



Dalbeattie Community Council Meeting

Monday 13th October 2025 @ 7pm Dalbeattie Town Hall

Draft Minutes

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:

Public:

Kate Caldwell, 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.

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

Review and approval of Minutes from the meeting 11th August 2025

All 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 of 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 this work could be carried out. It was then discussed about materials LA has asked Brian Gowans who has no money but then said he would contribute to the materials.

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

5 Actions from the Previous Minutes

Nothing here

6 Police Report

LA read out the crime Statistics below:

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

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 theft 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

TOTAL INCOME £12,083.27

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 cheque133 £2,400.00 Patterson Engineering/Bandstand Sand Blasting

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

21/7/2025 cheque 135 £3,542.40 M. Gaffney & Sons Bandstand Repairs

21/7/2025 cheque 136 £1,671.60 SW Audio PA Rental for fundraiser

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £10,381.32

Opening Balance £40,583.15

Income £12,083.27

Opening Balance plus Income £52,666.42

Expenditure £10,381.32

Closing Balance £42,285.10

Pond Fundraiser

Income	Expense
lions club £1,000.00	£250.00 Prize 1
lucky board £1,000.00	£250.00 Prize 2
tickets £680.00	£166.72 hall rental
door sales £1,470.50	£140.00 security
Donations £20.00	£1,671.60 Pa system

totals £4,170.50

£2,478.32

net profit/loss £1,692.18

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. Jim and Scouse to sort out costs from Jim's Son in Law and the Men's Shed

The Steps on the Bandstand are not defined for Visual impaired persons. It was discussed that Dumfries and Galloway Council will do this.

Pond Regeneration

Pond

Phase 1, only one contractor replied and can do it within our budget, to date we do not know who they are or the cost as it hadn't been awarded yet, we asked for the cost of removing the vegetation to be removed as Dougal the council worker has already done this, when awarded it is hoped the work will be completed By the end of October 2025.

Removing the mat at the landing area and replacing it with cement as no boats are likely to be back on the pond. To do this work the Council will pay for this work and plug the inlet pipe and divert it into the burn to allow the work to commence, water will be put back into the Pond to allow pressure washing the base before work starts.

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 over £200,000 and any members of the public who want to fundraise for this phase would be very much appreciated.

Dougal has strimmed around the pond so this can now come off the list praise was given for his work on keeping Dalbeattie clean.

Old Stepping Stones were discussed for some to be put back into the pond as a feature. They are in the river at the moment in LA to discuss with D&GC. This was put forward by Jim.

Clean up Dalbeattie

Not heard from Robert in a while - he must be busy with the school holidays

LA to contact RW and discuss the cleaning of the side of the Burn by the bridge before the Winter.

Resilience

Nothing to report

Next Resilience meeting September

Community Engagement including Local Place Plan

EP not at the meeting as yet LA discussed the amount of work which is going into it, and EP is not getting a lot of feedback from the town and no support, discussions took place regarding the Place Plan

With Comments

The on-line survey is too long

When you are filling in the survey you get kicked out half way through and have to start again.

9 Community Organisation Reports

Dalbeattie Initiative

Contractors are on site to build the “pump tracks”

Work has had to stop in some areas because of the bats

Needs New steeple on the bell tower

Contractors are a little bit behind contractors have asked for an extension of time for 19th January 2026.

LA asked IK if he could ask the contractors to stop parking on double yellow lines, but it is very difficult as there is no car park and they have to have access to their tools all through the working day.

Scouts No update on this

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

No report from D&G Council.

11 Planning Application that need Community Council comment

Community Common Good Land in Rounall Wood

The sale of part of the wood has been stopped. No further action required.

12 Other Projects

RS to Meet Kimberley Philips on 18th August to discuss Ideas and fundraising for Phase 2 of the pond.

Need to raise £200,000 for Phase Two

13 Public Feedback

20 Mile and Hour Speed Limit

LA and 2 others have a meeting on Thursday 3rd September 10am to discuss the new speed limits to be introduced.

Vaccination Centre in Dalbeattie Scouse gave a thorough talk on what he had been through to achieve getting a place for Dalbeattie to get vaccinations instead of having to go to CD or Kirkcudbright.

The Birchvale Theatre is to be inspected on Friday 15th then NHS Scotland will go away and look at it, a decision to be made Aug / Sept.

Margaret Copp has asked LA if anyone is known who can take over the Garden on the park. EP is going to bring it up at the next allotment meeting,

14 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th October 2025 7pm to take place in Dalbeattie Town Hall.