



Dalbeattie Community Council Meeting

Monday 9th February 2025 @ 7pm Dalbeattie Town Hall Draft Minutes

POND FUND RAISER

St Patricks night dinner and Dance is being arranged for Saturday 14th March 2026, at the bowling club Dalbeattie, This will be a ticketed event, all tickets can be purchased from the Granite Kitchen.

Community Council Elected Members Present :

Linda Ashton (LA) Chair, May Donaldson (MD) Vice Chair, Edward Palmer (ED) Pauline Paterson (PP) Secretary, John Neilson (JN) Robert Widdowson (RW) David Reid (DR) Ron Smith Treasurer (RS)

Councillors : Davie Stitt (DS) Ian Blake (IB)

Dumfries and Galloway Council:

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

Dalbeattie Initiative:

Public: Shirley McKay, Kate Caldow.

1 Welcome and Introduction

LA opened the Meeting

2 Apologies

Kim Lowe

3 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 8th December 2025

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes and Agenda

Painting of the Town Hall

Still being looked at by D&GC, looking at the funding to come out of next year's budget. It was thought Dalbeattie Clean up Group could undertake the work but there is too much work to be carried out, therefore D&GC are looking at it.

5 Actions from the Previous Minutes

The Leak on the Town Hall roof has not yet been organised for full repair.

6 Membership such as co-option of New Members

Lynn Gibson has retired from the Community Council. The Council thanks Lynn for her time and commitment to DCC.

7 Police Report

To date we have not got this months Police Report

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

8 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 Music and Mayhem Proceeds

interest 29/9/2025 £121.88

deposit 24/11/2025 £1,129.60 Race Night Proceeds

interest 30/12/2025 £106.13

TOTAL INCOME £13,440.88

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
21/8/2025 cheque 138 £3,542.40 M. Gaffney & Sons Bandstand Repairs
04/8/2025 cheque 136 £1,671.60 SW Audio PA Rental for fundraiser
18/12/2025 cheque 139 £24.33 Minutes Fees
TOTAL EXPENDITURE £10,405.65
Opening Balance £40,583.15
Income £13,440.88
Opening Balance plus Income £54,024.03
Expenditure £10,405.65
Closing Balance £43,618.38

9 Lead Roles / Working Parties Report / Sub Group Reports

Pond Group 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 will not be taking place on the pond until the spring of 2026, it was also discussed at the meeting to turn the pond back to nature, but this will have to be looked at as the tender could have been accepted and signed by the contractor and D&GC as they are acting as the main agent.

Resilience Group

It was discussed setting up a Neighbourhood Watch group, also writing up an emergency plan. Volunteers would be required for this to take place.

Clean up Dalbeattie Group

Clean up side of the burn in the New Year RW advised that he carried out a clean up in the burn last week due to ducks getting tangled in fishing line,

Community Engagement including Local Place Plan

Newsletter EP has asked for any articles to be sent to him to go into the quarterly newsletter.

Placeplan will now go to Stewartry Community on 13th March 2026, thanks went out to EP for all the hard work he has put into producing this on behalf of the community.

Puffin Crossing

It has been planned by D&GC to erect a Puffin Crossing outside Gowans.

EP is going to write an objective letter from DCC to D&GC objecting to this as it goes against the Dalteatties Place Plan and the residents of Dalbeattie.

Band Stand

The New Plaque has not gone up yet, JD is liaising with this.

The Steps on the Bandstand are not defined for Visual impaired persons. It was discussed that Dumfries and Galloway Council will do this. Not done to date, it was asked again at the meeting for this to be carried out by D&GC.

10 Community Organisation Reports

Dalbeattie Initiative: Rocks and Wheels are on track for the handover of the keys for April 2026, this is excellent news for the town and congratulations to everyone involved for your hard work.

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

It was reported that the main budget has been approved.

12 Planning Application that need Community Council comment

None

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13 Dalbeattie Scouts

Nothing to report

14 Other Projects

20mph Implementation

To be implemented throughout Dalbeattie in the next Month this will be good for the whole town as it could possibly slow traffic down Entering and leaving Dalbeattie on the A711, also on the Bypass, and also make the High Street safer.

Making our town feel safer to walk through.

Safe Guarding

RS is dealing with getting a Safe Guarding policy into place as you need one to apply for a grant which is taking place for phase 2 of the pond.

A draft Safeguarding policy has now been produced and will go to DCC at the next meeting.

Bank Account

we are in the process of changing the bank account and hope to have it completed within the next few weeks

15 Public Feedback

LA said a member of the public had approached her asking about the bus stop opposite Port Road, it was discussed at the meeting that the bus stop was taken away because of the width of the pavement LA is going to write to ask if the bus stop can be re-instated.

The old railway bridge at Church Crescent was discussed as a few years ago it was to be replace

LA shared a letter which had arrived from a 17 year old Student from China, asking if there was still any family of William McMaster Murdoch, First Officer of the Titanic, living in the town as he was interested in him and wanted to find out more information. The letter was really interesting portrait of William McMaster Murdoch.

LA is going to pass the letter onto Dalbeattie Museum and ask them to send a reply.

RW shared his thoughts on the dog run which was being built at a cost of £5,000, when we have roads which have potholes which require fixing to a high standard.

SM Reported that the fireworks have now stopped for a few weeks.

WW presented some points on the WCs not being open at the weekend, which was discussed in full, the WCs on Water Street cannot be open on a weekend as there is no staff to open and close them, this role is advertised on D&GC web site.

Dates and times of Meeting 2026 in Dalbeattie Town Hall @ 7pm

13th April 2026

Annual General Meeting 11th May 2026

8th June 2026

10th August 2026

12th October 2026

14th December 2026