

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Thursday, 26th April 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), Douglas Niven (DN), 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 Alan Mitchell (AM) & Graham Barclay (GB), (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). One member of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence None received</p>	
2	<p>Police</p> <p>AM reported that there had been nine calls/incidents in the Barrhill area in the preceding two months. These included a suspect person, who was checked out and all was found to be in order, being related to an army exercise in the area; an alarm activation; a report of a headstone being knocked over, which turned out to be due to subsidence after a crime report was raised; and a report of cows in a garden. No crimes had been recorded since the last police report to the CC. The Traffic Police had recently run a speed check in the village, which had resulted in a number of motorists being caught for speeding. GB and AM were thanked for their report and left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 22nd March 2012 Prior to the meeting continuing, DR welcomed the newly appointed Community Councillors. These were Douglas Niven (DN) and the three former co-opted members, who are now full members, i.e. DB, AC and AR. The minutes were then approved: proposed AC, seconded DR.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail PL informed that Lizzie Linton is still awaiting information regarding this and he will pass this on once received.</p> <p>List of Community Groups A list of these has been compiled..</p> <p>Item 12: AOB Council Members Refurbishment of Barrhill Primary School AO had investigated this matter and it appears that DR's information was correct, with the refurbishment set for this financial year. DR now has information that the architects will shortly be visiting the PS. PL will enquire.</p> <p>CS referred to a report in the Carrick Herald which intimated that the Barrhill work might be delayed due to an unforeseen increase in costs of the new Kirkmichael PS. AO had no knowledge of this.</p> <p>Speed Activated Sign CS referred to email correspondence both she and AO had had with Jim Webb of the Roads Section, which had previously been circulated. Although Jim Webb had consulted Fionnadh Ratchford on the matter in July 2011, she had already resigned from the CC in May2011 and the information had unfortunately not been passed on. AO repeated the information from Jim Webb, that the earliest this sign would be replaced is January 2013, in line with the current relocation programme. There are currently no plans to bring this date forward, although there was no guarantee that the Barrhill sign would be replaced at this time. The feeling of the meeting was that this was unsatisfactory, especially in light of the Police Report. CS to again contact Jim Webb.</p> <p>Potholes AR had reported defects to the Roads Section. In addition, an engineer is to be sent out to view the cracked pavement slab adjacent to Nos.17/19 Main Street. CS reported that the badly defective section of the station road had been roughly patched up, while DR informed that, while the road surface has been repaired on this road above the station, the work had stopped at the forestry crossroads, in spite of the very worst pothole being beyond this and still not repaired. He will report this.</p> <p>Play Park AO had passed on the request for more suitable equipment for</p>	PL PL CS DR

	toddlers at the play park. Consideration will be given to the matter by the Green Space Officer, who had forwarded a picture of the new Oyster roundabout.	
5	Treasurer's Report LH circulated copies of the final accounts sheet for the 2011/2012 financial year. The accounts were posted to County Buildings, Ayr, on 16 th April for auditing. The chequebook was also submitted therefore no cheques can currently be issued. SAC have already sent out the paperwork for the 2012/2013 administration grant. This will not be issued until after the audit and the completed Application for Grant form has been signed by the BCC Chair and Treasurer before returning to SAC together with the audit record. LH was thanked for her report.	
6	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) BCIC DR informed that applications for match funding for the car park had now been submitted and a decision not expected until January/February 2013. The application included the funding for the Lennie Wood Footpathb) Carrick Futures (CF) DR informed that there had not been a meeting since the last CC meeting as the diets are now bi-monthly. There had been one application for funding that had been emailed round. This was from Brunston Golf Club and had been approved. DR reminded that he is now stepping down as one of the two CF representatives and asked for a volunteer replacement. AC expressed an interest as the meetings are only bi-monthly but DR to discuss the situation with Julia as AC is not currently a CF member and therefore not presently eligible to become a CF Director.c) CS reported that neither she nor AR were able to attend the meeting on 10th April. The information from the meeting minutes was that the two point message was the <i>Election Hustings</i> and the <i>Tourism Project</i>. David Bett of Bett Associates was introduced and spoke at the meeting. Ailsa Horizons are having a '<i>Get together</i>' on Thursday 10th May at 6.30pm onwards, to which all members and friends are invited. Steven Lindsay of Scottish Power Renewables had requested a letter of support for SPR in relation to wind farm development. CCCF had declined to send a letter to avoid setting a precedent. Prospects for Carrick A workshop will be held shortly to work <i>through</i> some of the issues raised by the feedback from CCs.	DR
7	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations/Olympic Torch Relay: Jubilee AR informed that the BMHCA hope to have a celebration on Saturday 2 nd June and hoped the CC would make them joint celebrations. All agreed to this. It was suggested a joint sub-committee meet to discuss arrangements. DR and CS agreed to attend this. AR to inform the BMHCA. Events discussed had included a barbecue and music. PL will enquire re-the £500 grant available from SAC. CS informed that she had returned the appropriate paperwork to apply for the £299 grant for a beacon but neither she nor DR had heard anything from SAC. AO will investigate. Torch Relay AO confirmed that as the torch relay was being held outwith school hours it was the parents' decision as to whether or not their children attended. There were plans to hold a 'big breakfast' in several venues. DR will ascertain from Barrhill's Head Teacher what the local plans are.	PL AO DR
8	Stinchar Valley Voice CS circulated the invitation from SVV for the social evening in Colmonell, which is going ahead on Friday 11 th May. DN will attend as he is accompanying Lily but not as a representative of the CC. CS and AR have a previous engagement and no-one else is available either. CS to inform Claire Pirrie of SVV that no-one from BCC can give a short talk at the event.	CS
9	Planning Applications AR informed that there were two applications relevant to Barrhill. These were one for an extension and alterations at Glenalty Cottage and one for the modification of a Section 75 agreement for the proposed housing development at the top of Gowlands Terrace. These applications were noted. As a point of interest regards buildings, AO informed the meeting that the former Ailsa Hotel in Girvan had at last been sold, to the Milestone Christian Fellowship.	

