Report theft of motor vehicle ongoing enquiries

1 x Report of theft of pedal cycle ongoing enquiries

1 x Report of attempted break in ongoing enquiries

Neighbourhood watch Scotland

Sign up and get alerts regarding the following:

Local crimes and Trends

Guidance on online safety and doorstep scams

Advice on how to secure your belongings

Information on safety, resilience and Community wellbeing

Approved "Secure by Design" products and Recommendations

Sharing best practice to protect you, your family and the community

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

7 Treasurer's Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Additional Details

OPENING BALANCE £40,583.15

Income £38,099.18 ringfenced for pond

deposit 21/05/2025 £8,424.00 from Dunn Foundation for bandstand

interest 27/6/2025 £123.77

deposit 30/7/2025 £3,535.50

interest 29/9/2025 £121.88

TOTAL INCOME £12,205.15

Expenditure

14/04/2025 cheque 130 £72.00 Birchvale theater rent for meeting

02/05/2025 direct debit ICO £47.00

03/07/2025 cheque 131 £1,221.60 Michael Kirkpatrick Joinery/Bandstand repairs

27/6/2025 cheque 132 £1,260.00 Darren McGimpsey/Bandstand Repairs

27/6/2025 cheque 133 £2,400.00 Patterson Engineering/Bandstand Sand Blasting

27/6/2025 cheque 134 £166.72 Hall rental for fundraiser

21/8/2025 cheque 138 £3,542.40 M. Gaffney & Sons Bandstand Repairs

04/8/2025 cheque 136 £1,671.60 SW Audio PA Rental for fundraiser

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £10,381.32

Opening Balance £40,583.15

Income £12,205.15

Opening Balance plus Income £52,788.30

Expenditure £10,381.32

Closing Balance £42,406.98

To get a Grant for the pond there needs to be a safe Guarding policy for the community Council which RS is dealing with

Band Stand

A plaque to go on the bandstand was discussed for the Dunn Fund, a photograph of Bert and Ruth Dunn has been found of their wedding day. WW and Scouse to sort out costs from Jim's Son in Law and the Men's Shed.

WW reported there have been discussions about putting a square plaque on a round post now looking at putting the plaque around the post, more information to follow.

The Steps on the Bandstand are not defined for Visual impaired persons. It was discussed that Dumfries and Galloway Council will do this. (we did not discuss what was happening with the steps for meeting 8th Dec)

Pond Regeneration

Update on Phase 1

Only one contractor has tendered Parc Construction who can do it within the budget, the tender is £36, 227.06. Work has not started as yet and this does not seem likely now until Spring 2026. CC have not got a copy of the tender / scope of work and are in the process of procuring this.

DGC have plugged the inlet pipe to divert the water into the burn to allow the work to commence, unfortunately the bung did not work, the diversion pipe has been put in too high the bung has now been completed by a member of the community, as no work is going to commence until 2026 LA is going to get in touch with the council and ask for the water to be put back into the pond as it makes the park look better.

Phase 2 will be discussed at a meeting in the New Year but serious fundraising needs to be done as the cost of this phase will most definitely be over £200,000 and any members of the public who want to fundraise for this phase would be very much appreciated.

RS to Meet Kimberley Philips on 18th August to discuss Ideas and fundraising for Phase 2 of the pond. (No update on this discuss on 8th December meeting)

Clean up Dalbeattie

The cleaning of the side of the Burn by the bridge has not been completed before the Winter, this will now take place in the new year as it was deemed unsafe for people to work because of the storm, which raised the water level.

Resilience

It was discussed setting up a Neighbourhood Watch group, as this goes hand in hand with the place plan, there is a neighbourhood watch group in Kippford this is going to be looked into.

Community Engagement including Local Place Plan

Newsletter EP asked if people still wanted him to produce the quarterly newsletter. If so he would need contributions to it as he cannot do it by himself.

JD/RK to do a piece on the year of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

MC to do a piece on Local Charities.

Placeplan needs a team to take 15 Ideas which is on the surveys and put them together, then take 4 and put them forward and decide which ones go through into the plan for the next 10 years, there is a 6 week window in order to carry out this work, EP asked for people to help EP is happy to co-ordinate it. PP and RS have said they will have a look at it with EP.

9 Community Organisation Reports

Dalbeattie Initiative:

No update

10 Regional (D&G) Council Report to the Council

No report from D&G Council.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HAVE YOUR SAY AS COUNCIL SEEKS £35 MILLION IN SAVINGS OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS.

Dumfries and Galloway Council have opened a 5 week consultation to gather views from residents, colleagues and partners on how to balance its budget 2026/2027.

The consultation runs from Friday 17th October to Sunday 23rd November.

By various means go to the website for your online survey or attend a community Conversation at,

Dalbeattie Town Hall, 12th November 2025 between 3pm and 7pm.

dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/budgerconsultation

11 Planning Application that need Community Council comment

None

12 Other Projects

Scouts

EP informed the group that an application for a 99 year lease for the Dalbeattie Police Station has been sent in but to date nothing has been heard.

13 Public Feedback

MC has asked if anyone is known who can take over the COVID Garden in the park. EP is going to bring it up at the next allotment meeting.

Rw Drain by the Medical Centre is blocked again and people cannot walk along the pavement due to the hedge overhanging LA asked PP to write to the Medical Centre to ask if they can arrange to have the hedge cut back.

RW Traffic Lights at the cross roads by the school have been hit again, and should have railings all around them as there is going to be a serious accident.

WW let the meeting know that LA was in the local press following a presentation for her years in Scouting.

DW informed the meeting that a member of the community was having issues with housing DS to see if he can get some information to the Housing Officer.

DS advised the group that the Blair centre had been broken into doors, had been damaged which have now been repaired, it is now going to be looked at as a place to rent out for groups.

DS discussed buses being taken off after 6pm in the evening and leaving some communities isolated, SNP are making budget decisions in the next year.

14 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th December 2025 7pm to take place in Dalbeattie Town Hall.