

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd August 2012
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Frances Donnelly (FD), Stuart Donnelly (SD), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).</p> <p>In Attendance: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC) PCs Davy Struthers (DS) & Evan Mackay (EM) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Roddy MacDonald (RMacD) (Ayr United Football Academy). Three members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Douglas Niven (DN)</p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>PC Struthers informed that there had been no actions following the last CC meeting and no crimes raised. There had, however, been eleven incidents of note. These included three noise complaints; a vehicle escort for concrete panels from Barrhill; the ambulance helicopter called out; an abandoned van; a complaint regarding a loan; complaint regarding false allegations; a road closure due to a road traffic accident; a suspicious vehicle; and a report of gunshots. DS and EM were thanked for their report and then left the meeting. :</p>	
3	<p>Presentation: Roddy MacDonald Leader Fund Application on behalf of Ayr United Football Academy</p> <p>DR then introduced the speaker RMacD, who had asked to speak on an application to LEADER, to urge support for the project. RMacD outlined the aim of the project, which is to provide leisure and dance activities for young people. Activities have previously been available in urban areas but not equally in the rural communities. The LEADER application has received support from SAC and the Scottish Football Association. Taking part in activities ensures a healthy lifestyle and promotes inclusion and interaction. The project consists of an eighteen month course. Girvan is the main centre with the villages being brought into the town. The course consists of football and dance, which will get girls involved, and will bring health and confidence to the participants. Questions arise as to what happens at the end of the eighteen months. Similar projects have resulted in a reduction in crime and participation in such courses creates a mindset for recreational activities.</p> <p>The AUFA believes there is interest and a demand for such a project. The application is being put together over the next few weeks and will be for £60,000. RMacD concluded by saying that the project was a positive step for communities and helps young people make the most of their potential. He hoped that the CC would give it full support.</p> <p>He was then thanked for his presentation and left the meeting.</p> <p>DR then asked for feedback from the talk and there was unanimous support. CS to email a response to this effect in support of the LEADER application.</p> <p><i>Prior to the meeting continuing, DR welcomed MB as the newly co-opted Community Councillor.</i></p>	CS
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th June 2012 The minutes were approved: proposed by AC, seconded FD.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 3: Presentation: Arnshen Wind Ltd PL informed that he had duly checked the planning system and as yet there was no mention of an application from Arnshen Wind Ltd. There had been a pre-scoping meeting with SAC in July 2011 when 13 turbines had been suggested, with only 2 or 3 within the SAC area. Nothing further had been brought forward since. PL informed that where an application covers more than one planning authority area only one application can be registered. With an output of less than 20 Mw it is a local issue. It can take an authority 28 days or longer to respond.</p>	PL

	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail PL informed he was meeting with contractors and SAC officers on site tomorrow to obtain estimates for the required work. Grant applications could be made to both the BCIC and the War Memorial Trust. The estimate will be known later.</p> <p>Item 8: Public Meeting Feedback CS informed that AR had in fact dealt with this item as she had contacted John Morris of SPR on another matter. AR informed he had assured pedestrian access would be installed at this gate, as originally intended. To date there is still no access. To be monitored.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB Flooding AO reported that just that morning he had received a response from SAC's Building Standards section, which informed that tenders are being sought with regards to removing the silt below the bridge. In addition, the owner of land downstream from the bridge will remove a large tree crossing the watercourse. It is hoped these actions will prevent future flooding.</p> <p>Old Cemetery Grounds PL had investigated this matter. It was the part of the Cemetery where the grass had been fenced off due to unsafe headstones. Noted</p> <p>Potholes AR informed that she had emailed the Roads section regarding outstanding potholes. See also AOB.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>ALL</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report AR gave an update and circulated the accounts. The expenses for the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations were itemised and the sum of £87.70 was remaining from SAC's grant of £500. At present, £2,000 still remains of the Carrick Futures' grant money.</p> <p>Bank Account/Cheque Signatories It was agreed unanimously, as previously discussed, that the CC's bank account should be transferred from HBOS to RBS and that MB would also be a signatory, with DR, AR and CS. AR will organise this.</p>	<p>AR</p>
7	<p>Small Grant Application Barrhill Playgroup CS informed that there was only one application this time, from Barrhill Playgroup. The form had previously been circulated to all for information prior to the meeting. The relevant sections were read out for further consideration. It was noted that the trip for which the grant was sought had in actual fact already taken place, which is contrary to the terms and conditions of a grant being awarded. After discussion it was agreed by all that the application be refused on this occasion, as otherwise a precedent would be set for the terms and conditions to be contravened. CS to inform the playgroup accordingly but to stress that the CC fully support the group and that any future application would be viewed favourably, providing the terms and conditions are met.</p>	<p>CS</p>
8	<p>Carrick Futures (Members List) AC explained that at the last CF meeting Directors were asked to provide a list of CF members from their own CC area. He was uncertain as to whom the ten members are. A discussion followed, mindful of the original decision made at a BCIC AGM that the then nine directors plus Andrew Sinclair should be the ten CF members, with the CC's approval. Since then the board of the BCIC and CF members have changed. CS to check past CC minutes to confirm this decision. In the meantime, as there are currently only nine members of CF it was proposed by CS, seconded by FD that AR becomes a CF member. Approved unanimously.</p>	<p>CS</p>
9	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC DR reported little change from the last meeting. The car park was ongoing and more bus trips have been arranged.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported that at the last meeting a number of grant applications had been approved. These were from McCandlish Hall, Straiton for a Centenary Exhibition & Archive ; Ballantrae CC for a notice board; Maybole Town Twinning Association re-town twinning with Crosne; Pinwherry & Pinmore CC for solicitors' costs of £2,700, and Carrick Transport. The lack of transport to Newton Stewart had been discussed.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that she and AR had attended the meetings on 10th July and 14th August. In July there were three applications to the Wider Carrick 20% fund. These were those from Straiton and Maybole as detailed</p>	

