

**Borgue Community Council**  
**Draft Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Borgue Public Hall**

Present	Mike Calton, David Clark, Ian Cruikshanks, Fraser Cruikshanks, Scott Cruikshanks, Mick Dawson, Richard Gilston, William Graham, Colin Holiday, Robert Maitland, Sam Maitland, Liz Matear, Anne Marie Monteforte, Anne Muir, Richard Ryall, Rod Slater, Janette Watson, Claire Irving, Angela Metcalf, Carol Ryall, John Shields, Anne Bannatyne
Apologies	Anna Hale, Councillor Campbell
<b>1</b>	<b>Police Report</b>
	No incidents reported since last meeting. Warning about ticketing scams currently in use.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b> The Minutes of the March meeting were accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM raised the issue of an objection made by BCC to Callisterhall Windfarm development partly on grounds that it came from a private email address. AB explained that a private email had been used as she had been away following a death in the family. The discussion moved on to objections to renewable wind developments generally; it was pointed out that the issue was raised at the February 2023 meeting when none of those present voiced concern about the community council objecting to other developments.</li> <li>• CR stated that the issue dated from a year ago, and developments are now posted on the website so everyone knows what is happening.</li> <li>• There was discussion of the National Park meeting, details of which will be circulated shortly.</li> <li>• MC said there is mistrust of the existing CC and there is a need for a new CC; CR reminded the meeting about this year's elections for all CCs in Dumfries &amp; Galloway for which nominations open in July and encouraged members of the community to participate.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Secretary's Report</b> <b>a. Planning</b> 24/0755/FUL Erection of single storey extension and raised decking at Ross Cottage. <b>b. Future of the Fire Service.</b> SFRS is launching a public engagement initiative to find out what members of the public think should be their priority going forward. There is a survey online for people to feed into.
	<b>c. Correspondence</b> We received a letter from via Councillor McFarlane with a link to details of road repairs currently carried out by the council - 2200 potholes have been repaired but it was acknowledged that much remained to be done with questions raised about how the decision to repair which potholes is made and the variable quality of the repairs.

4	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b>  End of year accounts are being prepared. Income has been £654, expenditure £1132 (mainly for new battery and paddles for defibrillator).  The bank balance is £2840.</p>	
5	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <p><b>a. Local Place Plan.</b> The group responsible for the LPP have had an introductory meeting with the D&amp;G Council LPP team and designed leaflets to be delivered in the first week in June in preparation for a public drop-in session on 15<sup>th</sup> June from 2-5pm. They would like to hear form people about what you think is good about Borgue or what you’d like to change. There is an email for comment at <a href="mailto:borgueplaceplan@gmail.com">borgueplaceplan@gmail.com</a></p> <p>There is a deadline for the LPP to be completed of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 if we want it to be considered for inclusion in the next version of the D&amp;G development plan. Some discussion followed where the need for a LPP was questioned and RM stated that community input in planning decisions only caused controversy and they shouldn’t be involved. AM responded to ask whether or not we want to try and have some influence in shaping the future, the alternative is to accept whatever’s done to the village (eg siting of an incinerator), and that the LPP isn’t set in stone but is a “living” document which can be updated as the community thinks necessary. Having a LPP would give us input into things like woodland developments which are not covered by D&amp;G Planning processes and would formally put on record issues like the desirability of affordable housing developments in the village. AMM mentioned that communities in Peebles are objecting to lack of Environmental Impact Assessments in woodland proposals and taking legal action against Forestry and Land Scotland.</p>	
	<p><b>b. School closure</b>  Agreement has been reached with parents to “mothball” Borgue School until a decision can made as to its future. The building will be maintained by the council until a final decision is made.  Various issues arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is a community garden which needs to be maintained, anyone willing to volunteer please contact Janette Watson or the CC.</li> <li>• Could an alternative use be found for the Adam Gray prize?</li> <li>• How could the village attract more families to live – the limiting factor was felt to be a lack of affordable housing</li> </ul> <p>There will be an open day on 21st June with a BBQ for pupils and families, if you have any photos which could be used on the day please let Janette know.</p>	
AP	<p>Contact D&amp;G Council to find out more about the mothballing process and how long the school will be maintained for</p>	AB

6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR is making a bid to D&amp;G Council to it a sound system in the hall</li> <li>• An application will be made to the Shared Prosperity Fund to help with the costs of the LPP with the agreement of the meeting.</li> <li>• There will be elections to all community councils in D&amp;G on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Nominations are open from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, please come and get involved!</li> </ul> <p>At several points during the meeting some participants had talked over other contributors. During one discussion CI remonstrated with them, accusing them of disrespect and misogyny for which she was subsequently challenged and apologised.</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of next meeting including the AGM</b></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</p>	

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