

# Glencairn Community Council

## Minutes Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

### 1. Sederunt and Apologies

Jimmy Mensdorf (Chair), Marcus Hogan (Secretary), Adrian Doyle (Treasurer), Scott McMillan, Robin Edgar, Councillor Andrew Wood, Constable Ian Harvey (Police Scotland), Duncan Taylor & Julie Aitken (EnergieKontor)

Members of the Public: Fiona McMillan, Stephen Sparrow, Hugh Chamberlain, Sandy Hall, Sue Grant, Lindsay Dunse, Marianne Smith, Alyne Jones, Gordon Donald, Graham Watson, Jane Nimmo and 3 others.

Apologies from Moira McCrossan (Vice Chair), Allan Waddell.

### 2. EnergieKontor Representatives – Q&A

Representatives from EnergieKontor (EK) discussed plans for Cornharrow and Fell windfarms.

Cornharrow (Julie Aitken)

EK believe their new proposal comprising 8 turbines addresses all the issues raised in the refusal of the prior application in October 2019.

The 8 turbines are sighted lower down the hill to comply with visual impact objections including viewpoints such as Benbrack

Consultation to close 13 March 2020

Concerns were raised from the public including:

- Access – EK stated access would be from the Dalry side, not Moniaive, for large loads
- Trees – Felling of trees to accommodate construction and turbines could affect water flow allowing more water into rivers – EK were asked what replanting was being done and what flood mitigation measures would be put in place. EK did not know at this stage but said they'd get back to us. EK did say that the felling would be localised and that trees removed, other than those felled to accommodate operational turbines, would be replanted
- Connection: EK have not yet decided on how it will be connected to the grid. EK stated that it might involve overhead power lines

Fell (Duncan Taylor)

New windfarm comprising 9 turbines 200m tall.

The 8 turbines are sighted lower down the hill to appear similar height to Blackcraig. However, they will be bigger span (@75m).

Consultation to close 13 March 2020

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- Access – EK stated access had not yet been decided, but would be from Corsock or Dalry, not Moniaive
- Trees – Felling of trees to accommodate construction and turbines could affect water flow allowing more water into rivers – EK were asked what replanting was being done and what flood mitigation measures would be put in place. EK did

not know at this stage but said they'd get back to us. EK mentioned drainage being put in, but no impact on water flows has been done

- Connection: EK have not yet decided on how it will be connected to the grid. EK stated that it might involve overhead power lines

EK offered to extend consultation period and provide wireframes for viewpoints requested by GCC.

Sue Grant raised concerns about the meeting being called a public meeting and Marcus reiterated to her that the poster advertising the meeting had been approved by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Adrian proposed that a straw poll be taken of all those attending the meeting and either being in favour of or against the EnergieKontor windfarm proposals. This was seconded by Jimmy, agreed unanimously and a poll sheet was circulated around the room.

### 3. Windfarm Pre-Allocation Validation

All applications were deemed valid. Any questions that council members had regarding the applications are to be raised and resolved before the allocation meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Marcus and Adrian to action.

### 4. Minutes

#### 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Jimmy proposed the approval of the minutes and Robin seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### 5. Reports

#### 5.1 Police

There has been a theft of sheep from Tynron and Corsock, and weapons stolen from Sanquhar. There had been incidents of housebreaking in Thornhill. Incidents of sheep worrying near Moniaive had also been reported.

#### 5.2 Secretary

There had been several issues to resolve including: -

Discretionary grant, Annual accounts, Defibrillator access and registration, Windfarm meeting poster, Flood alert monitors, Wallaceton Residential Home application etc.

#### 5.3 Treasurer

There has been no activity on the windfarm account. The only change has been the ringfenced amounts agreed at the previous meeting. The Bank of Scotland completed the transfer of the account and paid £100 compensation. The discretionary grant has been received. Adrian proposed that £2,000 of the Blackcraig grant be moved to the general account and be reserved for smaller applications under £500 and Jimmy seconded. It was agreed unanimously.

