

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th October 2012
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Frances Donnelly (FD), Douglas Niven (DN), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker). In Attendance: Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Julia Whitaker (JW) (Ailsa Horizons), David Bett (DB) (Bett Associates). One member of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence Stuart Donnelly (SD)	
2	Police	
	No Police attended the meeting.	
3	<p>Speaker : Julia Whitaker: Ailsa Horizons ‘Carrick Characters’</p> <p>DR introduced the speaker, Julia Whitaker from Ailsa Horizons, who spoke about the Carrick Tourism Development Project. JW outlined the project, which was to reach all corners of Carrick and involve all communities and businesses. It was a two year project. Part funded by Leader to the tune of £2000.000, the project commenced seven months ago. JW also updated the meeting on the current position of the branding activities and the stage it was now at. The idea is that each community will identify a character that depicts the identity of that community and is pertinent to it. The project involves a total of seventeen communities who each can qualify for a share of the money and will then take ownership of their part of the project. Barrhill’s project would be added on to the others and people would then see where Barrhill is. The result would be increased traffic coming into the communities.</p> <p>David Bett then gave a brief outline of how a project could be decided upon. He suggested identifying why the community exists and citing, for example, farming as an identifying character. The coastal communities, such as Dunure, had fishing as part of their character.</p> <p>In answer to a question, JW said the character does not necessarily mean a person but could be anything that characterises a community.</p> <p>It is hoped the project will be completed by November 2013.</p> <p>A member of the public asked how the money would be shared. The sum would be approximately £3,000 per community, dependent on the number of communities participating. AO enquired about the access strategy by Scottish Power Renewables for Arecleoch Windfarm, especially in relation to cycling tracks, in case this aspect was chosen as depicting the character of Barrhill. JW replied that news of this would be available very shortly.</p> <p>DR thanked JW and DB for their talk and informed that the matter would be discussed at the next CC meeting, or possibly a sub-committee could be formed. <i>JW and DB then left the meeting.</i></p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 26th September 2012 The minutes were approved: proposed by AC, seconded AR.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 6: State of A714 Road CS had invited Kevin Braidwood to address a CC meeting and had received an email that morning intimating his intention to attend the next CC meeting on 28th November, weather permitting. He wishes to have questions in advance in order to make relevant enquiries prior to the meeting. Questions to be sent to CS who will collate and forward to Kevin a week in advance.</p> <p>AO had raised the matter of the poor state of the A714 with Adam Ingram MSP, who assured that he had taken matters on board.</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail PL informed that initial work regarding estimates had been done and some estimates</p>	ALL/CS

	<p>were deemed excessive. The work required had been re-assessed and further revised estimates are still awaited. A grant of up to 75% (maximum of £7,500) can be applied for to the War Memorial Trust. PL is willing to commence the application form, which offer was gratefully received. Apparently the steps require to be re-aligned in order for the handrail to be installed. A safety rail will also be fitted. The work cannot commence until better weather in the Spring as lime will be used.</p> <p>Mark Hill Windfarm Pedestrian Access AR informed this is still ongoing and waiting for the go-ahead to install the gate.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report Changeover to RBS: is ongoing.</p> <p>Updates a) BCIC AR had queried the plans for the Car Park when attending the last BCIC meeting to update on the progress of the Hall plans. The plans she had referred to were not the final plans, as SAC Planning had rejected the solar bollards.</p> <p>Activated Speed Sign AO had made enquiries as to the cost of purchasing a sign, which would be £2,500. He suggested a question be asked of Kevin Braidwood when he attends next month. Agreed Also agreed to request a grant application form from the BCIC. AO also informed that it was not possible to obtain a breakdown of the speed figures.</p> <p>Drains: AO had been informed that the drain outside No.19 Wallace Terrace had been repaired – confirmed.</p> <p>Vegetation CS informed that the vegetation overgrowth, especially at the south end of the village Main Street, had still not been cut back. This will be the subject of a question for the Head of Roads.</p> <p>Item 10: Updates a) BCIC MB had investigated the cost of a new notice board. One that would fit on the shop wall would cost £364. PL will send details of grants available from SAC for certain items of expenditure by CCs..</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures CS had enquired about the lantern workshops. Contact had now been made with Barrhill Primary and two workshops are arranged.</p> <p>Item 12: Correspondence SAC Proposed Local Development Plan: AO still to look into this.</p> <p>Item 13: AOB DR informed that the work required to prevent flooding near Glen Tachur had been carried out and the problem was now resolved.</p> <p>BCIC Business Plan: CS had contacted Julia at Ailsa Horizons but no news as yet regarding this. CS to contact again. It is hoped something will be forthcoming as the last date for the CC's submissions to Carrick Futures is 1st November.</p> <p>Wheelie Bins: CS had contacted Environmental Health, who in turn had referred matters to Janice Kelly in Roads. Details were then supplied to her and she would ask staff to investigate.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>AO</p> <p>CS</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AR gave an update of the accounts – the status quo was again maintained. Awaiting confirmation that the new RBS account is operational before issuing any further cheques. A letter had been received from SAC requesting the submission of a report on how the Olympic Torch Relay grant was spent. CS will write this and submit to SAC along with the required information.</p>	CS
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC DN reported on the October meeting. He informed that all the Directors had attended the recent consultation on the proposed plans for the Memorial Hall. The work on the Car Park is expected to commence in the Spring. Plans for the Lennie Wood footpath and maintenance of the Marryrs' Tomb footpath are ongoing.</p> <p>The SAC Comfort Scheme grant is being used towards the running costs of the Public Toilets and the current project whereby by BCIC issues the money for payment of the cleaner ceases at the end of the year. BCIC, however, will continue to give funds to BMHCA to pay for the upkeep of the toilets.</p> <p>The winter fuel payments project is now completed and was deemed a success. During its operation another twenty members joined.</p> <p>It was agreed to give grants of £500 each to the Primary School, towards the cost of the Christmas panto trip, (in addition, ten pairs of tickets will be</p>	