10	Correspondence	
	<p>Arnsheen Wind Farm DR had received an email from a company proposing a wind farm at Arnsheen, who wished to come and address the CC. It was agreed that they be invited to attend the June meeting rather than in May, as that meeting is also the AGM. DR will contact the company.</p> <p>Stranoch Wind Farm Scoping Report For wind farm north of New Luce. Noted</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Calvert Trust: Funding for holidays at Kielder.</p> <p>SAC Planning Reform Response to reform to be submitted by 22nd June 2012.</p> <p>SAC Submission of Minutes New generic email address.</p> <p>SAC: Proposed Local Development Plan Available on SAC's public web site prior to formal consultation.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Community & outpatient services in Ayr & Prestwick</p>	DR
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>AC had received a tour of the Arecleoch Wind Farm facilities following a request he made at the SPR open exhibition.</p> <p>DR informed that due to unavoidable circumstances he would not be able to attend all CC meetings over the next months.</p> <p>CS asked AO if there was any further information on Barr Ltd. AO informed that Adam Ingram MSP was still involved in delicate negotiations to try to save 45-60 jobs at Solway Precast. Should these fail the yard will close in August. It was known that some redundancies would be announced the following day.</p> <p>CS informed that Sylvia Jenks had now undertaken a walk from Barr to Barrhill with Lyndy Renwick of the Forestry Commission Scotland. Their route was not direct but there are hopes that a better path will be formed in time for the 850th anniversary of the founding of Paisley Abbey in 2013.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Walk CS declared an interest in this and then reported that she had spoken with two members of the Scottish Covenanters' Association who had been clearing brambles etc from the access path to the tomb and would later touch up the inscription. She had informed them of the Martyrs' Tomb Maintenance Fund and offered help from this.</p> <p>Cemetery CS said she had received information that those asked by SAC to repair cemetery headstones had to then pay £20 in order to do so, which she found astonishing. There was also a complaint that some repair work was necessary due to work previously done by SAC. PL explained the current situation and would pass the complaint on to Lizzie Linton. CS understood she was already investigating the matter. He stated that if any work was due to SAC's negligence, SAC would pay for the repair.</p> <p>Barrhill Station CS had received a call from Richard Carr of SAYLSA wishing to know the CC's opinion on the colour of paint to be used on the station buildings. Apparently the new colour is to be blue/grey instead of the former red/cream. There was no firm opinion, with the general view being a well maintained building was the main concern. CS to inform Richard Carr.</p> <p>CS reminded the meeting of the Ailsa Horizons 'Get together' on the 10th May at 6.30pm and also of the wind turbine 'Drop-in event' on the 8th and 12th between 10am and 6.30pm.</p> <p>AC asked if there had been prior notification of the recent Army exercises in our area. CS confirmed there had been no such notification, which was unusual. He also reported three dead cherry trees adjacent to the Wallace Terrace play area. PL will pass this on.</p> <p>AR raised the subject of the Barrhill web site, which had been discussed at the recent BMHCA meeting. The annual fee is now due. It was agreed that BMHCA would be refunded from CC funds. CS will contact Dave Holtom of BMHCA.</p> <p>AR reported the water butt tap at the cemetery was broken. PL will report this.</p> <p>LH raised the increased volume of traffic on the station road. It was thought this was associated with the station works and also Arecleoch wind farm.</p> <p>DB had received notification that the June skip had been cancelled. Noted</p> <p>PL informed the meeting that details of external funding available was on the SAC website and also that there was new Leader funding available for works commencing by December 2012 and completed in 2013. Noted</p>	PL CS ALL PL CS PL PL CS PL ALL

	<p>The CC was reminded that the AGM would take place at the next meeting. Noted <i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</i></p>	ALL
	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting Thursday 24th May (AGM) Dates of CC Meetings for remainder of 2012 28th June 23rd August 27th September 25th October 22nd November There are no meetings in July or December.</p>	