

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February 2012
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council W David Bowling (WDB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Louba Hodgkinson (LH) (Minute Taker), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair),</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC), PCs Gavin McKellar & Phil Porter (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). Representing WilloWind Energy: Colin Davie (CD), John Mullin (JM) & Martin Davie (MD) 12 members of the public?</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Celia Strain, Peter Linton (SAC)</p>	
2	<p>Police PC McKellar reported that suspicious vehicles had been reported in the area & asked residents to be vigilant. Mrs Hutchins, a member of the public, asked if Strathclyde Police ran a farm watch scheme or farm machinery marking system, such as Smart Water? PC McKellar replied that Strathclyde did not run a Smart Water scheme but Dumfries & Galloway Police did & they would assist if you contacted them. Strathclyde police do run an email alert system & advised owners to register the VIN Numbers of machines to facilitate their return if recovered by police. PC McKellar then took contact details & agreed to follow this up with Mrs Hutchins. DR then reported that the police speed-monitoring vehicle had been seen speeding through the village & asked that this be addressed. PC McKellar agreed to pass the information to the relevant person. DR thanked them for attending and they left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Presentation: WilloWind Energy DR invited the representatives from WilloWind Energy Limited to give their presentation. J Mullin introduced himself and his colleagues. He thanked the CC for giving them the opportunity to address the CC. The reason for the request was to give an overview of the proposed Corwar Wind Farm, which is at the scoping stage at present. Already consulting with SAC planning & the 3 local councillors, Sandra Osborne & MSP Adam Ingram. This meeting is the first stage of their community engagement process. WilloWind is a Scottish based company with 13 sites in Scotland, locally 4 in Ayrshire & 3 in Dumfries & Galloway all in the early stages of development. 8 turbines are planned at the Corwar site, height 125 metres, each with a capacity approx 2.5 MW. Currently the grid connection has not yet been finalised but most likely to Markhill or Newton Stewart. This would entail approx 20 kilometres of overhead cabling. A planning application has been made for a 70 metre meteorological mast in the centre of the site, details of which could be found on the SAC planning web site. Once the scoping stage is complete WilloWind will come back to the CC to give more details. DR then offered the meeting the chance to ask questions, which were many & varied: Concerns were raised about the impact on nearby property & the local infrastructure. Environmental impact & the current plethora of wind farm development in the local area. Further & more detailed information regarding the precise positioning of the turbines was sought & the name of the landowner was requested. Access route for the turbines & construction traffic were queried & also</p>	

	<p>the time frame for the development.</p> <p>WilloWind representatives stressed that the process was at a very early stage & they could not give details of the development until the scoping process was complete & that this report was not in the public domain. SAC & the generating authority would also impose various conditions on the development. The distance between houses & turbines was determined by legislation, they believed 1.5 kilometres. The realistic timescale for the start of construction, should planning be granted, was 2016. It would be approx 6 months before turbine locations would be know & 12 months before the bird study would be completed.</p> <p>Due to the obvious level of concern amongst residents & to ensure all parties are kept informed of developments DR offered to be the link between residents & WilloWind, a list of email addresses was gathered.</p> <p>DR thanked WilloWind for their attendance & asked them to keep the CC informed of developments.</p> <p>WilloWind representatives agreed & then left the meeting, as did most of the members of the public.</p>	DR
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 26th January 2012</p> <p>With minor change in item 7, BCIC, which now reads:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Arnsheen Park: Barr Ltd has been approached with a request to buy the ground or lease it for a minimum period of 10 years. “</p> <p>These were approved: proposed DB, seconded AR.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Item 5:</p> <p>Community Bus Posters are now being put up in the new notice board outside the old Galloway Hotel.</p> <p>War Memorial Handrail PL had sent a statement from Lizzie Linton, SAC which DR read:</p> <p>“Lizzie Linton has visited and inspected the Memorial and determined that a handrail cannot be fitted without first repairing the steps. There is also a small (12” high) wall at the memorial itself with a steep drop the other side that should have a safety rail fitted.</p> <p>Bereavement Services does not have the budget to effect the necessary repairs/improvements & she is suggesting that an application be made to the War Memorials Trust for a grant. She would be happy to help with this process but the application needs to come from the community (Community Council). Would they be willing to work with her to get the money to do the work? She has made successful application to the Trust for other memorials in South Ayrshire in the past. As a preparatory step the Trust like to know the ownership of the Memorials they support & so Lizzie has instigated an enquiry to find this out. The hope is that ownership is clear & in favour of the Council. This gives the Trust confidence in the long term stability of the memorial they are investing in.”</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the CC would like to pursue this process with Lizzie Linton.</p> <p>AR wondered if Carrick Futures could be approached for funding & also the BCIC. DR thought that this was possible but until ownership was confirmed nothing could be done. PL to be asked to keep the CC informed of progress.</p> <p>Dog dirt bags AO had collected 4 packs of dog bags but reported that they were not readily available anywhere. However he was going to look into the matter further as it was an issue throughout Ayrshire.</p> <p>LH asked if the CC could use part of the SAC payment to purchase bags for the community, would need to check with SAC if it was an acceptable use of funds.</p> <p>Item 6:</p> <p>LH informed that outstanding payments had been made. (see item 6)</p> <p>Item 10:</p> <p>AO distributed SAC Calendars, which have many council contact details.</p>	<p>.</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>AO</p> <p>LH</p>

