APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd September 2011 Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council W David Bowling (WDB), Andrew	
	Clegg (AC), Stuart Donnelly (SD), Louba Hodgkinson (LH) (Chair), Ann Robertson	
	(AR), (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).	
	In Attendance: PC Gavin McKellar (GMcK), (Girvan & South Carrick Community	
	Policing Team), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC).	
	Two members of the public.	
	In the absence of DR (Chair), the Chair was taken by LH (Treasurer)	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Adrian Goodall (AG), Lily Niven (LN), Dave Russell (DR)	
2	Police	
_	PC McKellar introduced himself and stated that no crimes had been reported from	
	the date of the last meeting to the 8 th September. There had been a report of a	
	tree blocking the main road.	
	On being asked about the case of vandalism at Kildonan House, he replied that	
	there was no information on this	
3	PC McKellar was thanked for his report and he and BS then left the meeting. Declarations of Interest.	
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	CS declared an interest in the Martyrs' Tomb Walk, should this matter arise.	
4	It was felt that declarations of interest need only be made as they arise. Noted	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 25 th August 2011	
	WDB requested that the words 'the ownership issue is important' be added to the	
	end of the paragraph under AD, regarding the Community Garden, at Item 11,	~~
	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public. Agreed. The minutes of the	CS
	previous meeting were then approved, proposed AC, seconded AR.	
5	Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes	÷
	Station Road/B7027 JMcD reported that he had once more approached the	
	Roads Section regarding the B7027 and the station road. He understood that	
	someone from the Roads Section had contacted CS about this and she confirmed	
	that she had received two phone calls from them, who stated that they were again	
	going to inspect the B7027. CS had reminded them of the dire state of the station	
	road and also referred to the poor state of the main road at the site of numerous	
	manhole cover (as reported by AR at the last meeting).	
	She confirmed that to date no road repairs had been carried out.	
	The situation will be monitored closely. CS will contact Roads prior to the next	CS
	meeting if the repairs have not been carried out by then.	
	Item 5: Treasurer's Report CS had spoken with Lilias Hegarty, Treasurer of	
	BMHCA, who informed that she had agreed the figure of £125 with LH.	
	Item 7: Barrhill Community Bus CS informed that as Richard Carr had been in	
	hospital recently, she and LH felt it was better to delay the invitation to him to	
	address the CC. LH, however, said he was now out of hospital and she had been	
	in contact with him and discussed the conditions for hiring the bus. The Midas	
	training was clarified and there are five volunteers willing to drive the bus.	
	Item 8: Stinchar Valley Communities Meeting LH reported that she and LN	
	had attended this meeting, which had been useful. It is to meet regularly.	
	<i>Item 10: Correspondence South Ayrshire Local Plan</i> JMcD had brought to	
	the meeting the plan of Barrhill requested by CS and it transpired that the piece of	
	land referred to was the site of the planned hall car park. This area had apparently	
	previously been viewed as suitable for development. Noted	
	Item 11: AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	AR reported she had not received any information on the sewage system in	
	response to the item placed in the Barrhill E-Newsletter	
	LH reported that the blue bin requested for the hall had arrived, but not the brown	

6	one. JMcD will pursue this. Treasurer's Report	JMcD
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	LH reported that the current accounts' statement (which was offered round the	
	table) was unchanged from last time. She queried whether the £125 hall fee CS	
	reported on was from this financial year or the previous one. CS understood it was	
	the current fee.	
	LH informed there was £500 remaining from the Carrick Futures money. More will	
	be forthcoming in April. She also informed that the grant application form for the	
	Community Bus had been completed and circulated two copies. There was no	
	further comment on this. (A proposed grant application for this had been informally	
	agreed in principal at the previous meeting on 25 th August – to be formally	
	approved at the next CC meeting in October.)	
7	Updates	
	a) BCIC LH reported that Ross Mackay Architects are still drawing up the	
	plans for the car park and on completion, hopefully in October, these will be	
	displayed in the hall for approval by the community. The plans will then go	
	to SAC for planning consent. The funding for the project is divided among	
	the BCIC, Carrick Futures and the SAWET/Lendal Environmental Trust	
	fund, which each contribute a third of the costs.	
	b) Carrick Futures (CF) LH reported that Barrhill Primary School had been	
	successful in their grant application. There had been a large number	
	applying for grants in the last funding round. All but one had been	
	successful. The sum of £57,000 remains in the Barrhill portion of funding	
	money.	
	c) CCCF CS informed that neither she nor LN had attended the last CCCF	
	meeting and as the minutes were not yet available had nothing to report,	
	apart from four grant applications. These had all apparently been granted,	
	subject to approval by Carrick Futures.	
