

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th September 2012
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC) PCs Davy Struthers (DS) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), One member of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Frances Donnelly (FD), Stuart Donnelly (SD), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Douglas Niven (DN),</p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>PC Struthers reported on the action following the last CC meeting. SAC Roads section had installed a speed counter opposite 72, Main Street and this speed check showed an average speed of 27mph. Police had attended fourteen incidents in the area including;</p> <p>A noisy party in Main Street, which was quiet on arrival but a stranded female called in at 4am; Two house alarms; Two calls re-vandalism to plants at the railway station, which appeared to occur on Sundays (visits will be increased); A report of speeding motorbikes: they were traced and denied speeding; A report of smoke coming from ground at a windfarm, which was a farmer burning rubbish: and a report of a suspect male at a holiday home; a silver RAV 4 involved.</p> <p>DS was asked if there was any change to Community Policing in light of recent press adverts. He explained Community Policing continued as before, with ten police involved, in five x two officers' shifts between Girvan and Maybole.</p> <p>DS was thanked for his report and then left the meeting.</p>	
6	<p>State of A714 Road/Feedback from SAC's Rural Panel Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to take this item out of sequence to accommodate a member of the public who had come specifically for this matter.</p> <p>AO then discussed the Rural Panel meeting held recently in Pinwherry, at which these comments were made. Pinwherry & Pinmore CC had tabled a question on the condition of the A714, with one member giving a presentation illustrated by photographs. JD reported on contacts he had with SAC's Roads Section and informed that under a certain 'Section 5' local authorities are legally obliged to maintain roads in good condition. He had read the comments in the local paper and was amazed at those attributed to Mike Newall, Head of Planning & Enterprise, who commented that 'there are many stretches of the A714 that are considered to be reasonable and fit for purpose.....'. All considered such stretches to be in a minority.</p> <p>A general discussion ensued with all members being critical of the state of the roads. DR asked if there ought to be a 'risk assessment' carried out, with regard to safety issues, particularly in the dark, caused by potholes, non-existent white lines and a lack of 'cats' eyes'. CS commented on the difference driving in the dark between Dumfries & Galloway roads, which had cats' eyes and full white lining, and SAC area roads. The minute the boundary on the A714 was crossed the difference was astonishing. Others agreed with this.</p> <p>DR also commented on areas that had worn surfaces, causing vehicle to slide.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite SAC's new Roads' Manager, Kevin Braidwood, to attend a CC meeting and discuss the state of the roads. MB had met with Kevin Braidwood, prior to the Rural Panel meeting, and shown him the appalling condition of the Station Road. This road was not viewed as a high priority by SAC. AO will raise the matter of the A714 with Adam Ingram MSP.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AO</p>
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 22nd August 2012</p> <p>The minutes were approved: proposed by MB, seconded AC.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	

	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail In the absence of PL there was no news on the estimates for the work needed. MB had learned of more than one firm requesting directions to the War Memorial, so obviously estimates were being done by firms. CS to contact PL for any news.</p> <p>Mark Hill Windfarm Pedestrian Access AR informed that this matter was in hand and a price given. The work had not yet been carried out. It was anticipated that the pedestrian access would be installed at this gate shortly. To be monitored.</p> <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report Changeover to RBS: is ongoing.</p> <p>Item 9: Updates a) BCIC AR queried the plans for the Car Park and in particular the solar lighting panels, the positioning of which dismayed her. She had missed the hall exhibition and only recently seen the detailed plans in her role as BMHCA Chair. Those present who had seen the exhibition could not recall the plans as she described. AR will query the plans when she attends the next BCIC meeting to update on the progress of the Hall plans.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: Activated Speed Sign DR asked how much it would cost for the CC to replace the sign. AO will enquire. DR also asked if it was possible to receive a breakdown of the speed figures, as where the monitoring took place vehicles are often just setting out after stopping for parked cars. AO will see if this can be obtained.</p> <p>Drains: CS informed that the defective drain opposite the former Scotts Garage had been repaired and stagnant water was no longer escaping onto the pavement and road. Other drains had not been repaired, such as the one outside No.19 Wallace Terrace. AO will follow this up. A little trimming back of vegetation up the Station Road path had been carried out, but none at all at the south end of the village Main Street.</p> <p>DR again referred to flooding that occurs near Glen Tachur after heavy rain.</p>	<p>CS/PL</p> <p>ALL AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AO AO</p> <p>AO</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report AR gave an update of the accounts - no change from last time.</p>	
7	<p>SAC's Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill/Economic Strategy Consultations CS had circulated these documents sometime previously and asked for all to read for the meeting, if possible, as the closing date for submissions for the latter was in two days time. The general opinion seemed to be in favour of this document in principal but it was doubted that it would come to fruition. CS will complete questionnaire and submit. The documents can be commented on by all.</p>	<p>CS ALL</p>
8	<p>Reshaping Care for Older People/South Ayrshire Seniors' Forum CS reported on an initial meeting she had attended, which was organised by South Ayrshire Seniors' Forum and VASA's 'Reshaping Care for Older People' team, held recently in Girvan. It was attended by members of various groups, the purpose being to find ways in which potential difficulties for Senior Citizens could be addressed. CCs are asked to think of their own elderly residents and of what possible issues already exist.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
9	<p>Small Grant Application Barrhill Bowling Club CS informed there was one application, from Barrhill Bowling Club, which had applied for the grant in order to install new gates. The form had previously been circulated to all for information prior to the meeting and an estimate for the work was given. AR declared an interest as she is the Secretary of the Club and did not vote. After discussion it was proposed by CS, seconded by DR, that the application be approved. Agreed unanimously.</p>	
10	<p>Updates a) BCIC With reference to Item 8: Carrick Futures (Members List) in the last meeting's minutes, CS had duly checked previous minutes of both BCIC and the CC for the relevant passages. The decisions were made in November 2009 (BCC) and 3rd December 2009 (BCIC) and it was confirmed that appointments as Members of Carrick Future requires the approval of the CC. The list of Barrhill's ten members of CF had been ratified by AC for CF. DR had resigned from the BCIC so CS reported that with the recent resignations of two directors, there were now only five left. A notice</p>	