	<p>above, and one from SAYLSA Community Rail Partnership. The latter was not then recommended for approval but held over until September for further information.</p> <p>The producers of the Stinchar Valley and Barrometer magazines were congratulated on the quality of the publications.</p> <p>The main points from the August meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Zero Waste Ayrshire: Presentation by Anne Blacklock. 2 Community Consultation: Presentation by Claire Monaghan. 3 Bruce Programme: Presentation by David Kiltie. 4 Tourism Development Project. 5 The De-criminalised Parking Enforcement Act. This comes into force on 1st September 2012. <p>AO then expanded further on Item 4, referring to the recent branding exercise, and the proposed pageant in 2014.</p>	
10	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>AR reported only one application relevant to Barrhill. This was for a meteorological mast at Chirmorrie. She commented on the high number of mast applications within the SAC area. AC informed the meeting he had been notified that the application for a wind turbine at Blair Farm had been withdrawn.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>In addition to correspondence emailed out:</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Adult Health & Social Care Consultation responses by 11th September. Email address for replies given.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Leaflet on Eye Examinations</p> <p>SAC: Changes to Bin Collections in South Ayrshire</p> <p>SAC: Economic Development Strategy Consultation</p> <p>SAC: Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill</p> <p>South Ayrshire Seniors' Forum: 'Walk in our Shoes' Invitation to Initial Meeting at Age Concern, Girvan, Monday 10th September</p>	
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>MB spoke at length on the traffic situation with the appalling condition of the roads. He indicated in detail the numerous defects in the A714 between Barrhill and Girvan. The recent incident with the lorry near Pinminnoch Farm had left the grass verge at the bend in a highly dangerous state for the last two weeks, with a serious accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>For weeks there had been 'Mobile Works' signs on display, with no work visible. The recent wet weather had left roads covered in surface water, with drains not cleared, culverts blocked and potholes forming. In particular a broken drain one mile outside the north end of the village is dangerous. Several sections of road from the lay-by just north of the village, near Scaurhead and Glen Tachur were particularly badly flooded.</p> <p>A general discussion ensued with other defective surfaces being mentioned. AO informed that the Rural Panel meets in Pinwherry on 6th September and prior to the meeting the new Head of Roads, Kevin Braidwood, is meeting with CC reps from Pinwherry & Pinmore CC. AO suggested that MB also attend. Agreed.</p> <p>AR reported tree growth at Pinwherry Bridge blocking the sight line.</p> <p>The blocked drain at 19 Wallace Terrace is still unresolved.</p> <p>It was noted, however, a section of the road at Knockycoid had been resurfaced.</p> <p>A member of the public also referred to the Knowe Road, where a section at Glenalty had been resurfaced but there is still a large pothole at the forestry crossroads beyond Knockycoid.</p> <p>AO will pass on complaints but asked that all members of the community report road problems on the SAC website where possible. The more problems were reported the better.</p> <p>AR reported that the activated speed sign at the northern approach to the village is currently inoperable. AO will report this to SAC.</p> <p><i>PL left the meeting at 9pm</i></p> <p>Two members of the public brought to the attention of the CC a problem with speeding traffic down Main Street. It was particularly noticeable in the early</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p>

<p>morning, between 6 and 7am with lorries in particular being the culprits. It was pointed out that this matter had been the subject of numerous complaints from the CC to the Police and SAC, with requests for the return of the speed activated sign at the southern end of the village. AO undertook to raise the matters again with Inspector Ramsay of Strathclyde Police and CS will also contact SAC to enquire when the speed/volume monitor will be re-instated, as intimated previously.</p> <p>SD informed that the Solway Precast had officially changed hands that day, with the new owners now in charge. All were delighted with the news, which is beneficial for the community.</p> <p>DR had received information that LEADER has in excess of £0.5million available to invest in rural actions and invites projects to apply for funding. Noted The BMHCA is having a Race Night on Saturday 27th October and had requested that the CC sponsor a race for £25. This was proposed by DR, seconded MB and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>CS reported the stagnant water pouring over the pavement across from the former Scott's Garage, presumably from a broken drain or sewage pipe. Some of the cherry trees are sitting in this water. AO will report this.</p> <p>The pavement round the corner from here is difficult to negotiate due to overgrown shrubs, brambles etc encroaching onto the pavement. The bridge priority sign here is still obscured by trees. There is also a similar problem of overgrown plants on the footpath to the station.</p> <p>CS reported on her presence at the recent official launch of the Galloway & South Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere.</p> <p>CS reminded all present of the free community bus trip to Castle Douglas the following Tuesday.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.15pm.</i></p>	<p>AO CS</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p>
<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting <u>Wednesday 26th September 7.30pm</u> Dates of CC Meetings for remainder of 2012 <u>Wednesdays 24th October</u> <u>28th November</u> There is no meeting in December.</p>	