	<p>donated for the public to apply for) and to SAYLSA for the Community Bus.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported there had been no CF meeting since the last CC meeting.</p> <p>c) CCCF Neither CS nor AR had attended the October meeting but AO gave a brief report. There had been a presentation from Paul Pomfret of the National Trust for Scotland, regarding the new strategic review of Culzean. The tourism project was going well and the new Carrick website was now up and running. The photographs commissioned had been approved and the images to be used agreed. There would be free branding available to use for all businesses.</p> <p><i>PL left the meeting at 8.40pm.</i></p>	
8	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>AR reported an application with detailed plans for Laigh Altercannoch, following on from outline planning already approved. She referred to an application in a neighbouring area by SPR Renewables for fourteen turbines in Glenapp. In the September decisions list, approval had been given to the plans for the Schoolhouse in Barrhill. Noted</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>In addition to correspondence already emailed out</p> <p>Various communications from NHS Ayrshire & Arran:</p> <p>South Ayrshire Seniors Forum: Walk in Our Shoes</p> <p>South Ayrshire Seniors Forum: Meeting 31st October, Troon</p> <p>Barrhill Primary School: Small Grant Application This will be dealt with at the next CC meeting, which is a funding round.</p>	
10	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>AR informed that she was continually being asked about the Community Garden. There was no news yet from BCIC due to the ownership issue. Noted</p> <p>AR also referred to the large potholes on the hill road.</p> <p>A member of the public was concerned about the possible saturation of the Barrhill area with wind turbines in light of the forthcoming Corwar Mains Windfarm exhibition by WillowWind on Friday. He asked that the CC voice objections to any further development alongside the A714 and to keep a clear corridor between this road and the B7027. In particular, he was concerned about turbine height in excess of thirty metres. DR explained that the CC could not object without the knowledge of the community's agreement. After the exhibition in two days' time, the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next CC meeting and if feedback indicated opposition the CC could voice objections.</p> <p>DN raised the issue of the Stinchar Valley Magazine as he and Lily were no longer able to be involved with this. CS, who was also intending to raise this item, informed that she had passed on the email from Claire Pirrie about this but no-one had come forward. She herself was willing to assist with distributing the magazine but was unable to attend meetings. Other volunteers are needed. Noted</p> <p>AO informed there is to be an open day on 10th November in Barr village hall from 10am-3pm regarding proposed plans for Dinmurchie. All are welcome to attend</p> <p>CS reminded all present of the free community bus trip to Girvan on Saturday 3rd November to the Festival of Light and Fireworks Display.</p> <p>SAYLSA Notification had been received of the SAYLSTRAG meetings on Monday 5th November and Friday 7th December. Noted</p> <p>Petition It had been suggested that, as evidence of the Community's support for the status quo to continue as regards the Arcleoch Windfarm Benefit Fund, (evidence being required by CF to support the CC's letter), a petition be raised. - Forms had been available at the Hall Consultation the previous day, and in the shop. It is hoped as many residents as possible will add their names.</p> <p>The architects attending the Barrhill Memorial Hall Consultation had reported a steady stream of enquiries.</p> <p>CS reminded again that all questions for Kevin Braidwood be sent in good time in order that they can be forwarded a week prior to the next CC meeting.</p> <p>CS had received a complaint from a resident on the New Luce road, concerning the extreme inconvenience caused by the road closure on Tuesday 15th October</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

following a large lorry completely blocking the road after going in a ditch. It was heading towards the Arecleoch Windfarm . AR had some knowledge of this incident and was of the opinion it was due to a breakdown in communications, resulting in the driver not using the forestry roads.

AS informed the meeting that he and other residents along the Knowe Road were aware of lorries once again using the road at night instead of the approved forestry roads, Due to the darkness it was not possible to observe the haulier's name or the vehicle's registration CS to report to the Forestry Commission

CS

All were reminded of the **WillowWind public exhibition** in the hall on Friday, It is hoped all will attend and also the **BMHCA's Race Night** on Saturday.

CS enquired about the wreath for the forthcoming **Remembrance Day** service. AO informed that Councillor Alec Clark would be attending this year and would bring the wreath to Barrhill.

DR informed of the visit of three SAC roads officials to a resident (JD) to discuss the sorry state of the area's roads, following problems raised. It is now hoped that at long last there will be some improvement in road conditions.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed to bring the start of the next meeting forward by thirty minutes to 7pm.

Wednesday 28th November 7.00pm