	<p>AC reported that the copingstones had been replaced. DB reported that the skip had been & gone without incident. AR reported that the Stinchar Valley Voice meeting had been cancelled</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report Updated accounts & report were circulated. LH informed that the CC has at last resolved its problems with HBoFS, this saga has been ongoing since November 2011 & finally resolved on 16th February 2012. Current CC signatories are: Dave Russell – Chair, Louba Hodgkinson – Treasurer, Celia Strain – Secretary, David Bowling – Councillor Outstanding payments have now been made: BMHCA - £125 – hall rental for 10 meetings, BMHCA - £500 – CF Grant for Christmas events, Celia Strain expenses - £52 attending 5 CCCF meetings Still no invoice received from CCCF for the annual £50 subscription LH suggest that the CC runs this account until end of this financial year, but in the meantime open a Club Treasurers Account with RBS in Girvan using the Carrick Futures grant cheque & move the CC account to that at the end of the financial year. This was unanimously agreed. LH asked that all councillors with outstanding expense please submit them for payment. LH stated that the CC makes an annual donation to a local community group, to a maximum of £60 & suggest that the CC ask all community groups to register with them so that the donation can be given in rotation. This was unanimously agreed.</p>	
7	<p>Updates: BCIC - DR informed: AGM will be held on 29th February at 7 pm. The Car Park has 2 Quantity Surveyors working on the prices, details should be available next week. Lennie Wood walk is being marked out & Julia Whitaker has started the process of applying for funding. Carrick Futures (CF) - DR informed: Very short meeting main decisions to meet bi monthly & call an EGM if meeting required urgently. Prospects for Carrick – CC views required urgently. CCCF AR & DR went to the last meeting, AR reported: Olympic Torch Fund: Approx £14K allocated for CC's to bid into. The torch arrives in South Ayrshire on 8th June and will pass through Ballantrae at 8am. Transport costs could be applied for to allow local school children to attend & possibly a inter community sporting event arranged & funded. DR agreed to speak to the school. Girvan Charrette: All households should have received a leaflet. AO stressed how important it is to take the opportunity give your views Carrick Tourism Book: Author James Browns' book about local villages is available to retail outlets & community councils to purchase for £1 to be sold for £3.50p, contact Ailsa Horizons for details. Prospects for Carrick: The CCCF sought the views of CCs on this. AR reminded that CS had forwarded the document and required a response. This is now urgent Rural Skills: A company has been appointed to promote. Carrick Tourism: 9 tenders submitted, short listed to 3 & reduced to 2 after interviews. AO stated that it may become a shared responsibility & the aim is to promote Ayrshire as a tourist destination.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>ALL</p>
8	<p>Grant Applications DR stated that an application had been received from the BMHCA. LH stated that as per her email, to which 2 previous funding round notices had been attached; the CC has previously had 4 funding rounds that are advertised in advance. This has not been done & until due process has been followed funding applications should not be processed.</p>	

	<p>DB then produced copies of the previous years notices. DR asked if dates could be decided now & the notice displayed A.S.A.P.</p> <p>Dates agreed: 24th May 23rd August 27th September 22nd November</p> <p>LH agreed to update the notice in CS absence.</p> <p>It was also agreed that all applications should be submitted with ALL required documentation. BMHCA application to be held over until May funding round, CS to inform BMHCA</p>	LH CS
9	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>These had previously been circulated. AR reported none applicable to Barrhill other than the WillowWind Met. Mast application (see item 3). However, items of interest in 10th February list – Straid Farm - 14 turbines & 27th January list – TGC - 4 turbines. AO stated that companies looking for sites to erect turbines are approaching farmers throughout Ayrshire.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>SAC-Rural Panel – Invitation to a meeting to be held 15th March at 7 pm in the McCosh Hall Patna Rd, Kirkmichael.</p> <p>Ballantrae Medical Practice – Invitation to attend a Patient Participation meeting 1st March 6:15 pm at the surgery. AC stated that the practice had asked if they could include Barrhill CC minutes in their Community Folder on their web site. DR stated that that was not a problem as, once approved, CC minutes were in the public domain.</p> <p>SAC Waste Collection Leaflet – Leaflet containing changes to the system has been received by all households</p>	
11	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>AR – Mitch Rankin of SPR has offered to arrange a tour of Arecleoch for the councillors & BCIC directors. Date sometime in March, to be confirmed.</p> <p>AO – Has attended an All Ayrshire Tourism event, 5-year plan aims to raise income from tourism in Ayrshire. Will bring more information to the next meeting.</p> <p>DN – asked AO if he was aware of a definitive list of all properties in the Barrhill ward. AO could only suggest the electoral role. AR suggested asking the postman.</p> <p>AC – Offered to remain as a councillor on the understanding that his views may differ from some members of the current CC. LH stated that varying views were important to a balanced CC. AC agreed to put himself forward as a councillor.</p>	
12	<p>Dates of CC Meetings in 2012</p> <p>Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday in the month, except for July & December when there are no meetings.</p> <p>26th April 24th May 28th June 23rd August 27th September 25th October 22nd November</p> <p>All meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.</p>	
	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 22nd March 2012 at 7.30pm.</p>	