

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th November 2012
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Frances Donnelly (FD), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Kevin Braidwood (KB) (SAC Roads Manager) & Janice Kelly (JK) (SAC Roads), PCs Drummond & Barclay (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team) and sixteen members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Douglas Niven (DN), Stuart Donnelly (SD)</p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>PC Drummond informed that there had been no crimes reported in the preceding two months, since the last police report to the CC. They had attended incidents of flooding and, in answer to a question from a member of the public regarding poachers, informed that regular night time patrols were carried out. The Police were also informed at the meeting of quad bike riding late at the night. If any member of the public has information regarding this, or poaching, they should pass this on to the Police. DR thanked PCs Drummond and Barclay for their report and they then left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Speaker : Kevin Braidwood, SAC's Roads Manager DR introduced the speaker Kevin Braidwood who, with his colleague Janice Kelly, had come to answer a series of questions, submitted a week in advance, on the subject of the area's roads. (See SAC list of Questions with Answers.) A general discussion on the state of the roads then took place, with KB and JK answering other points that were raised. Questions were asked regarding possible compensation for repeated damage to wheels/tyres due to deep potholes and the quality (and quality control) of resurfacing work carried out. Other concerns were the safety of the road at Asselfoot, with the steep drop beside the verge, and a section of road near East Lodge, Corwar, where the perceived road alignment is misleading due to damaged posts. KB and JK said this matter would be investigated. Regarding poor drainage in Main Street, AO referred to the lower pavement level contributing to the ineffective drains. <i>KB and JK were thanked by JR for their attendance and then left the meeting at 7.50pm.</i></p>	KB/JK
4	<p>Corwar Mains Windfarm: Feedback from Public Exhibition DR again welcomed members of the public who had come for this item and referred to the recent public exhibition by WillowWind Energy Ltd. He opened the floor to the public and invited comments. These were numerous, almost all voicing objections, with one member of the public requesting that the CC should consider writing to the authorities, e.g. SAC, to voice objections to the proposed windfarm. He cited the extreme height of the turbines, namely eighty to one hundred and twenty five (to tip of blade) metres. Other members of the public also made impassioned pleas about the total unsuitability of the proposed development, with the anticipated adverse effects on tourism etc. Environmental concerns were also expressed, with the close proximity to dwellings being of great concern. PL informed the meeting that before the CC could consider lodging an objection to the forthcoming planning application, it had to be seen to be consulting the wider community, not just those who attended the meeting. DR stated that a survey could be carried out and a general discussion followed. Some felt a turbine free corridor between the A714 and the B7027 should also be proposed. AO was asked what SAC's policy on windfarms was. AO stressed that his own personal opinion was that there were now enough turbines in this area.</p>	

	<p>Mention was made of the refusal of an application for a solitary turbine at Blair Farm, with numerous reasons being given by the Planning Department. It was noted that the bird survey for this windfarm appeared to have been conducted at an excessive speed and others referred to possible health risks. It was agreed to conduct a survey, and to obtain mailing addresses from data in the public domain, although it was not possible to obtain names or numbers in a household. This is due to the data protection act but all properties housing residents would be contacted. A letter containing questions to be drafted and will be distributed. DR and CS will arrange this.</p> <p><i>Most of the members of the public then left the meeting.</i></p>	DR/CS
5	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 24th October 2012 The minutes were approved: proposed by AC, seconded FD.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail</i> PL informed that the grant application form for the War Memorial Trust had now been completed. A condition of applying to the fund is the appointment of an 'Inquirer'. This is being attended to and DR thanked PL. CS conveyed a complaint she had received on Remembrance Sunday regarding the cleaning of the war memorial for the service. The inscription was covered in green verdigris and the complainant felt cleaning had not been as thorough as it should have been. PL will pass this on to the appropriate SAC section.</p> <p>Mark Hill Windfarm Pedestrian Access AR informed this is still ongoing and on SPR's 'to do' list.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report DR had been to RBS with documentation asked for only to be told more documentation was required, further delaying matters.</p> <p>Activated Speed Sign CS had received a grant application form from the BCIC, for this, which will be submitted.</p> <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report: Olympic Torch Relay Report: CS had submitted this to SAC. No response received.</p> <p>SAC's Proposed Local Development Plan: AO had informed officials of the omission of the Hall as a Community building. It was noted for correction.</p> <p>Item 10, AOB: Council Members: Petition: A total of 117 names was on the petition submitted to Carrick Futures along with the letter. <i>(See Item 9 Updates b) Carrick Futures)</i></p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PL</p> <p>DR/AR</p> <p>CS</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AR reported no change in the monthly statement. RBS account still not operational. (See Item 5 above.) 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.</p>	AR
8	<p>Small Grant Applications These had previously been circulated to all Community Councillors.</p> <p>a) Barrhill Primary School CS informed the meeting that since the Primary School had submitted this application for £500 to fund a Christmas trip to the Gaiety Pantomime, it had been offered £500 by BCIC for this purpose. The school still requires the same sum of money to fund outdoor trips during 2013 and she would be in favour of granting the money for this. After discussion it was proposed by AC that the grant be approved, conditional on the school completing an appropriate application. This was unanimously approved. CS will inform the school of the decision.</p> <p>b) Barrhill Playgroup This was for an application of approximately £250 to fund a Christmas trip for five children to Monkton Lodge Play Area and Dobbies Santa's Grotto. It included mileage allowances for three private cars, and Christmas presents up to the value of £20 each for the children. A lengthy discussion ensued with several comments made regarding the availability of the Community Bus, at no cost for transport, and the price of the gifts. It was pointed out that trips to Santa's Grotto included a gift. DR finally proposed the grant be approved for the visits, including transport costs, as it was appreciated that the Community Bus was not the easiest</p>	CS

