

**APPROVED**

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Dave Holtom (DH), Louba Hodgkinson (LH), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker) <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) 2 Members of the public In the absence of the Chair, CS proposed that the Secretary DH chaired the meeting. All agreed. It was noted that JMcD was present due to the New Year changeover in the SAC Councillor attendee. He was welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Lily Niven (LN), Fionnadh Ratchford (FR)</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Police</b></p>	
	<p>GB introduced himself and his colleague. He informed there had been six crimes reported since 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. These included one housebreaking, one case of vandalism, thefts of diesel and scrap, notably at the windfarm sites, and a case of drink driving south of Barrhill. He then invited questions. CS referred to an incident of vandalism reported in the village when it had taken three weeks for the complainant to be interviewed to give a statement, which was not viewed as satisfactory. She asked if this length of time lapse was usual and was told it was not, but it depended on circumstances prevailing at the time. GB and AM were thanked for their attendance and then left the meeting</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b> Correction to the minutes at <b>Item 3: B7027 Timber Transport</b>. to be clarified to show FC was drafting the letter for the CC to send. <b>Item 9: Planning Applications</b> BCIC: should read BMHCA. Amended minutes then approved as correct. Proposed AS, seconded LH.</p>	CS
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	
	<p><b>Item 3: Timber Transport</b> FC had now drafted the letter and delivered it to the CC for forwarding. <b>Item 9: Planning Applications</b> PL, who was absent at the previous meeting, was unsure of the position of Barrhill as regards Conservation status. He would investigate. <b>Item 6: Updates a) Climate Challenge Fund</b> DH reported that the Doctors' surgery had now received both cavity wall insulation and loft insulation.</p>	DH/FR  PL
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Potholes on A714/B7027/U28 &amp; Icy Road Conditions</b></p>	
	<p>There was considerable concern expressed at the appalling state of the area's roads. CS acknowledged that potholes had recently been infilled but expressed concern that they had been observed to have only received temporary repairs, contrary to a previous statement by the roads section that they would be repaired properly. JMcD admitted this was the case; due to the there being so many complaints it was not possible to use the permanent patching machine on all potholes. He informed that £45million was needed to complete all repairs, with nothing approaching this available. Concern was again expressed by AS and CS about a dangerous section of road north of Barrhill, reported at the last meeting by a member of the public. LH asked why the money promised to be released for road repairs at the roads meeting last year in Pinwherry had not been forthcoming. JMcD informed that SAC just did not have the funds available for what is needed and visualised the possibility of future road closures. DH reported that the U28 was now almost impassable and asked if it would not be attended to. PL stated that a new SAC policy would have to come in to force before roads could be left unattended. He informed that a full survey of road</p>	

	<p>conditions was currently being carried out over the whole area. A member of the public referred to the 30mph signs at the north end of the village being too close to the perimeter. This was agreed. JMcD will pass on to Roads section.</p> <p>AS enquired if SAC could reduce traffic levels if roads continued to deteriorate. The inadequate gritting of roads was also referred to again. DH informed of the forthcoming public meeting about the roads. <i>See Item 10, Correspondence.</i></p>	JMcD
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p><b>a) BCIC <i>Climate Challenge Fund</i></b> DH informed that the Climate Champions' Network programme finished at the end of March. To mark this, energy events will be held locally. There will also be training seminars on fund raising. Project funding has already been allocated to cover these events. Voluntary Action Ayrshire is involved. To be held in Barrhill (if available) or Colmonell Community Centre.</p> <p><b>b) Carrick Futures (CF)</b> LH reported on the latest CF meeting. A number of funding applications had been approved.</p> <p>The applications from Travel Connections (run by 'Stepping Stones for Families) had been granted with both the CF main fund and the 'wider' Carrick 20% fund giving money. They intend submitting an application to BCIC. It will cost £3,140 to keep the service running. Agreed to discuss <b>Item 8: Stepping Stones (Travel Connections)</b> at this juncture. A member of the public, when asked, stated that the service was widely used by local people and would be sorely missed if it ceased. JMcD informed that SPT had removed their funding which had led to the present threat. Proposed by LH, seconded by AS, that the CC recommend to BCIC that the funding application be granted. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>DH asked JMcD if he was hopeful of the service continuing. He replied that an appraisal was in progress with a reasonable expectation of something but it wasn't a 100% certainty.</p> <p><b>c) CCCF</b> CS reported that neither she nor LN were able to attend the last CCCF meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December but from minutes received there had been three applications for funding from the <b>Wider Carrick 20% Fund</b>. Two had been approved, and one rejected.</p> <p><b>Update on Carrick Book Sales</b> Still a large number in stock. Suggested that CCs be asked if they wished to purchase books at cost price. All CCs to be emailed to examine this. To date, Barrhill CC has not received an email regarding this.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Appointment of Treasurer</b>	
	LH was willing to be appointed to this position. Proposed by CS, seconded DH: approved unanimously.	LH
<b>8</b>	<b>Stepping Stones</b>	
	<i>See above at Item 6b.</i>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	LH reported one application pertaining to Barrhill, namely, Queensland Caravan Park. She had spoken to the applicant who explained that it was merely a re-application for permission to abandon the usual temporary winter closedown, in order to accommodate windfarm employees. No objections raised.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	DH circulated a list of the numerous items of correspondence received. These included one from Cathy Jamieson MSP regarding derelict buildings. JMcD explained that this only applied when a building was considered dangerous and the owner could not be traced.	
	DH also drew attention to the SAC Road Show open meeting, to be held in Girvan on Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February.	ALL
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	AS referred to the <b>advert for two new Community Councillors</b> discussed at the previous meeting. DH explained that the advert had not been placed locally as Alison Nelson of SAC had advised that the time was approaching for SAC to advertise in the local press. CS asked if FR had clarified the situation with regard to AG. DH had discussed this with FR. PL advised that the CC should consider	ALL

the prolonged absence of AG from CC meetings.

LH informed she had been successful in placing notices on **the notice board** and that a lock was being provided to deter vandalism.

**Disruption to Water Supplies** LH was of the opinion that the CC should contact Scottish Water in connection with the recent water problems caused to some householders and outlined her own experience. CS to contact Scottish Water.

**Waste Incinerator** CS referred to the recent copy of the Carrick Herald with the news that plans for the incinerator had been abandoned. She understood that other groups were aware of this development before Barrhill and was puzzled that the CC had not been informed. DH thought perhaps an email had gone astray.

**Footpath to Station** CS referred to the minutes of the CC meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Item 5 and informed that on closer examination not all of the overgrowth came from the landowner's side of the stone dyke and could therefore be seen as SAC's responsibility. JMCD to investigate.

CS

JMCD

#### **Dates & Time of Meetings for 2011**

**Thursday 24th February 2011**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 26<sup>TH</sup> May**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**All meetings commence at 7.30pm.**

**There are no meetings in June & December.**