

# Borgue Community Council

## Draft Minutes for meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Borgue Public Hall

### 1 Welcome and apologies.

Kevin Evans, Chris Evans, Janette Watson, Liz Matear, Richard Gilston, Robert Maitland, Mike Calton, Ray Ducker, Ian Cruikshanks, Carol Ryall, Angela Metcalf, Mick Dawson, Anne Bannatyne, Councillor McFarlane  
**Apologies** from Steve Brown, Philippa Dale-Sunley, John Shields, Scott Cruikshanks

### 2 Police Report

2 incidents on 2<sup>nd</sup> August resulting charges of vandalism and breach of the peace. Further incident reported 28<sup>th</sup> August of careless driving for which a report has been submitted.

### 3 Minutes and Matters Arising

**AP** New developments since last meeting re working with other groups to address issues caused by Kirkcudbright Bridge closure. Nothing new reported. **SB**

**AP** Contact individuals affected by bus timetable changes – unable to identify people affected. **AB**

**AP** Speak to landowner re hedge cutting - situation now resolved **MC**

### 4 Secretary's Report

#### a. Planning

25/1438/DPA Conversion of a barn at Culraven into 4 residential properties

#### b. Correspondence

i. Request from Lyndsey Nicolson (Police Scotland) for feedback about information supplied in Police Reports.

ii. **The Royal Society of Edinburgh** with the generous support of the Williamson Trust has reopened a fund aimed at supporting community-led research projects focused on climate, nature, and food for a healthier planet and healthier people. Applications (for up to £5K) are welcomed until noon on Thursday 4 December 2025.

iii. Paul Swift (Galloway Without Pylons) has obtained a Judicial Review against the Scottish Government for overturning the Public Inquiry recommendation, hearing on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Need to raise a further £20K, if successful £30K of costs will be refunded. Can supply details for anyone wishing to contribute to costs.

iv. **Mill of Plunton Woodland. JS and RD met Dan Maltby (COO of the Future Forest Company). FFC have 11 sites, MoP is their third largest. It's planted with a mix of broadleaf and Scots pine trees.** Other areas of the site include wetland, open pastures and several ponds, two of which were excavated by FFC. There is a small group of Belted Galloway cattle present on the pasture area of the site. The trees planted appear to be

growing well. They have now changed to using local contractors at each site. Mill of Plunton is monitored weekly by a former farm worker at the site. Dan is keen to encourage community involvement with the site. He mentioned another of their sites where buildings have been made available for use by community groups. He would like to receive suggestions from the community about how the site may be used for community events such as walks, community picnics, or wildlife/wildflower excursions.

v. Kirkandrews bin collection. Eight out of nine properties in Kirkandrews were informed on 18 July that waste collection would be changed to the road end. A meeting was held with Robert Anderson (D&G team Leader Refuse and Recycling) to clarify.

## 5 Treasurer's Report

Spending since the last meeting :

£57.50 to Kirkcudbright Development Trust for auditing BCC accounts

£870. for Hall broadband installation (leaving £112 of restricted funding).

A new wreath will be purchased for Remembrance Sunday, cost approx £43.

Bank balances: Savings account £1584.25

Current account ~£2K

CR has applied for BHF funding for purchase of new defibrillator, siting would need to be changed and would involve obtaining permission from D&G Council.

Hall Hire fees have increased to £20 per hour, grant income hasn't changed so BCC will need to fundraise.

## 6 Community Issues

**a. Councillor McFarlane** discussed Kirkcudbright bridge noting that imposing height restrictions would be difficult because of several factors including the depth of foundations needed, danger to drivers and cost of repairing any damage. He indicated that ANPR cameras would be installed and D&GC will forward reports to the Police.

**b. Lairdmannoch Energy Park.** Jo Campbell and Gabby Harrington (Glengap Community Group) attended to discuss their objections. There have been about 1000 objections so far.

The grounds for objections include:

The EIA carried out by the developers mentions the possibility of flooding and contamination of public water supplies especially during the construction phase; SEPA admits there is a possibility of "changes to hydrology" but have raised no objections.

The volume of construction traffic: over the 18 months of construction

there will be 23000 HGV journeys along the A75 which translates to 184 per day.

There was some discussion about how the community could be consulted on proposals like Lairdmannoch. One resident expressed the opinion that the community doesn't need to be consulted on every issue, that is what the CC is for. It was also felt that any action depends on the issue and the need for the CC to represent all views in the community.

**7 AOB**

**a. IC** asked for BCC support in contacting the owners of Knockmulloch to allow routing of a slurry pipeline through their ground to reduce the need for road transport of slurry to Rattral land at Chapelton.

**AP** Write to Knockmulloch owner to request support.

JS

**8 Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**