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

| No. | Item | Action |
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| | Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Stuart Donnelly (SD), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker). In Attendance: Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC) One member of the public. | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence W David Bowling (WDB), Louba Hodgkinson (LH), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC) | |
| 2 | Police There was no police presence at the meeting and no communication had been received. | |
| 3 | Minutes of Previous Meeting of 23rd February 2012 These were approved: proposed AC, seconded AR. | |
| 4 | Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 3: Presentation: WillowWind Energy DR has obtained the necessary names and contact details of those wishing to be kept informed of any information from WillowWind Energy. Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail CS reported that PL is seeking information from Lizzie Linton regarding this and will be in touch when information has been received. Dog Dirt Bags AO informed that he had enquired about these and they are in short supply. DR stated that the CC had been given approval to use funds to purchase these and 2,000 bags had been purchased for the sum of £40. Item 6: Treasurer's Report List of Community Groups CS will start to compile a list of these. Item 8: Grant Applications With reference to the application received from the BMHCA, CS had received an email from D. Holtom (DH) querying the process decided at the previous meeting, whereby the next funding round would not be until the May meeting. DH felt this was a long delay and wished to determine why the CC had taken this view. He also stated that the process from previous years had not been definitive, as appeared to be the understanding of some Community Councillors. CS said she had been absent from the previous meeting but had been surprised at the decision as there had been no definitive process the previous year and this had not been queried then. The process recorded in the minutes of the last meeting had, however, been agreed. CS to inform DH. | PL CS CS |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report/Community Council Funds In the absence of LH, DR referred to the monthly report, which had previously been circulated by LH via email. No accounts sheet circulated as no new payments had been made. She reminded that all expenses claims had still not been submitted but must be by 23 rd March as the accounts have to be collated and delivered to SAC's auditors by the end of the month. After using remaining funds to purchase dog dirt bags, and a laminator to cover notices for the notice board, there was still a sum of money left in the funds. It was agreed to spend this by giving donations to groups. After discussion on the various groups and previous grants awarded, it was agreed, proposed by DR and seconded by SD, to divide the remaining £90 equally between the South Carrick Club Diamonds and the Arnshen Fellowship Group. AR declared an interest in the latter group, while CS declared an interest in both groups. LH to issue cheques to said groups . | ALL LH |
| 6 | Updates a) BCIC DR informed that applications for match funding for the car park had now been commenced. The station car park land had now been valued and negotiations are ongoing with the owner of the land with a view to purchasing it. The owner | |

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| | <p>has placed a higher value on the land than that given to the BCIC. The proposed Lennie Wood footpath has been marked out by LH and a grant has been obtained for a bridge over the gorge</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) DR informed that the last meeting had been a funding round and there were three applications. One was approved, one continued for further information and a third was referred to SAC as it was felt that it came under their remit.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that she and AR had attended the meeting on 13th March. The main points were as follows: Book re-launch; Olympic Torch Relay; and the Diamond Jubilee Beacons.</p> <p>There is a meeting the following day (23rd March) to discuss the torch relay and the beacons. £500 per CC is available either individually or added together for a joint enterprise between CCs. The money must be spent on an approved project by 17th June. No-one available to attend the next afternoon to represent Barrhill. CS to send apologies to Julia at Ailsa Horizons and to inform that Barrhill CC will discuss ideas for the celebrations at a future date. Suggestions included a barbecue/dance.</p> <p>DR will speak to the Head Teacher of Barrhill PS with regard to the torch relay and the involvement of the local schoolchildren. AO again stressed the community opportunities arising from the relay through South Ayrshire. The torch arrives in South Ayrshire on 8th June and will now pass through Ballantrae at 7am, an hour earlier than first indicated.</p> <p>Correspondence had at last been received by both DR and CS regarding SAC's grants for a Diamond Jubilee beacon. CS to return the confirmation slips to acknowledge that Barrhill is interested in participating in the celebrations.</p> <p>AO spoke briefly on Tourism Development. Seventeen communities are to be involved in a Tourism Trail. BET Associates had been the successful applicant for the contract as Tourism Development Company. Ayrshire Leader will fund this position and £195,000 is available to raise the profile of tourism.</p> <p>CS informed of email correspondence she had exchanged with a Sylvia Jenks, who requested details of a walking route from Barr to Barrhill in connection with a pilgrimage route to Whithorn commemorating the 850th anniversary of the founding of Paisley Abbey. DR had also been contacted. AO informed that Ailsa Horizons were also involved in a Pilgrims' Trail. He also notified that Rachel Shipley had been appointed as the new Access Officer, which post had been vacant for some considerable time. This news was welcomed.</p> | <p>CS</p> <p>DR</p> <p>CS</p> |
| 7 | <p>Prospects for Carrick:</p> <p>The CCCF had sought the views of CCs on this for some time. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to support the idea in principle but there were some reservations. Concern was expressed as to whether there would be flexibility in the plan, as it was felt that it was desirable for the distribution of monies to be variable when the need arose. It was also wondered who would manage the funds.</p> <p>CS to inform Julia at Ailsa Horizons of the decision and will email out a response for perusal beforehand.</p> | <p>CS</p> |
| 8 | <p>Stinchar Valley Voice</p> <p>CS informed that it was planned to have a social evening in Colmonell, possibly on Friday 11th May, with a preliminary meeting on 19th April. She herself could not attend either event due to prior commitments. Lily Niven had attended the previous meeting when this was discussed and hope had been expressed that the CCs attending would pay a share of the catering costs, possibly up to £40 each CC. It was agreed to await a definite date before coming to any firm decision.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>SAYLSA</p> <p>DR referred to correspondence he had received from Richard Carr, who sought support for SAYLSA. AO informed that a new group had been formed at a meeting in Ayr. The head of ScotRail had assured that there were no plans to close the line south of Girvan and it was not at risk.</p> | |