	<p>form of transport for toddlers with pushchairs, car seats etc., but not for the gifts. This was unanimously approved. CS to inform the Playgroup of the decision.</p> <p>It was noted that there will be one more funding round at the February meeting.</p>	CS
9	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC CS reported on the November meeting. Barrhill Toilets: The funding application from the BMHCA for the upkeep of the public toilets was approved. Christmas panto tickets: To date there had been no applications for these. t New director: The number of directors is now up to six, out of a possible nine, following the recent appointment of Bob Mortimer, who will attend for the first time at the next meeting. Community Bus: It was agreed that all Community Groups would be entitled to one free bus trip per annum, paid for by the BCIC. The Car Park is ongoing with work still expected to commence in the spring. The architect is proceeding and the project will shortly be going out to tender.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the latest CF meeting. The ‘Conceived in Carrick’ project and its funding had been discussed. There had been a presentation by SPR on another proposed windfarm at Glenapp. It was stated that this was in an approved area and that overland lines would be necessary. The letter sent from the CC regarding Barrhill’s 30% Arecleoch Windfarm Benefit Fund had been discussed, with a director from another CC voicing strong opposition to Barrhill’s request. Mention was made of the petition handed in from Barrhill along with the letter. The matter will be looked into with no decision expected until February.</p> <p><i>FD left the meeting at 8.55pm.</i></p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the November meeting. The main points were as follows: Bruce Trail The update on this informed that it will link up with the Dumfries & Galloway trail at Glen Trool. The commission for this has been awarded to the company that constructed the D & G trail, paid for with the grant money awarded. SAC awarded £5,000 and Carrick Futures £5,800. Conceived in Carrick: This project is ongoing. A grant application to the ‘Wider Carrick’ 20% fund was successful Carrick Tourism: The website (www.carrickayrshire.com/) has been launched. In addition ‘Welcome to Carrick’ booklets have been printed and distributed. There was to be a Tourism presentation by SAC on 16th November. Sail West: This will be ready for the Spring. EU funding is available and the harbour at Girvan will be dredged. Town Centre Summit: This was held in Ayr. Lottery Community Spaces Fund: CCs can apply to this fund in order to enhance a community space. Leader Funding: Grants are available from this fund. £500,000 must be spent by March 2014. Mention was also made of the public consultation recently held in Girvan regarding the plans for the new swimming pool.</p>	
10	<p>Planning Applications AR informed there was only one applicable to Barrhill, which was for a met mast on land at East Altercannoch. Noted</p>	
11	<p>Carrick Characters In view of the time factor, it was agreed to hold this item over until the January meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence: In addition to correspondence already emailed out <i>Carrick Tourism Newsletter</i> <i>Strathclyde Police: Front Counter Reform & South Ayrshire Control Strategy</i> <i>Performance Update</i></p>	

	<p>Scottish Water Consultation 'Your Views Count.' South Ayrshire Seniors' Forum: Minutes of meeting held on 31st October 2012, at Ivy Cottage, Troon</p>	
13	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>CS had been approached with a request that the CC send a letter of support for the proposal to appoint a Grey Squirrel Control Officer to help the survival of the local red squirrel population. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Stinchar Valley Voice CS again reminded that volunteers were required to distribute the magazine.</p> <p>SAYLSA CS informed that an email had been received that day from Richard Carr with details of the new train timetable commencing on 9th December 2012. A few minor changes were noted.</p> <p>AC referred to some roads being covered with stones/debris, which had been washed onto the roads from fields/driveways etc after the recent torrential rains and wondered who was responsible for clearing it off the road, the landowner or SAC Roads section. Unfortunately KB and JK had left the meeting. CS to email them to enquire.</p> <p>AO informed that this was his last attendance at Barrhill for the current cycle and that next year Councillor Alec Clark would attend BCC meetings. DR thanked him for all his efforts on behalf of Barrhill and wished him well. AO reciprocated.</p> <p>MB enquired about the matter of a new notice board, which was discussed at the last meeting. CS informed that PL had duly sent through details of grants available from SAC in order to apply for the anticipated cost of £364 for a new notice board and that the application form was being looked at.</p> <p>A member of the public still present at the meeting, on being informed of the vacant seat on the CC indicated her willingness to serve. DR proposed that Debble Miles be co-opted onto the CC and this was unanimously approved. CS to place the required notices in the shop window/Community notice board.</p> <p>Date & Time of Next Meeting <u>Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 7.30pm</u> The meeting closed at 9.50pm</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>