

**APPROVED**

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No.	Item	Action
	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> William Bowling (WB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Adrian Goodall (AG), Louba Hodgkinson (LH), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker) <b>In Attendance:</b> PC Gavin McKellar (GMcK) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team)	
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Lily Niven (LN), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMcd)	
2	<b>Police</b>	
	PC Gavin McKellar introduced himself and reported no crimes but six previous incidents had been dealt with, including four non-serious ones. Some kittens had been reported missing and there had tragically been a recent death of a Scottish Power worker to the south of Barrhill. GMcK was thanked for his report and left the meeting.	
3	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011</b> These were approved, following a correction to the minutes, namely, the addition of the names of PL and JMcd to the sederunt. Proposed DR, seconded LH.	
4	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<b>Item 11, Correspondence: Barrhill Primary</b> CS had spoken with Fionnadh Ratchford, who had been informed following her correspondence with SAC Education Service, that as the school roll had fallen there were procedures that had to be followed, regarding the staff/pupil ratio. CS will contact JMcd to find out if he had received information from his enquiry regarding the future of Barrhill Primary. <b>Item 12, AOB: Roads</b> In the absence of PL, CS read out the contents of an email from him. The Roads team have written to SPR, over a month ago, requesting an update and is still awaiting a response. LH understood from a meeting she had attended with Steven Lindsay of SPR that the roads are to be inspected. <b>Black Clauchrie Road</b> AG reported that he was delighted to inform the meeting that this road had at last been resurfaced. <b>Station Road/B7207</b> AC had taken photos of the potholes, as had a former Community Councillor who had reported the potholes back in February and raised the matter again in March. CS had also reported the station road ones to the Roads Section. No acknowledgement had ever been received and the attempt to patch up the worst of the potholes en route to the station was ineffective. It was appreciated that sections of the B7207 had been resurfaced but a number of deep potholes still remained. CS to contact JMcd and forward photos. <b>Cemetery</b> PL had informed that the water butt had been repaired and he understood it was now in good working order. This news was welcomed. <b>Barr Ltd:</b> CS reported that she had again contacted Environmental Health in response to a further complaint. The dust test results were still awaited from SEPA but noise monitoring had been carried out. The complainants had been fully informed of the present situation.	CS/JMcd
5	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	LH circulated copies of the accounts. The grant cheques paid out had now all been acknowledged.	
6	<b>Updates</b>	
	a) <b>BCIC</b> DR reported that the sum of £40,000 had now been received into the accounts and another similar sum will follow later in the year. The BCIC had agreed to allocate the sum of £150,000, plus a further £75,000 next June, for the Memorial Hall renovations. AR, who declared an interest as a member of the BMHCA Committee, stated that it was important the	

	<p>BMHCA knew just what funds are being allocated. AG was of the opinion that the hall costs are excessive. A discussion followed on this matter and it was noted that preliminary high costs of such a project were unavoidable, even before any structural work has commenced.</p> <p>LH reported that the car park sub-committee had held discussions with Ross Mackay Architects, who had successfully tendered for the work of drawing plans for the car park. DR confirmed that the plans will be displayed to the village for their comments. There will be a path surrounding the car park and another connecting to the hall. Costs are expected to be £100,000. With regard to the rubble deposited on the site by contractors working for Scottish Water, AG offered to contact them about this, as it appears likely it will have to be removed.</p> <p><b>b) Carrick Futures (CF)</b> LH informed that the AGM had finally been held on 19<sup>th</sup> July with seven attending from Barrhill. A financial statement had been released. LH also reported that £77,000 is now in the BCIC bank account, being from Barrhill's 30% share of the main fund. LH referred again to the fact that Barrhill is entering the third year of the '30% agreement' and a review of this would soon take place. A general discussion then ensued.</p> <p><b>c) CCCF</b> CS had attended the 14<sup>th</sup> June meeting: the five point message was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Biosphere Project, a presentation of which had been given.</li> <li>• SPR—Access Strategy for Arecleoch and concordat with SAC. Steven Lindsay gave a presentation.</li> <li>• Forthcoming Gala Days.</li> <li>• The AGM which preceded the meeting.</li> <li>• The points from Peter Mason's Chairman's speech.</li> </ul> <p>CS and LN had attended on 12<sup>th</sup> July, when a presentation on the Tourism Strategy was given by Lesley Bloomer, SAC's Director of Development &amp; Environment, which was the main message point from the meeting. A discussion followed on the plans for windfarm access and recreational projects. AG referred to constant reports that windfarm extensions are already being planned, in particular at 'Balmalloch South'. CS to request clarification from JMcD.</p> <p>In connection with the plans for Arecleoch, mention was made of the involvement of the Ayrshire Rivers' Trust and their plans. CS to contact them for an update.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>CS/JMcD</p> <p>CS</p>
7	<p><b>Barrhill Community Bus</b></p> <p>LN had requested this item, but was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. A general discussion on the bus and possible drivers followed. The question of granting £500 to SAYLSA from the CC, with match funding from the BCIC, was raised. LN will be contacting Richard Carr. To be continued.</p>	<p>LN</p>
8	<p><b>CC Vacancy</b></p> <p>CS informed that Stuart Donnelly was willing to be co-opted onto the CC, but unfortunately was unable to be present. His co-option was approved, pending his presence at the next CC meeting, or written confirmation from him. CS to communicate this.</p>	<p>CS</p>
9	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>LH reported no relevant applications. She referred to the planning situation with regard to the village shop. To be minuted: the fact that the shop did not have planning consent for a hot food takeaway was discovered by SAC at a routine inspection of the premises. Any appeal to SAC against the refusal has to be received by the end of August. Noted</p>	
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Military Exercise Notification: 8-23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> – notices posted in village.</p> <p><b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Leaflets and nomination form for lay membership of user group.</p> <p><b>C.A.T.S:</b> Notification of meeting in Ballantrae on 9<sup>th</sup> August—poster to be displayed.</p>	<p>CS</p>

	<p><b>Ayrshire &amp; Arran Tourism Strategy:</b> Follow-up consultation event on 17<sup>th</sup> August.  <b>Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC)</b>  <b>Tourism Strategy Consultation &amp; Dogs Consultation</b>  <b>SAC: Review of Polling Districts &amp; Polling Places</b></p>	
11	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>  <b>AC</b> expressed the opinion that the CC meetings should be publicised more, to encourage members of the public to attend meetings and to bring issues/ideas to the CC. Agreed to place notices to this effect in the Barrhill e-letter and in the village.  <b>CS</b> had been approached regarding the growth of vegetation on the footpath to the station. To contact JMcD re-this matter.  <b>AG</b> informed the meeting that he had finally received planning consent for the housing development adjacent to Gowlands Terrace.  <b>AR</b> raised the matter of the growth of vegetation on the Martyrs' Tomb footpath since SAC had ceased work on land not in their ownership. This matter is under consideration by BCIC and will be attended to.  <b>LH</b> reported incidents of a blue car driving over the bridge onto the football park. The bridge is not strong enough for this and it could be dangerous. Agreed to purchase a chain and padlock for the gate to prevent cars gaining access to the field.  <i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i></p>	<p>CS  CS/JMcD  LH</p>
	<p><b>Dates &amp; Time of Meetings for remainder of 2011</b>  <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>  <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>All meetings commence at 7.30pm.</b>  <b>There is no meeting in December.</b></p>	