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| | Richard Carr had attended the most recent Rural Panel meeting in Kirkmichael and asked for support for SAYLSA. SAC were not yet committed but the difficulties between the parties had been resolved. | |
| 10 | Planning Applications These had previously been circulated. AR reported one applicable to Barrhill, that of a proposed wind turbine at Blair Farm. AC was most concerned about this application in a private capacity as it would have a detrimental visual effect on his property. He wondered if other neighbouring properties were aware of the effects on their properties. A discussion followed and it was agreed that any Barrhill applications would be publicised. AR agreed to display relevant pages of the weekly Planning List. | AR |
| 11 | Correspondence DR had received an email regarding the proposed new supermarket in Newton Stewart , inviting representatives to a presentation to Cree Valley CC in Newton Stewart. The email also offered to send a speaker to a CC meeting to give a presentation. After discussion it was decided not to take any action. CS to contact James Harbison & Company to this effect. DR had also received notification of the ASCC's final conference , to be held in Dunblane on 18th April. Noted – decided not to send a delegate. In addition to items already emailed out: Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team: Offer to send speaker to a CC meeting. Noted Scottish Health Council: Public Partnership Forum 'Participation Toolkit' NHS Ayrshire & Arran: 'Mystery Visitor Volunteer' Information Scottish Health Information Programme: Data & Health Research. Workshop in Glasgow, 24th March NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Care Count Engagement Events South Ayrshire Council: By-Election of Community Councillors It was noted that no election was required. The existing four co-opted members will be full members of the CC together with Douglas Niven, as from 1 st April. A notice of results was enclosed which CS had displayed locally in two locations. NHS Ayrshire & Arran: 'Right Use Programme Board': Nomination for lay membership NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Modernising Pharmacy Regulation consultation. CS pointed out the large volume of mail coming from NHS Ayrshire & Arran, which must cost a considerable amount of postage and asked if it was necessary to receive it all. Agreed it was not necessary. CS will contact Ayrshire & Arran. | CS |
| 12 | AOB Council Members/Members of the Public (Including Speed Indicator) | |
| | DR informed of a meeting with the Parent Council at the Primary School with SAC's Head of Education, Brian McInroy, who notified them of a £500,000 refurbishment of Barrhill PS . There are plans for a new gym hall/dining hall. A discussion followed with fears expressed concerning the impact of this on the BMH refurbishment plans, if the PS ceases to use the hall for PE. AO expressed surprise at the PS plans as he was unaware of them. DR stated the parents were given the impression the work would be carried out in the next financial year. AO will make enquiries of the Education department. CS asked that the community's gratitude to Tommy Donnelly , for all his hard work concerning the arrangements of skips, and the Barrhill E-letter, be recorded in the minutes. Unanimously agreed. An e-letter of thanks has already been sent. CS had been notified by Dave Holtom of an email sent to him from John Alexander of SPR, concerning the "Peter Scott" report from a few years ago, which had investigated the possibilities for recreational/access development associated with Arecleoch & Mark Hill windfarms. He had attended a meeting with South Ayrshire Council recently which touched on how outdoor recreation could be promoted/developed in the area and mentioned the existence of this report, of which they were unaware. SAC had asked for a copy which John Alexander provided, but as a matter of courtesy wished to advise | AO |

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| <p>Barrhill Community due to its involvement in the report's preparation. AC asked if anyone knew what had happened to the speed indicator at the south end of the village, which had been removed. No-one was aware of the reason for its removal. AO will investigate. CS asked AO if he had any indication when the station road is to be re-surfaced as the patching work previously done had disintegrated. He will investigate. There was a general discussion on the poor state of the roads although it was noted that some repair work had recently been undertaken. AR will notify the Roads section of some outstanding potholes. A member of the public had complained to Douglas Niven (DN) about a cracked pavement slab adjacent to Nos.17/19 Main Street. AR agreed to report this also to Roads section. DN had also been asked to raise the issue of a lack of suitable equipment for toddlers at the play park. AO will enquire about this. Barr Ltd. A general discussion took place regarding the disturbing news of the possible closure of Solway Precast, which would have a detrimental effect on the village and local employment. Grave concern was expressed by all. AO reported that meetings had been held between the company and Sandra Osborne MP, Adam Ingram MSP and the local SAC councillors. It was understood that a final decision is to be made shortly and there is no action the CC can take until a decision is known. Should the plant close, there was concern about what would happen to the site in the wake of closure. The situation to be monitored. <i>The meeting closed at 10pm.</i></p> | <p>AO AR AR AO</p> |
| <p>Date & Time of Next Meeting Thursday 26th April 2012 at 7.30pm. Dates of CC Meetings for remainder of 2012 24th May (AGM) 28th June 23rd August 27th September 25th October 22nd November There are no meetings in July or December.</p> | |