

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Andrew Clegg (AC), Frances Donnelly (FD), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor Alec Oattes (AO) (SAC) PCs Tony Leggott (TL) &amp; Kevin Scobie (KS), (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team). Seven members of the public.</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Stuart Donnelly (SD), Douglas Niven (DN)</p>	
2	<p><b>Police</b></p>	
	<p>The meeting was informed there had been no actions following the last CC meeting but there had been eight incidents of note. These were: Suspicious persons (with Irish accent) visiting farms to sell pressure washers; Threatening letters. Cattle on road 3 miles south of Barrhill; RTC lorry on its side: Noise complaint; Flooding in village main street: A714 closed by flooding; and a report of a 3ft by 1ft hole on the road outside Killantringan Farm. In addition four crimes were reported: Housebreaking and fire damage at Kildonan House; Tent stolen from garden; Vandalism damage to a caravan; and theft of a silage cover. TL and KS were thanked for their report and then left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Presentation: Arnsheen Wind Ltd</b> <b>Proposed windfarm at Arnsheen Forest, Polbae</b></p> <p>DR introduced Louise Crilly (LR) and colleague, representing Arnsheen Wind Ltd, who then gave a brief outline of the proposed Arnsheen Windfarm. LC explained that they were acting on behalf of the company, which had employed Natural Power Consultants Ltd, based in St John's Town of Dalry, to carry out community consultations. These should also form part of the pre-application consultations in line with the guidance set out by the Scottish Government in relation to community engagement.</p> <p>A scoping exercise has already been carried out on the site of the proposed development. Twelve turbines were proposed and birdlife investigations and development studies were also being carried out. The company hopes to apply for planning permission by the end of 2013. Matters are at an early stage and this meeting covered the initial information. An information day, giving out more detail, will be held at a later date.</p> <p>Of the proposed twelve turbines, only one will be in South Ayrshire, but with the access track likely to be from the Ayrshire side. The company now hopes to progress with the Environmental Impact Assessment, which will inform both the site design and the eventual submission of a planning application.</p> <p>Questions were then invited from the audience. These were numerous and included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would there be a separate planning application for the access road?</li> <li>• If the plans require upgrading, would an application have to be repeated?</li> <li>• Did the assessment include environmental impact?</li> <li>• When do the project details come into the public domain? How much notice has to be given? AO then informed the meeting that only two weeks' notice is required but that the planning system can take as long as six to twelve months. PL undertook to check through the planning system to ascertain if the plans were mentioned yet.</li> <li>• Another member of the public queried if the environmental assessment would include the visual impact as this aspect of an assessment was important. The cumulative impact on an area should be taken into consideration.</li> <li>• Another questioned how the power would be taken out of the area and at</li> </ul>	<p align="center">PL</p>

	<p>what capacity. To what would it be connected - the Mark Hill sub-station?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The distance of turbines from residential properties was queried with a figure of 650 metres being referred to.</li> </ul> <p>All points raised generated discussion, with the windfarm representatives unable to answer a number of questions. They stated that plans were at an early stage and they did not at present have sufficient knowledge of some of the situations raised. As previously stated, at a later date a presentation would take place in the hall, by which time it is hoped they would be able to answer all questions. DR thanked LR and colleague for their presentation. They then left the meeting, as did most members of the public.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b> The minutes were approved: proposed by AR, seconded AC.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail</b> PL informed that there was no further information as yet. <b>Refurbishment of Barrhill Primary School</b> . AR informed the meeting of the consultation event held in the Memorial Hall by the Education Department the previous Thursday, when the proposed plans for the refurbishment had been on display for all to see. This is to be followed by a meeting next Wednesday between SAC officials and representatives of the CC and BMHCA. AR will be one of the BMHCA representatives and DR and CS will attend from the CC. DR informed that it is hoped to commence work by Easter 2013, with completion by December that year. Once plans have been finalised they will be brought back to the community. Plans to decamp the Primary School to the Hall for the duration of the refurbishment works will be discussed by all parties. <b>Potholes</b> Work had been carried out at the forestry crossroads, but although AO had again reported the cracked pavement at 17/19 Main Street this had yet to be repaired. Apparently the Roads Foreman is short of workers. Noted. . <b>Olympic Torch Relay</b> DR informed that the torch relay on 8<sup>th</sup> June had been a success, with some pupils going down to Ballantrae for the first appearance of the torch in Ayrshire. Breakfast afterwards was enjoyed by all. Later in the morning the whole school had joined in the mini Olympics events in Girvan. DR also reported on the celebration events in the Memorial Hall, which had been a great success. Various mini-Olympics events had been held, such as 'Beat the Goalie', 'Throw the Wellie' etc., as well as a Fancy Dress competition. Medals had been presented and afterwards there was a buffet supper with live music and dancing, All enjoyed the event. The CC is most grateful to the grant given by SAC to hold these events. <b>Walk from Barr to Barrhill</b> CS informed that Sylvia Jenks and four others had completed a repeat walk on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Although a more direct route had been followed the going was particularly difficult in places, with padlocked gates, barbed wire fences and raging burns to cross! <b>Item 11: AOB</b> DR informed that the query from DN regarding the absence of an acknowledgement of BCIC on the plaque on the biomass boiler house at the Memorial Hall is a matter for BCIC and not the CC. Noted.</p>	PL
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> AR gave an update and circulated the accounts. £500 had been received from SAC for the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations and £500 had been paid out to SCCD for their successful grant application. The balance was therefore the same as last month. AR reminded that another cheque signatory was now needed. Noted. To be determined at the next CC meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BCIC</b> DR reported that the main item from the last meeting was the Community Bus situation. It had been agreed that the subsidy would be continued for a further year. Also agreed was grass-cutting at the Martyrs' Tomb Walk as the grass was getting overgrown.</li> <li><b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC informed there been no meeting since the last CC meeting.</li> <li><b>CCCF</b> CS reported that she and AR had attended the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup></li> </ol>	

