DALTON & CARRUTHERSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Place of Meeting: Carrutherstown Primary School

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2026

Present: **Dalton & Carrutherstown Community Council**:

Stephen Stiff - SS
Lyndsay Cannon – LC
Kirsten Edgar – KE
Tina Fitzsimon – TF
Caron Howell – CH
Rob Salthouse – RS
Emily McBride – EM

Apologies: Amanda Copland, Sandra Marshall

Members of the Public: Cllr, George Jamieson, Jaime Nicholson, + 1 other

ITEM	PROCEEDINGS	ACTION
1	**Welcome, Apologies, Quorum** Chair welcomed all, opened meeting and confirmed quorum. Chair paid tribute to LC for her tireless work chairing the newly formed Community Council and for her continued support in her new role as Vice-Chairperson	SS
2	**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** *Approved – LC Seconded - TF*	
3	**Tasking Log Review** **01-26: Police Reports – relevancy of time / location.** SS had previously raised the question of the relevancy of police reports to local community councils due to the reports being largely rearward facing (detailing specific occurrences which were often weeks old and not relevant to most CC areas) and contained very little information that CC's could actively use to inform and warn local communities about current information, trends or risks that were directly relevant to them. SS had contacted the local Area Commander who had	

	agreed to review the format of reports if the majority of CC's wanted to do so. SS commented that in addition to current warning and informing information, police reports should contain performance information such as the speed of answering 101 calls and local policing priorities. Such a revised police report is more likely to contain the issues that are most likely to affect local communities and is such is more relevant to them. SS had shared his views with the Federation of CC's and is now awaiting the November Federation meeting for their official response. Cllr Jamieson is happy to be cc'd in correspondence. MoP asked who to contact in the first instance if something needed reporting. SS advised to telephone 101. **03-26: Resilience Plan – ongoing** **07-26: Reimbursement of Survey Monkey Fees to TF** SS gave a concise explanation of the PlayPark Project and explained that £75 was used to facilitate the independent survey highlighting the needs and requirements from the wider public. Unanimous vote to reimburse. **08-26: Planters – ongoing** RS reported that the response from Solway was more than £250 each for an everlasting planter. Another quote has been requested. Approach to be made to the Man's Shed to manufacture. Agreed there was no rush as we had the Spring ahead of us. JN – can supply contact details of DGC supplier. **09-26: Solar Lights at Bus Stop – ongoing** R Dempster has them. Dalton has now been fitted. Requesting a volunteer electrician for Carrutherstown installation. **10-26: Banking** CH to contact bank direct to complete **1126: B725 Resurfacing - ongoing** Lack of line markings following the resurfacing work. Cllr Brodie submitted a request to DGC and was told the lines were not necessary. SS has investigated further and awaiting further response from Lisa Hawkin at DGC.	SS KE/TF RS/JN CH SS Ongoing

	1326: Review of Community Council Establishment SS attended the Federation Meeting regarding the regional council's (DGC) fifth periodic review of the establishment of community councils. The meeting had witnessed passionate discussion about the potential merging of Community Councils and the lack of genuine consultation. DGC had conceded that early communication had been poor but reassurances were given by DGC that CC's would only merge if the individual CC's asked to be merged. Boundary issues had mainly been raised by a number of other CC's predominantly in the west of the Region. DGC is to publish a revised briefing note detailing the intention, scope and timescales of the fifth periodic review.	
4	**Matters Arising**	
4a	**Community Council Website** The website was launched in August 2026. All positive reviews so far. Expression of thanks to Ethan Copping for the excellent and professional website design. LC reported that some tweaks need to be made with reference to the Parent Council and Primary School. RS asked if an automatic response could be activated when anybody uses the website to contact the Community Council. SS responded that there is information on the contact form which addresses the fact that the email address is not monitored 24/7 and that a response will be provided within 5 working days, but in reality a response would be provided far sooner. SS will explore whether the website could send an automated response to any contact made through the website.	
4b	**Roadmarkings – see Tasking Log**	
4c	**Playpark Update** The CC has received confirmation from the Minsca/Nadara windfarm fund provider that £10,000 has been awarded for the playpark project subject to other funding applications being successful. That £10,000 will be match-funded by DGC. The application to Harestanes/ANCBC windfarm fund provider for a further £15,000 has been submitted and the CC now awaits a decision which will hopefully be	

	made known in early November. Should the application be successful, the £15,000 will also be match-funded by DGC providing a total investment in the playpark of £50,000. i. Reimbursement to TF for Survey Monkey – see Tasking Log.	
4d	**SPEN – Carrutherstown 11kv Works Update** SPEN leaflet drop to households affected; some properties were missed out. Carrutherstown works to take place mid November / early December 2026. Assured that any outages would not take place two weeks either side of Christmas. LC has contact details for SPEN and they have agreed that communication has been lacking. *Side note: CH reports after meeting that SPEN had visited her property to warn of upcoming works*.	
4e	**Fifth Periodic Review Update – see Tasking Log**	
5	**Matters Arising from Members of the Public** Community concerns over the proposed Annan Data Centre. SS explained the CC's duty to represent all members of the community, including those for as well as those against individual planning applications and as such highlighted the CC's need to maintain a neutral stance on planning applications. The CC will actively signpost members of the public to official resources that allow personal objections to be lodged. Where any member of the public feels that the DGC has not adhered to its own policies on planning applications, the CC could advocate on the public's behalf to ensure fairness and due diligence. Public meetings relating to planning applications can be advertised on the Social Media channels. All details are available on the DGC Planning Portal. The Scottish Government has announced that no decisions on the Data Centre will be made before the New Year.	
6	**Police Scotland**	