#### 5.4 Resilience

Defibrillator and CPR training is to take place. The Moniaive defibrillator is now correctly registered with Scottish Ambulance Service. A meeting was held with Dumfries and

Galloway Council Resilience team which Marcus hosted and Gordon attended. The two bridges in the village are to be inspected after high river levels and the passage of heavy construction traffic. The sandbags are currently being stored behind the garage. 100 HydroSnakes and 6 hi-viz Community Resilience Volunteer vests were delivered by the D&GC team. GCC have applied for permission to erect a unit to store the resilience equipment. Subsidised flood insurance is available for those who need it from ScotGov, and free household flood surveys can be carried out by the council by appointment. A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the bridge on the back road near Kirkland after a vehicle collided with the bridge, Marcus to report this via CCES. Gordon confirmed that Moniaive would be reassessed for flood defence funding in 2022

## 6. Matters Arising

### 6.1 Item 12 from AGM Agenda – Assets and Liabilities Handover

All assets and liabilities have been handed over.

### 6.2 Handyman Update – Cross/Cherry Tree Seat

Marcus proposed that the handymen be asked for quotes for cleaning the cross and Jimmy seconded. Jimmy proposed that the sandstone around the cherry tree needed to be made more secure and Robin seconded. It was agreed unanimously. Scott proposed that we ask the council for advice on how to keep the tree in check and Marcus seconded. Marcus to action

### 6.3 GCC Community Development Plan Update

Following the Community Development Plan working party meeting, Marcus proposed to ask the community 2 questions: “What are the top three things that would improve Glencairn?” and “What are the top three things that would improve Moniaive?”. These questions would be advertised through SurveyMonkey, social media, posters, direct mailing and the answers collected door to door in the Summer. Scott seconded this. It was agreed unanimously.

### 6.4 Windfarm Fund Allocation – Blackcraig and Glenkens

At the next meeting there is to be a formal discussion about the windfarm fund from Blackcraig and whether to pass it back to The Glenkens Trust for distribution. Adrian proposed and Jimmy seconded that we write to Blackcraig and Glenkens about the options open to GCC regarding this and possibly asking for an extension for current distribution. Adrian and Marcus to action.

### 6.5 GCC Document Storage/Google Group

Because of time constraints this item is to be discussed at the next meeting.

### 6.6 Ringfencing Review

This item is to also be discussed at the next meeting.

### 6.7 Noticeboard

Planning permission is being looked into and will be discussed at the next meeting.

### 6.8 Wallaceton Telephone/Defibrillator Box

The defibrillator has been installed. Marcus to present options for the refurbishment of the telephone box and its conversion into a defibrillator box at the next meeting.

## 7. Business

### 7.1 Windfarms

Euchanhead – information on the layout is required. Adrian proposed and Jimmy seconded that we write and ask for their plans. Adriana and Marcus to action.

Enoch Hill – Adrian proposed the developer be written to request wireframes. Robin seconded and it was agreed unanimously. Adrian and Marcus to action.

## 8. CCES- (Community Council Enquiry Service)

Marcus reported that he had made 16 enquires including: -

Potholes, blocked drains, boundaries, broken kerb edgings, bridge inspections. ID cards, gravel on road, planning applications, noticeboard etc. A member of the public asked about the Dalwhat Glen road and Marcus confirmed it was scheduled to be resurfaced in 2021!

## 9. Planning

Adrian proposed that GCC register their interest in Fell, Cornharrow and Glenshimmeroch windfarms. This was seconded by Jimmy. It was agreed unanimously. Adrian and Marcus to action.

## 10. Correspondence

### 10.1 Moniaive 20mph Proposal

D&GC - Plans and correspondence was received regarding the proposed 20mph change to Moniaive. Marcus to post information up in the shop.

Earth Lodges – No planning application is to be pursued. The letter from Earth Lodges highlighted the challenges they had faced and that they are looking for an alternative site.

### 10.2 Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company AGM

It was agreed that Robin and Adrian would attend the ANCBC AGM.

## AOCB

Marcus proposed that Land Scotland be written to regarding the extraction of trees at Cairnhead and the effect this will have on flooding and Jimmy seconded. It was agreed unanimously.

Robin agreed to represent GCC regarding applying to be a trustee of the Cairnhead Community Forest Trust and Jimmy seconded. It was agreed unanimously.

Adrian proposed the defibrillator be paid for and Scott seconded. It was agreed unanimously.

The results of the straw poll were declared as 10 being against the new windfarm proposals and 2 for with 6 abstentions.

Jimmy closed the meeting at 9:45 pm