

Borgue Community Council

Draft Minutes for meeting 13th January 2026, 7pm, Borgue Public Hall

- 1 **Present:** Liz Matear, Kevin Evans, Anna Hale, Ray Ducker, Steve Brown, Carol Ryall, John Shields, Mick Dawson, Anne Bannatyne
Apologies: Mike Calton, Ian Cruickshanks, Philippa Dale-Sunley, Angela Metcalfe

2 **Police Report**

On 17th December two males were charged and held in custody in relation to several thefts and break-ins, in the Kirkcudbright area. This resulted in the recovery of numerous high value items. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drink/ Drug drivers detected
Kirkcudbright - 2
Castle Douglas - 1

On 22 December 2025, we welcomed a further 4 new recruits to Dumfries and Galloway Division following successful completion of their initial training at the Scottish Police College.

3 **Minutes and Matters Arising**

AP **Cost of licence for attaching objects to street lighting columns**

No further information available.

AP **Organise fundraising event for new defibrillator**

We need to raise about £500. Potato Day can contribute something, MD offered to organise a car treasure hunt in June, a soup and sweet has made around that sum in the past.

CR will know by end of month what level of finding will be available from BHF, other sources available too.

AP **Write to D&GC re repairs to road north of village**

Reply from D&GC to previous communication indicated that requested repair would be funded from Capital Expenditure, decisions about that fund won't be made until March, there's no guarantee this will be funded this year. CC has also received communication from a resident about the C8 between Sunnybrae and Kirkandrews who indicated that he would also write to the council.

AP **Arrange meeting with rep from Roads Department**

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4 **Secretary's Report**

a. Planning

25/2142/FUL for a new garage at Knockbrex Castle.

25/2314/FUL Erection of Agricultural Building at Rattrra

b. Correspondence

i. Reply from Stephen Thompson re the proposed Transient Visitor Levy states that the intention is to minimise or offset the cost of any administrative burden on businesses while using any levies generated to support the visitor offering and help improve amenities for visitors, now and in future. It's one proposed

- way to keep any monies raised within the region. He also offered to put us in direct contact with the Council officer leading on the engagement.
- AP Invite D&GC to send someone to next CC meeting** AB
- ii. SOSE survey on developing best practise for distribution of community benefits from renewable energy developments, closes on 16 February. So far Around £35 million has been distributed to communities but SOSE estimates that there will be something in the region of £900 million generated over the next 35 years.
- AP read SOSE doc, discuss whether BCC should contribute to discussion** All
- iii. There will shortly be an updated version of the SEPA Flood Risk Analysis with maps available in March. Although no-one in Borgue is currently at risk of flooding, residents have been refused insurance because of historical instances of flooding.
- AP Circulate maps and data when available** AB
- 5 Treasurer's Report**
No expenditure since last meeting, all Restricted funds will be spent by end February. CR has applied for annual grant of £465 which is no longer sufficient to cover normal annual expenditure if that includes additional public meetings for specific reasons.
- AP Write to D&GC re level of funding and to ask about outcome of discussions about CC funding for which has been no consultation** CR
- 6 Community Issues**
- a. The school bus (which normally serves about 10 children) has not run on multiple occasions, there is sometimes no notice given so: children are late for school; left standing outside in winter in rural locations for lengthy times with limited mobile phone signal. This is a service D&GC are legally obliged to provide but people affected have had difficulty communicating with relevant authorities.
- AP Contact person at D&GC responsible for bus services** AB
- b. KE gave an update about potential community buy-out of the Borgue Hotel. Around 45 people attended a very positive public meeting, about 20 have responded by email offering support.
Scottish Land Tier 1 funding would provide resources for the initial surveys/reports needed but their 5 year funding cycle ended in December, next round of money won't be available until June-July. There are other sources of funding available but the feeling is that the interval might provide a useful pause while other issues are dealt with.
Progress made so far includes registering the Borgue Community Benefit Society with the FCA (the cost of £600 met personally by the organising group) and Companies House, and has a bank account. A website and mailing list are being set up using expertise within the village and the hope is that membership applications will soon be available for a share offer.
- AP BCC formally supports proposals and encourages members of the community to**

email their support to borguecommunitybenefitsociety@gmail.com

AP Use BCC website temporarily to advertise for people with more specific skills to help progress proposal.

7 AOB
No other business discussed.

8 Date of meetings for 2026

10th March

12th May

23rd June

8th September

10th November

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