

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Thursday, 24th November 2011
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council W David Bowling (WDB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Louba Hodgkinson (LH), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker). In Attendance: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), PCs David Bell (DB) & Scott Forson (SF) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team)	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillor John McDowall (JMcD), DR referred to the recent resignation of Lily Niven. See Item 9.	
2	Police	
	PC Bell reported that a suspect had been detained in connection with the recent quad bike thefts. Further information concerning these thefts is still being sought and enquiries continuing. He referred to an incident that had occurred at Wallace Terrace and assured that all the correct details had been obtained. DB asked that the community be aware of the current spate of oil thefts. These appeared to be aimed at empty holiday homes, with a small white tanker being observed in the area. He asked that people be vigilant. DB was thanked for his report and he and SF left the meeting.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 27th October 2011 Correction to the minutes at Item 5: Street Lighting AR had not reported this to SAC; discussed only therefore delete reference to JMcD. (PL will request that engineers investigate when installing new lights next year). Item 6, Treasurer's Report: no clarification necessary. The minutes were then approved, proposed DR, seconded AR	CS
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 3: Speaker: Richard Carr (RC), SAYLSA No details had been forwarded by RC regarding the new bus scheme 'My Bus'. CS to email him. SAYLSA Membership fee: Unanimously agreed to renew this. MIDAS Training: DR informed that he and AR were now fully Midas trained, having attended on two separate days for the theory test and practical. The third volunteer had passed the theory but still had to undergo the practical, which should take place shortly. Item 7: Updates BCIC: DR reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to DH.	CS LH
5	Treasurer's Report LH circulated the monthly statement which showed a healthy balance as before. There are however, some payments pending as it is still not possible to issue any cheques due to the stringent HBOS regulations. The bank now requires each and every Community Councillor to complete and sign a form (for names see CC Sederunt list plus Stuart Donnelly). Most members had now completed these.	.
6	Updates	
	a) BCIC DR informed that there is now £51,000+ in the funds. After the plans for the car park were shown at the Open Day the planning application has now been submitted to SAC. b) Carrick Futures (CF) LH reported that, as stated at the previous CC meeting, she had now resigned from being the CF representative after attending the latest CF meeting. It had not been a funding round. 'Prospects for Carrick' had been discussed. She also informed about the CF main fund, which allocates each CC in the Arecleoch windfarm benefit area the sum of £2,500 annually. This is allocated on a top-up basis and at the last meeting the CF Directors agreed to pay out subject to reported spend. Fortunately, while Barrhill CC has not yet paid out all its £2,500 there are two funding applications totalling £800 in the system waiting to be paid. CF accepted this and Barrhill will therefore receive the full annual grant of £2,500. The next CF meeting is a funding	

