

**APPROVED**

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Louba Hodgkinson (LH), Lily Niven (LN), Fionnadh Ratchford (FR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMCD) PC Graham Barclay (GB), PC Alan Mitchell (AM) ( Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team), Jim Syme (JS) &amp; John McAlley (JMcA) (Pinwherry Community Council)</p> <p>2 Members of the public</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Adrian Goodall (AG), Dave Holtom (DH)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	<p>PC Graham Barclay informed the CC that there had been two crimes reported since the last meeting. One was a breach of the peace, the other a break-in at Kildonan House. LH then raised the matter of a case of vandalism on the field adjacent to The Avenue.</p> <p>GB and AM were thanked for their attendance and then left the meeting.</p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>A presentation by Jim Syme and Alan McAlley from Pinmore and Pinwherry Community Council then followed, being confirmed too late to be included in the Agenda.</p> <p>JS initially informed the meeting of the current situation as regard the Stinchar Valley Centre. There had been no movement on this for a few months now. The priority of the community at present was the proposed closure of Pinwherry Primary School.</p> <p>The main purpose of the presentation this time was the Stinchar Valley magazine, copies of which were circulated. Endeavours were being made to involve all the surrounding communities. The 32 page magazine would be bi-monthly. 500 copies of the second edition had been printed, with some being distributed to schools and Community Councils..</p> <p>It was hoped that each community would contribute £250 towards the costs of production, which would be sufficient for another 3 editions, with 4 pages allocated per community. It was hoped 6 communities would be involved, with 2 representatives from each sitting on the editorial board.</p> <p>FR thanked JS for his presentation and the proposal would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next CC meeting. JS and JMCD then left the meeting.</p>	<b>GB, AM</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b> These were approved, proposed AS, seconded LN.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Item 5: Roads</b> JMCD reported that the movement of the 30mph sign on the northerly approach to the village is included in next year's budget, which commences 6<sup>th</sup> April. He also informed that the vegetation had now been cut back on the footpath to the station.</p> <p>With regards to potholes, CS reported the shocking state of sections of the road to the station, the worst being just above Gowlands farm, where there was no possibility of avoiding the potholes.</p> <p>AS referred to his complaints brought up at the last meeting and was concerned about the danger to road users. He had e-mailed a complaint eleven days ago to SAC and was still awaiting a reply. JMCD could not understand the lack of a response and would investigate. He stated that more money than ever was being spent on repairing potholes, with two special machines working constantly.</p> <p>FR referred to the money set aside by the windfarm companies for repairing the roads and asked why this could not be released. She had spoken to Gordon</p>	<b>JMCD</b>

	Anderson re-this. To be continued. <b>Item 10, AOCB:</b> FR referred to the item requesting the Chair to give more notice should she be unable to attend a CC meeting. She stated that she had always done her best for the community but family came first and with young children she could not always guarantee attendance, sometimes having to apologise at the last minute.. Noted	
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	LH informed that this item is now compulsory at all CC meetings. She circulated copies of her report, showing only £60.27 left in the funds at what is almost the end of the financial year. BMHCA, as previously reported, had submitted an invoice for greatly increased fees for the hire of the hall for CC meetings, for which there were insufficient funds. In DH's absence, the matter of this invoice was to be continued.	DH, LH
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>α) <b>BCIC</b> LH reported that the Company's Secretariat was now in place, with Ailsa Horizons appointment at the last BCIC meeting being approved. The next BCIC meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm with Ailsa Horizons in attendance.</p> <p>β) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> LH had attended the latest CF meeting. A number of funding applications had been approved and money remaining in the main fund was now low. Stepping Stones had been given £26,000 altogether. Barrhill Primary School had requested money for a school outing.</p> <p>χ) <b>CCCF</b> LN informed that she and CS were unable to attend the last CCCF meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March, when John Alexander (Steven Lindsay having to cancel at the last minute), from SPR had been the speaker. She informed that there had been a Carrick Tourism Conference, hosted by Councillor Alec Oattes, on 18<sup>th</sup> March. With reference to the previous CCCF meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February, JMcD had attended this, when Lesley Bloomer, SAC's Executive Director of Development &amp; Environment, had been the speaker. It had been recognised at this meeting that the CCCF was a big part of community engagement. Councillor Oattes had also given an update on the Carrick Tourism Strategy Group.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	LH reported the only one of local interest was that for the rail freight terminal at Girvan. Noted	
<b>8</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Due to the Secretary's absence there was little correspondence. FR intimated two items she had received.	
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b> <b>Driving Tests</b> JMcD had received welcome news that the Under Secretary for Transport had announced that driving test examiners would continue to be provided in rural areas. <b>Swimming Pool Consultations</b> FR enquired about the recent consultations with regard to the proposed swimming pool development in Girvan. There was concern re- the lack of notice of these consultation meetings. JMcD replied that scoping is ongoing and members of the public would have the chance to attend. CS enquired if the villages would be included in the various locations. JMcD informed that this was not presently the case but could be borne in mind. <b>Barr Ltd</b> FR reported that a member of the public had complained about the noise emanating from Barr's yard, which recently appears to have worsened..It transpired that SAC officers had been investigating and this is ongoing. <b>Lorry Convoys</b> AS referred to timber lorries still travelling on the roads in convoys. Will be investigated: Forestry Commission to be contacted. <b>Traffic Slow Sign at Markhill Entrance</b> LN informed that lorries are still speeding as they exit onto the A714 bridge at the entrance/exit to the Mark Hill windfarm and felt sure it was only a matter of time before there is an accident. CS informed that the positioning of the proposed slow sign was discussed and	JMcD  JMcD

<p>minuted under <b>Item 2: Police</b> at the CC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the sign to be marked on the Mark Hill road just before the public road. To be taken up with the officers from the Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team at the next meeting. It was noted that different officers now attend the CC meetings.</p> <p><b>Resignation</b> Following on from Andrew Sinclair's resignation as a co-opted member of the CC at the previous meeting, and his decision not to stand for election this time, FR reminded that this was AS's last meeting as a member. She endorsed DH's thanks and appreciation on behalf of all, for his work for the CC, which has been much appreciated.</p>	<p>GB, AM</p>
<p><b>Dates &amp; Time of Meetings for 2011</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 26<sup>TH</sup> May (AGM)</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>All meetings commence at 7.30pm.</b></p> <p><b>There are no meetings in June &amp; December.</b></p>	