	JMcD had attended the meeting and reported that the main topic of	
	discussion was the recent press release issued by NHS Ayrshire & Arran	
	on 14 th September, which sought to reassure local communities that it is	
	committed to maintaining full accident and emergency services at both Ayr	
	and Crosshouse Hospitals. This followed talk of possible changes to the	
	Orthopaedic Trauma Unit at Ayr Hospital and had resulted in fears that this	
	would lead in turn to the downgrading of Ayr Hospital's A & E department.	
	A close eye is to be kept on the situation by all.	
8	Girvan-Stranraer Railway Line	
U	CS expressed concern re-the railway line, in light of recent articles in the local	
	press regarding ferry passengers being transported by bus to Girvan once the new	
	ferry terminal at Cairnryan is operational, and asked JMcD if he could shed any	
	light on the matter. He replied that he had no knowledge at present but that any	
	decisions made would obviously be commercial decisions by the shipping	
	company.	
9	Planning Applications	
	LH reported three relevant applications, which had previously been circulated in the	
	planning lists. She informed that the review of the shop's appeal concerning the	
	refusal of permission for the change of use to a hot food takeaway would take	
	place in October. Noted.	
10	Correspondence	
	Scottish Ambulance Service: Involving People Group, Nomination for Lay	
	Membership	
	NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Developing a New A & A website AC expressed an	
	interest in this.	
	SMP Playgrounds: Parish & Community News	
	NHS: Local Tobacco Strategy	
	Military Exercise Information posted on notice board.	
	Dumfries & Galloway Council: Notification of closure of New Luce road —	
	information posted in shop window. This item led to a discussion on the closure of the A714 on two evenings, including tonight, and the fact that SAC had not	

	informed the CC of this. JMcD to enquire into this. SAC: Community Conference Invitation	JMcD
11	 AOB Council Members/Members of the Public CS notified the CC on behalf of Tommy Donnelly (TD), that he wished to inform the CC that after January2012 he was relinquishing the responsibility of organising the <i>provision of the skips</i> in the village. He will arrange the 2012 dates but asked that someone take over responsibility after that. To be arranged later. The work done by TD over the years was much appreciated by all. TD also asked that someone take over responsibility for the Barrhill E-Newsletter after January 2012. AC expressed an interest in this and will decide later if he will take this over. TD had also expressed concern regarding the publicised <i>dimming of the street lighting</i> in the village. JMcD reported that the initial experiment in Holmston Road in Ayr had been most successful, with the residents satisfied. There had been no increase in vandalism/burglaries and the dimming of the lights was barely noticeable. It was decided to wait until the programme was in operation to observe the effects. 	AC
	AC brought up the situation of the <i>local wind turbines</i> not being operational at present. This had been noticed by other members. One reason given was the malfunction of some equipment. Noted LH had received notice that the CC's subscription for membership of <i>ASACC</i> was due. After discussion it was agreed not to pay the subscription in view of the fact that the organisation will cease to exist next April. LH also brought up the subject of <i>BRICC</i> , whose area of work includes Barrhill. BRICC has applied to Carrick Futures for a grant to cover the cost of fuel. Apparently the travel to work costs of their employees is not included in the contract they have with SAC and with the escalating fuel costs they have been compelled to apply for a grant to cover these. PL will look into the matter. A member of the public raised the matter of his appeal against a planning decision and the confusing information received regarding this. His question was then explained to the CC by SD who stated that a number of people in the community, who had sent letters of support, had been e-mailed and informed that their representation had not been submitted within the time allowed, when they had followed advice given by JMcD.	PL
	The communication received from SAC planning was read out by SD. Not all who had submitted representations had received this e-mail. JMcD was equally puzzled by the wording in the SAC communication and will investigate. PL reminded the meeting of the Carrick Community Engagement Event taking place on 10 th October in the Carrick Buildings and hoped Community Councillors would be able to attend. Noted <i>The meeting closed at 9.00pm</i> .	JMcD ALL
	Dates & Time of Meetings for remainder of 2011 <i>Thursday 27th October</i> <i>Thursday 24th November</i> <i>All meetings commence at 7.30pm.</i> <i>There is no meeting in December.</i>	