

Borgue Community Council

Draft Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 20th June 2023, Borgue Public Hall

Present Carl Burn, Mike Calton, Anne Corson, Catherine Cruikshanks, Scott Cruikshanks, Willie Cruikshanks, Syd Davison, John Denerley, Hamish (JD's interpreter), Sian Eastly, Chris Evans, Kevin Evans, Richard Gelston, Willie Graham, Anna Hale, Colin Halliday, Tim Maitland, Robert Maitland, Sam Maitland, Russell Malloch, Liz Matear, Angela Metcalf, Anne Muir Russell, Carol Ryall, John Shields, Rod Slater, Anne Bannatyne,

Apologies Jo & Colin Clarkson, Ian Cruikshanks, Jeanette Watson

1 **Police Report**

Police report arrived at 4pm and was not included in the discussion.

2 **Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the April meeting were proposed by CR, seconded SD

3 **Secretary's Report**

No relevant planning applications, permissions granted for works at Castleview Cottage and 2 properties on Ross Island.

4 **Treasurer's Report**

There has been no income or expenditure since the last meeting. We have a small sum of money left from the Cycling UK grant which could be used to provide cycle parking, CR asked for suggestions where this could be situated.

5 **Community Issues**

a. There is an online consultation on the delivery of bed-based intermediate care in Dumfries and Galloway, lasting until 7th July. There will be 2 online sessions for community councils on 20th and 27th June. More information is available on the BCC website.

b. Trial of 20mph speed limit in Borgue.

AM and AB attended a meeting with Lilianne Poole of D&GC to discuss the rollout of a 20mph speed limit to the remaining villages in D&G including through Borgue village. The limit will be self-policing and will be done on a trial basis for 18 months, after which there will be an opportunity for discussion with the community and possible amendment.

The limit will be indicated by flashing signs, "20mph" painted on the road.

The siting of the 20mph signs was discussed and it was agreed that:

a. on the B727 heading north through village, the sign would be level with the schoolhouse

b. on the B727 heading south, the sign will be round the corner from the Soup Kitchen

c. on the Carrick road (Cycle Route 7), just beyond Cairnsmore.

A 40mph limit will apply for 3-400m before the 20mph limit.

It was hoped to have this ready by the time the schools return after the summer holidays.

c. There is a D&G Burial Strategy Consultation ongoing, more information available on the website.

6 **AOB**

1. Casual Vacancy Election

In view of the interest expressed by attendees in joining, the CC will publicise and organise a Casual Vacancy Election (CVE). BCC can have a total of 11 councillors, of which 4 posts are currently filled. 7 vacancies will therefore be advertised in a Casual Vacancy Election. As agreed at the meeting, the 2 people co-opted at this meeting will also stand in the election. Details / closing date will appear on the BCC website and banners.

AP

Put information on the CC website and contact D&GC to appoint a Returning Officer.

CR

2a. Councillor Denerley indicated that the budget approved by the Conservative administration has released £30million over a period of 4 years for road repairs.

b. D&GC will also make available Coastal Funding for 14 communities (out of 52 applications). The hope is further funding will be available in coming years.

c. JD asked if it was worth raising the clarity of the Amended Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils with the council. It was agreed this would be helpful.

3. A reminder that **Borgue Flower Show** will take place on 12th August this year.

4. Russell M requested that it be put on record that he feels strongly that the planning application for the solar farm at Culraven as not been handled by D&G Council in line with existing guidelines.

The application was first submitted in December 2021, the legal process requires a decision to be made in 4 months although this time limit can be extended. Russell M said he had asked DGC Planning for information about progress with the application in October and December 2022 but had not heard anything, so he had recently complained to the Scottish Government and made a FOI request.

Russell M attended a pre-application meeting with D&GC about another case where he felt that the time limits for contributions was so short that the meeting served neither applicant or objectors well.

5. CB pointed out that the notice board outside the Church has fallen down, smashing the glass front. He has cleared the glass from the road but it is not clear who is responsible for the sign.

7 **Date of next meeting**
12th September 2023

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