

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Thursday, 25th August 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), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker). In Attendance: PC Davy Struthers (DS), SPC Billy Sturgeon (BS), (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Councillor John McDowall (JMCD)	
1	Apologies for Absence Adrian Goodall (AG), Lily Niven (LN), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC)	
2	Police	
	PC Davy Struthers introduced himself and his colleague, SPC Billy Sturgeon. He informed that the local police had attended several incidents in the Barrhill area since the last meeting. These include sheep worrying by dogs, vandalism to a car in Gowlands Terrace and a male falling off a motorbike near Ballochmorrie Farm. Additional Information Local officers are interested in any information regarding recent thefts of Quad bikes from farms in the district. Two were recovered as they had tracker devices. It would appear that when bikes are stolen they may be hidden nearby until the tracker charge runs out. Information is also sought on thefts of scrap from windfarm sites. A PAC joint meeting (Barrhill, Colmonell, Pinwherry) will be held in the area in the near future. The latest one in Girvan was not well attended, possibly due to insufficient advertising. LH raised the matter of cars/quad bikes on Arnsheen Park. The culprits are unknown. The situation to be monitored. The CC has already placed a chain and padlock on the entrance gate to deter the culprits. A case of vandalism at Kildonan House was also reported. DS will investigate. DS was thanked for his report and he and BS then left the meeting.	DS
3	<i>DR welcomed SD to his first CC meeting as a co-opted member.</i> Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th July 2011 AC requested that the draft minutes be circulated sooner after a meeting. CS will do her best to comply with the request. The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved, proposed AR, seconded DWB.	CS
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Item 4, Matters Arising from the Minutes Correspondence: Barrhill Primary DR informed the CC he had just learned that the Head Teacher of Barrhill Primary is to take up the appointment of Acting Head at Colmonell/Ballantrae Primaries. He understood that the new Acting Head, for Barrhill and Barr, will be from Barr PS. J McD confirmed that this was correct. These posts are shared Headships but the permanent Heads will not be confirmed until the Education panel meets in September. The situation is to be discussed with the Parent Panel. He also confirmed that he had enquired previously regarding the future of Barrhill Primary but unfortunately his emailed reply had been sent to the wrong email address. He had been informed there were no plans to close Barrhill PS. Station Road/B7207 After receiving the pictures of potholes sent by CS, JMCD had again approached the Roads Section and discussed matters with Christine Cox, the new Head. He was informed that the roads had been inspected and were 'deemed acceptable' and not considered a safety risk. The CC members were astounded to hear this and wondered if the official had inspected the correct roads. It was re-iterated that, while appreciating that sections of the B7207 had been resurfaced, a large number of deep potholes still remained which were causing extreme concern. DR himself had recently damaged a vehicle wheel on the B7207 road. CS asked if the station road had definitely been inspected. JMCD had viewed the road for himself prior to the meeting and agreed it was in need of	.