	<p>June. The main pints were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Notification of the CCCF AGM which will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. All Community Councillors are invited.</li> <li>2 Update on Carrick Tourism activity with feedback from the tourism brand meeting at Turnberry</li> <li>3 Rural Scotland Report.</li> </ol> <p>There was also feedback from the Olympic Torch Relay on 8<sup>th</sup> June, which was deemed a great success all round.</p>	
8	<p><b>Public Meeting Feedback</b></p> <p>The general opinion was that the preceding public meeting had gone well, although the turnout was somewhat disappointing with only fourteen people present in total. The feeling of the meeting, however, was not in doubt, with a clear vote of 13 to 1 in favour of a request being made to Carrick Futures that the arrangement of the last three years, whereby Barrhill receives 30% (of 80%) funding from the Arecloch Windfarm Community Benefit fund, should continue. On the subject of windfarms, it was brought up that on occasions one of the gates on the Mark Hill road was padlocked, thereby denying access to pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders etc in spite of a notice of access to these groups of people. CS will seek an explanation from SPR regarding this.</p>	CS
9	<p><b>Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations Feedback</b></p> <p>This item already covered at Item 4.</p>	
10	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>AR reported there were no applications relevant to Barrhill this month.</p>	
11	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>In addition to correspondence emailed out:  <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran: Exhibition: Delivering Your Community Health Services. Saltcoats. (Finishes 29<sup>th</sup> June)</b>  <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran: Proposed Adult Mental Health &amp; Community Hospital, Irvine. Website</b>  <b>Scottish Health Council PPF: Public Health Consultation on Health &amp; Social Integration</b>  <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran: Customer Care Survey Feedback Report</b></p>	
12	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b></p> <p>Two members of the public brought to the attention of the CC the serious incidence of <b>flooding on Main Street</b>, which had occurred recently, resulting in flood damage to their properties. The Cross Water had burst its banks, causing a landslip on the banking near the play park/football field, exacerbated by broken cars etc piled up in Barr's yard. Tree branches had also been brought down by the flood water and in addition the drains up Gowlands Terrace appear to be broken. The worst affected area was on Main Street, not helped by the camber of the road being too high. AO will contact the relevant SAC departments regarding the flooding and report back.</p> <p><b>DR</b> referred to the recent <b>resignation of Dave Bowling</b> from the CC, which was accepted with regret. CS to email the CC's thanks, and to LH, for service to the CC.</p> <p><b>CS</b> informed the meeting that Mark Bradshaw had expressed an interest in filling a vacant seat on the CC and proposed that <b>MB be co-opted onto the CC</b>. This was seconded by DR and agreed unanimously. CS to display a notice publicly to this effect. MB had indicated that he would not always be able to attend on a Thursday evening. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously to change the meeting diets to a Wednesday, this day being the preferred choice of the present CC. CS to consult with Maureen (Hallkeeper) re- availability of the hall on a Wednesday evening for the remainder of the year.</p> <p><b>AC</b> informed that he had attended the public information day in the Hall on the <b>proposed Stranoch Windfarm</b>.</p> <p><b>AO</b> reported on <b>SAC's decision to bring in tougher action on dog-fouling</b>.</p> <p><b>FD</b> updated the CC regarding the situation at <b>Barr's Solway Precast</b>. She informed that although the yard was currently closed there were still six employees working. No definite news yet of any re-opening.</p> <p><b>AR</b> expressed concern over the <b>landslip onto the play park</b>, caused by the recent</p>	AO CS CS CS

<p>heavy rain. (See flood item above). She will also email the Roads section regarding outstanding potholes.</p> <p><b>DR</b> informed those who did not already know, of the good news that <b>Galloway &amp; South Ayrshire is now officially a UNESCO Biosphere</b>. All welcomed the news. <b>DR</b> also raised the point that there had been no recent grass-cutting in the <b>Old Cemetery grounds</b>. <b>PL</b> will investigate.</p> <p><b>CS</b> understood from a resident whose parents' graves were affected, regarding the repair work at the New Cemetery, that where an <b>unsafe headstone</b> had been erected since 1992, <b>SAC</b> would bear the costs of repair work. Noted</p> <p><b>CS</b> informed that the <b>Ayrshire Red Squirrel Group</b> had requested that sightings of red squirrels be reported to them. Noted</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</i></p>	<p><b>PL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>  <b><u>Wednesday 22nd August 7.30pm (to be confirmed)</u></b></p> <p><b>Dates of CC Meetings for remainder of 2012</b>  <b><u>Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>28th November</b></p> <p><b>These dates to be confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>There are no meetings in July or December.</b></p>	