	<p>round</p> <p>c) CCCF CS informed that at the meeting on 8th November, the four point message was Community Engagement; Prospects for Carrick; Pilgrim's Trail appearing on 'Landward' TV programme on 18th November and Carrick Tourism Initiatives. Also discussed, as a matter of concern, was the lack of progress with the 'Carrick Way' project.</p>	
7	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>BMHCA After discussion, this application was approved, conditional on the production of a recent bank statement, which was still not forthcoming. CS to notify the BMHCA Secretary, both verbally and in writing.</p>	CS
8	<p>War Memorial Handrail</p> <p>The absence of a handrail had been noted by those Community Councillors who had attended the recent Service of Remembrance. The steps were difficult to negotiate for some members of the public and all felt that a handrail was necessary. It was thought that this matter had been raised on a previous occasion, but PL will raise the matter with Lizzie Linton of the relevant SAC section.</p>	PL
9	<p>Resignation/Vice-Chair Vacancy</p> <p>With reference to Item 1, the resignation of LN had been received with regret. It also meant the CC is without a Vice-Chairman. After discussion, it was agreed not to appoint a replacement as there will only be a few more CC meetings before the next AGM and it was felt unnecessary to appoint one immediately. DR acknowledged the contribution LN had made to the CC. A letter of thanks to be sent for her work with the CC.</p>	CS
10	<p>Carrick Futures/CCCF Representatives</p> <p>With LH no longer the CC representative on Carrick Futures DR agreed take up the position until the AGM of the CC. A new representative was also required to replace LN on the CCCF. AR agreed to take this up. Both appointments were approved unanimously.</p>	
11	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>These had previously been circulated. AR reported one applicable to Barrhill, namely, the addition of a conservatory to the School House. Noted</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>DR had been contacted by a company called WilloWind Energy applying for planning consent to site an 8 turbine windfarm at Corwar, 4 km east of Barrhill, details of which had already been circulated. A spokesman wished to come and address the CC. Similarly SPR also requested time for this in relation to the proposed Arecleoch extension (Kilgallioch), the number of turbines for this being reduced from 132 to 99.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed by DR that WilloWind Energy be invited to address the February meeting and SPR the January one. This was agreed. DR will reply to both companies.</p> <p>In addition to items already emailed out:</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: 'Chest Voices Session', 2 Day Workshop:21st/28th November, Irvine</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Reshaping Care for Older People in South Ayrshire South Ayrshire Health Partnership Bulletin</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire Arran Falls Event, Thursday 1st December, Kilmarnock</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Engagement Event, 2nd December, Ayr Hospital</p> <p>Change of address for Adam Ingram MSP</p>	DR
13	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>AC raised the matter of vehicles exiting the Mark Hill Windfarm site onto the A714 in an unsafe manner, narrowly avoiding accidents on the bridge. In addition, the priority road sign at the bridge is obscured by trees. He also questioned the positioning of the 30mph road sign at the Girvan end of the village. This item, like the Mark Hill one, had previously been raised, to no avail. DR asked that any complaints to the Roads Section be forwarded to him and he would collate and send to Roads. He referred to the recent infilling of potholes, which has already badly deteriorated.</p> <p>AC also raised the non-availability of dog dirt bags, even at SAC's Girvan</p>	DR

<p>office. This matter too had been raised previously when the bags were no longer available at the local shop. PL will enquire.</p> <p>CS raised on behalf of a member of the public a recent spate of dog-fouling in Wallace Terrace. There had also been dog mess on the Martyrs' Tomb Walk path. Following discussion on this it was acknowledged that little could be done about irresponsible dog owners without formal evidence. CS to investigate the offer of vests/ signs from the SAC's EH section.</p> <p>CS asked why there was no longer a litter bin at the Wallace Terrace bus shelter. Considerable amounts of litter were accumulating which had been removed recently by a member of the public. The reason for the bin's removal was unknown. PL will enquire about a replacement bin/arrangements for emptying if provided by the BCIC.</p> <p>CS also brought to the attention of the meeting a recent discovery by the Forestry Commission of disease in larch trees and asked that members be vigilant.</p> <p>LH passed on a complaint from a member of the public regarding a pile of sand restricting the use of the pavement between the shop and the surgery. This had been there for over a year.</p> <p>DB raised the subject of the re-siting of the Community Notice Board. A discussion took place regarding the best location for a new board, the consensus being in the vicinity of the Surgery. To be investigated.</p> <p>CS informed that the matter of Community notice boards had been discussed at the last CCCF meeting as 'Talk Talk' had expressed an interest in supplying such boards. The matter was currently being investigated by the CCCF's new Media Worker, who will report later. Noted.</p> <p>PL informed the CC of the dangerous state of a number of gravestones in the old cemetery. SAC had completed a Health & Safety review of the cemetery. Areas would have to be taped off and headstones removed and placed on the ground. It was realised that this would be upsetting to families affected. More information to be sought.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i></p>	<p>PL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PL</p>
<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting Thursday 26th January 2012 at 7.30pm. (There is no meeting in December)</p>	