	<p>attention. JMCD will again contact the Roads Section. He had requested that they contact CS with regard to her complaint submitted months ago, but she confirmed there had still been no contact.</p> <p>AR informed that a country resident had also complained about the poor state of the C72 New Luce road.</p> <p>Barr Ltd: DR informed that there had again been complaints regarding the noise at Barr's. No further information was available regarding the complaint. The situation to be monitored.</p> <p>Item 6: Updates: a) BCIC Although not present, AG had emailed an update regarding his enquiries into the rubble deposited on the site of the proposed car park by contractors working for Scottish Water. It transpired that an email had been sent from the BCIC Secretary on 30th September 2010 to IUS (the contractor) giving approval for the spoil to be deposited. Agreed to transfer this matter to the BCIC as being in its remit.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB CS reported that the overgrown grass on the Martyrs' Tomb footpath had been strimmed by AC. The CC unanimously thanked him for his work. It was noted that the footpath to the station was still overgrown. JMCD had reported this to SAC.</p> <p>Item 6: Updates: c) CCCF JMCD had enquired about possible windfarm extensions being planned, in particular at 'Balmalloch South', as raised by AG, and could find no reference to this.</p>	JMCD
5	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>LH circulated copies of the accounts. As presented in the accounts, the main items so far this financial year were travel expenses to meetings elsewhere. A large forthcoming item will be the fees for the hire of the hall. These fees had still not been confirmed by BMHCA. Agreed to write to the Treasurer to ascertain the amount, in order to budget for the year.</p>	CS
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC DR reported no meeting had been held since the previous CC meeting. LH reported a slight delay in drawing up plans due to the unfortunate disappearance of the surveyor for the car park. Once Ross Mackay Architects have completed the plans, these will be shown to the community for comments/approval. DR had discussed with the Head Teacher of Barrhill PS the proposals for the former gate in the school wall to be re-opened, and the formation of an eco garden. These ideas had met with a favourable response. SAC would have to approve any ideas, as would the community.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) LH had little to report from CF; as stated at the last meeting the AGM had taken place at the second attempt. The office bearers were re-appointed, so the status quo was maintained. The next time will be the funding round.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and LN had attended the 9th August meeting, which was attended by two speakers. John Reid from 'Access to Employment' spoke on the 'Learning Bus Project' and the constituency MSP Adam Ingram spoke on the need for the regeneration of the constituency. He named five main areas: Harbour Development; Pathfinder Project in Maybole; Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Windfarm Developments; and Tourism.</p> <p>The five point message from the meeting: was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Ingram's visit. • Access to Employment • The Learning Bus • Plans for 2012-2014 • Community Engagement and New Media <p>CCCF will be printing 9,000 leaflets for a CPP Engagement report.</p>	
7	Barrhill Community Bus	
	<p>There was no further news from Richard Carr. A discussion ensued regarding the bus and conditions to be met before the bus can be hired out. SD informed that a group had tried to hire it themselves for transport to the recent Barn Dance at Barr,</p>	

	but had been refused as they did not have a driver who met the hire conditions, and the late finishing precluded the hire of the bus plus driver. It was agreed that clarification is needed concerning the hire of the bus and DR will discuss with LN and Richard Carr. RC to be invited to address the CC to explain the conditions.	CS
8	Stinchar Valley Communities Meeting An email had previously been circulated regarding the invitation to send representatives to this joint meeting of the Stinchar Valley communities, to discuss development plans and how help can be shared to develop & promote assets for the benefit of all. DR, LH and CS agreed to attend. CS to notify Claire Pirrie that at least three representatives from Barrhill CC would attend.	DR, LH,CS
9	Planning Applications LH reported one relevant application, the erection of an agricultural building at Woodpark, Barrhill. Noted.	
10	Correspondence CS reminded the meeting of some correspondence previously raised. The Dogs Consultation survey closes on 19 th September and that on Tourism Strategy on 31 st August. The ASCC organisation will cease to exist by April 2012. CS referred to the reference in the South Ayrshire Local Plan to a piece of land on Main Street being viewed as suitable for development. The location was unknown and JMcD was asked if it was possible to obtain a map of this. South Ayrshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership: Alcohol & Drug Strategy Launch Event 4th October Network Rail: Railway Communications System VASA SAC Rural Panel: Thursday 15th September, Carrick Buildings, Girvan RHS: Britain in Bloom IOG Saltex: Turf care & Open Space Management Course NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Review of Scottish Breast Screening Services (Email address for questionnaire to be sent to members) NHS: Options Appraisal Day NHS: Patients' Rights Legislation Consultation (Email address to members—comments by 14 th October))	JMcD CS CS
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public SD raised the matter of the Community Garden and enquired why there was no progress. The current situation was explained whereby there was a problem regarding ownership of the land. Enquiries are being made to determine ownership. LH asked JMcD if a landowner could be compelled to tidy up waste ground. He replied that a request could be made but admitted it could not be forced on a landowner. It was recognised that the ownership issue is important. AC felt that more projects should be in place in the community. AR asked if anyone was experiencing problems with the mains sewage at present. There were problems in her part of the village which were proving difficult to solve, and she believed there were others elsewhere in the village. Agreed to place a notice asking for information in the Barrhill E-Letter. LH raised the matter of grass clippings being placed on the car park site and asked if a brown bin could be provided for the hall to prevent this occurring. In addition, a blue bin was also required, the hall never having had one. JMcD to arrange this. AR referred to the poor state of the main road at the site of numerous manhole covers. JMcD will inform the Roads Section. <i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i>	CS JMcD JMcD
	Dates & Time of Meetings for remainder of 2011 Thursday 22nd September Thursday 27th October Thursday 24th November All meetings commence at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in December.	