	LC noted that the Police Scotland meetings tend to fall on Council meeting nights. Is it possible to change the dates of Police meetings? SS to investigate.	SS
7	**Correspondence** Nothing to report	
8	**Treasurer's Report** Accounts attached	KE
9 9a	**Planning / Licensing Applications** Agreement of planning / licensing application procedure by DCCC SS proposed the acceptance of the DCCC Planning Applications Policy which articulates the DGC consultation process, its limitations and restrictions and documented how DCCC will deal with planning applications – unanimously agreed. It was noted that DGC's expectation that CC's can receive, digest, publicly consult and respond within designated timescales is completely unrealistic. Ward Officer Jaime Nicholson agreed and suggested that the issue could be raised during the aforementioned fifth periodic review.	
10	**ANCBC / Minsca Funding** Funding Policy is available on the website. Funding requests received: a) Parent Council - £179.70 to provide x6 soft bean bags for the library area to enhance and promote reading. A second quote had been requested which came in at £347.81. *Interests declared by KE, EM and TF as members of Parent Council.* Funding Agreed	AGREED
	b) Parent Council - £500 contribution towards new playground markings. Indicative quote circa £2,000. *Interests declared by KE, EM and TF as members of Parent Council.* Funding Agreed	AGREED

	c) Dalton Village Hall Committee - £1000 request for double glazing to support recent refurbishments at the rear kitchen area (quote circa £1263). *Interest declared by RS as DVHC Member* Funding Agreed	AGREED
	d) Dalton Village Hall Committee - £1000 request to provide Storage Facility for tables & chairs. Legitimate application agreed with ANCBC/Minsca. Quote for 8'x10' shed and base total cost circa £1800. DVHC will ensure planning regulations are OK before purchase. *Interest declared by RS as DVHC Member* Discussion highlighted that the CC was still at the beginning of the financial year and as such had a duty to demonstrate caution, due diligence and fairness to all when awarding larger sums to just one applicant if doing so may have the unintended consequence of disadvantaging other potential applicants later in the year. Following discussion, it was agreed to award the second application to DVHC but any future applications may need to be considered very carefully against the need to ensure others also have an opportunity to access available funding streams. Funding Agreed	AGREED
11	**Resilience – see Tasking Log**	
12	AOCB a) Remembrance Sunday 2026 Tommy Statues have been received Wreath – JN to check location Head Teacher Skye Warwick is very keen to have a joint venture with DCCC and school. New Owner of Dalton Church to be approached re access to War Memorial. Public will be invited to the School on 11/11/26 If any Elected Members are required to attend, SS will liaise with SW and let JN know.	JN

	Reverend Pickles has been approached to lead on the two-minute silence. b) LC reported on the upcoming ANCBC Meeting and AGM. Current contacts are LC and TF; going forward the contact will now be KE and TF. Next meeting will be on Teams on Wednesday 18th November – SS & KE to attend. c) Noticeboard Keys – agreed to pass a key to AC (possibly SM's key) d) LC reported that Roles & Responsibilities to be clarified at a closed Community Council meeting	AGREED

Meeting Closed at 8.58pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th December 2026 7pm

Venue: Dalton Village Hall

DCCC
Accounts from 11/08/26 till 13/10/26

Current A/C	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
	£2,749.20			
Federation charge			£20.00	
School hire-council			£34.50	
USB sticks			£31.98	
Dalton Hall Hire			£50.00	
Current a/c closing balance				£2,612.72
Harestanes Grant	£2,236.58			
British Vetran- Statues			£700	
Website set up costs			£150.00	
Harestanes top up		£2,711.14		
Harestanes closing balance				£4,097.72
Minsca	£19,753.51			
Minsca closing				£19,753.51
Earmarked for proposed play park upgrade				£10,000
Unallocated balance available for other purposes				£9,753.51
Total Minsca funds				**£19,753.51**

POLICE SCOTLAND

Community Policing Unit, Annan

Report to Annandale South – Annan Landward Community Councils

Officer submitting	PC Stephen Glendinning V111
Date of report	05/10/2026

Area Crime Information and Notable Incidents:

15/09/2026 – Fraud
Report of a fraud in the Mouswald area whereby the victim was contacted by telephone by a male who stated he was from Sky. He sent the victim a text message with a link and convinced her to change the password for her Sky account. A number of fraudulent transactions were thereafter made on the account to purchase electrical items. Enquiries ongoing.

24/09/2026 – Housebreaking
Enquiries ongoing following a report of the theft of two motorcycles and three pedal cycles from secure storage at an address in Dornock. All bikes have since been recovered and enquiries are ongoing to identify persons responsible.

25/09/2026 – Theft
Report of red diesel having been syphoned from a tractor at Cummertrees Mill. Enquiries ongoing.

Local Initiatives:

'Coffee with a Cop'
PC Glendinning will be hosting a 'coffee with a cop' drop-in session at Kate's Kitchen, Annan, between 11am-1pm on Thursday 22nd October 2026. These drop-in sessions are to allow people to come and have a chat with a Police Officer in a space out with the normal Police Station environment. Please come along if you wish to discuss any community issues or for any advice around home security, personal safety or scam awareness.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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