	<p>advertising the vacancies had been posted locally. There are four vacancies altogether.</p> <p>MB raised the question of a more suitable place for the display of such notices as most people only looked in his shop window. He thought there was space on the shop wall to install a notice board. After discussion it was agreed that MB would look into the prices of boards and report back.</p> <p>The Car Park is ongoing and every household paying Council Tax for properties in Barrhill and surrounding area is being given £100 from Community Benefit Funds as a winter fuel payment, to be paid out shortly.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) See item a) above. AC reported that the last CF meeting had been a funding round with grants awarded to SAYLSA (subject to conditions); Girvan Scout Group; G.D Attractions; Festival of Light: and the Fireworks display. With reference to the Festival of light, it had been noticed that Barrhill did not appear to be included in the list of communities involved. CS will enquire into this. Also discussed was the Bruce Trail.</p> <p>The former Davidson Hospital is currently for sale and the idea of Ailsa Horizons purchasing this was also discussed.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported on the 11th September meeting, which she and AR had attended. There were presentations from</p> <p>i) Bob Baillie of the Energy Agency, 'Energy Opportunities for Communities; ii) Jim Whiston, Ayrshire Housing, 'Localised Housing Options'; and iii) Valerie Stewart, SAC, on the Economic Development Strategy, with a reminder that the deadline for feedback is 28th September.</p> <p>There were updates on the Bruce Project and Tourism Branding along with the 'Carrick Characters' part of the project.</p> <p>The SAYLSA application (as above) was approved, subject to conditions.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>CS</p>
11	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>AR reported an application for The Schoolhouse, Barrhill, to change the plans from a conservatory to a brick built extension. There was also an application for the demolition of Ballochmorrie Farm Cottage and notification of the withdrawal of the application for the erection of a wind turbine at Blair Farm. Noted.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>In addition to correspondence emailed out</p> <p>SAC DR received copy of 'Notice of Application for Premises Licence' for Kildonan Hotel stating proposed hours of opening. No objections.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Leaflet on Oral Health</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Healthcare Acquired Infections-Domestic Monitoring Peer Reviews</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Biggart Hospital: Ward Volunteers</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Customer Service Survey</p> <p>SAC: Proposed Local Development Plan CS had looked briefly at this document and commented that she was surprised the Memorial Hall was not colour-coded as a Community Facility. AO would be attending the public exhibition and would look into this.</p> <p>Scottish Woodlands: Notification of Long Term Forest Plan Scoping Process: Loch Crongart Forest. Noted</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Public Partnership Forum 2012 Survey</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Transforming Outpatients Group</p> <p>SAC: Community Conference: Friday 26th October 2012</p> <p>Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit: Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere & Sense of Place</p>	<p>AO</p>
13	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>DR again referred to the appalling road conditions, and gave details of work required near Glen Tachur. He will forward this information to AO. It is hoped Kevin Braidwood will accept the invitation to address a CC meeting.</p> <p>DR had been notified by WillowWind that they are holding an open exhibition on the proposed Corwar Windfarm in the Memorial Hall on Friday 26th October. Although they had been invited to address the CC on 24th October, prior to the exhibition as they had requested, they are now unable to attend.</p>	<p>DR/AO</p>

<p>Julia Whitaker had asked if she could address the next CC meeting to talk about 'Carrick Characters'. Agreed. DR to confirm with Julia. DR had also been asked if information on the proposed Stranoch Windfarm in Glenapp could be forwarded to the CC, even though it is outside the Barrhill area. Agreed</p>	DR
<p>BCIC Business plan: DR asked that BCIC be contacted for a copy of their business plan, to support the CC representations to CF for the continuation of the Arecleoch Windfarm Community Benefit 30% fund. CS to contact Julia Whitaker of the BCIC Secretariat Ailsa Horizons, to request this and will also write to CF to ascertain the last date for submissions to the forthcoming review.</p>	CS CS
<p>CS reminded all present of the free community bus trip to Stranraer on Tuesday 16th October</p>	
<p>A complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding wheelie bins permanently situated on the pavement, blocking pedestrian access at times, asking what the legal position is. AO suggested contacting Environmental Health. CS to enquire.</p>	CS
<p>There is an open meeting in Ballantrae on Thursday, 27th September 'Keep Ballantrae Safe'. All are welcome to attend as other communities have the same problems.</p>	ALL
<p>Due to SAC office renovations, temporary Customer Service Centres are being opened from 1st October, with one in the Carrick Buildings, Girvan.</p>	
<p>CS also reminded that there would be no Doctor's Surgery on 4th October, due to staff training, but one on Friday 5th instead.</p>	
<p><i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i></p>	
<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 24th October 7.30pm</u></p>	
<p>Dates of CC Meetings for remainder of 2012</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 28th November</u></p>	
<p>There is no meeting in December.</p>	