

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2013
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 8.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Douglas Niven (DN), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PCs David Painter (DP) & Gordon Thomson (GT) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), 2 Members of the Public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Andrew Sinclair (AS), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC).</p>	
2	<p>Police <i>This item was taken earlier, prior to the preceding AGM.</i> PC Thomson reported there had been three incidents of note since the previous meeting. These were; the vandalism to the play park bridge: a lamb worried by a dog, which turned out to be a false alarm as the injuries were believed to be from barbed wire: and a phone call regarding a white van acting suspiciously, going round doors looking for scrap. This was checked out and found to be in order. In addition, GT enquired as to the community's current concerns regarding speeding incidents and informed that a member of the public had been observed exceeding this prior to the meeting. He assured that the speed of vehicles through the village would continue to be monitored. GT and DP were thanked by DR for their report and they then left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 24th April 2013 These were approved, proposed by AC, seconded MB.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 4: Presentation: PNE Wind UK Ltd: ACk was again asked if there was further news of SAC's Structural Plan regarding-Wind Turbine construction and replied that the wait continued as there was still no clarification. He informed that he had recently attended a COSLA meeting in Edinburgh and had discussed matters with Fergus Ewing MSP with regard to PAN 47 & PAN 3/2010. Legal officials have been consulted and ACk will inform once clarification has been received. There is a recommendation that in future £5,000 per MgW be paid, with this to rise to £10,000 if turbines are community owned. Regulatory panels will make decisions depending on Government strategy. Item 6: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Item 3: Carrick Characters: .AR informed that the siting of the plaque had still to be raised with BMHCA. Ongoing. Letter of support to BMHCA: This has been sent. War Memorial Handrail: PL had passed on information re-this. He has made some progress with the funding application but more information is still required regarding the history of the monument. CS informed of the results of her enquiries. There is no date inscribed on the Memorial, only the maker, which is difficult to decipher other than 'Glasgow'. The Barrhill War Memorial is not on the UK Inventory of War Memorials but on the Scottish War Memorials' website there are photographs and information about each person named. A veteran of the 2nd World War was able to put the date of installation as about 1926. CS will seek further information. Activated Speed Sign: DR informed that he had emailed SAC but not yet received a reply. ACk will enquire. Scottish Water: ACk had made enquiries and was able to confirm that SAC had indeed contacted Scottish Water to inform them of the burst pipe, so that it could be repaired prior to the resurfacing of the road to the station. Noted. Roads Meeting: CS had contacted Kevin Braidwood regarding the damaged bollards and other unanswered questions. She read out the reply received, which stated that the points raised had been addressed at the recent meeting in Pinwherry Hall of the A714 special group and that '<i>some of the works we hoped to do had to be put on hold due to essential spend only</i>'. She felt that this was not a satisfactory response. This was agreed by all as was. DR's comment that the A714 was now in a dangerous state. ACk will take this up with Kevin Braidwood and referred to the recent COSLA meeting, at which the Audit Scotland benchmark for road improvements was discussed. It is recognised that the roads network is</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACk</p> <p>ACk</p>

	<p>badly in need of improvement and that money from Central Government is required. ACk will press for further action to improve the A714</p> <p>Right of Access to Mark Hill Windfarm: AR had still not had a formal response to her query but had heard that there were no vehicular access rights for members of the public. CS agreed with this as she understood that SPR had informed a recent meeting that the access road belonged to the landowner. Ann will await a response to her email. Noted</p> <p>Item 7: Treasurer's Report: AR informed that the account should be up and running imminently and that MB had now taken the required paperwork to the bank.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB:Hillcrest. ACk informed that there had been a recent meeting with SAC officials and changes to Hillcrest would not be supported. Work will be done in McConnell Square but Hillcrest would not be touched at present. All were relieved to hear this news.</p>	AR
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>AR reported that there was no change in the balance from that reported at the last meeting. She had now signed the form for next year's grant money. As reported at the preceding AGM, the accounts had now been audited by SAC and approved.</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC DN reported on the May meeting and read from the public statement.</p> <p>AGM. This will be reconvened on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Community Bus The next trip is Wednesday 29th May, visiting Stranraer/Portpatrick.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Maintenance The contract for this has been awarded to G. Helon Ground Maintenance, Girvan and will commence shortly.</p> <p>Holiday Activities The summer holiday family event will be to Heads of Ayr Farm Park on Saturday 20th July. This is free to all Barrhill residents and children must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>DN also reported that the BCIC is in negotiations to purchase Arnsheen Park. This led to a discussion, with CS stating that she was against the community having to purchase this when the park was purported to have been given to Kyle & Carrick District Council for Barrhill. The park and football pitch were created by the then W & J Barr for the use of the community, at the time of the formation of the present industrial site back in 1981/82. The official opening of the park was on 24th July 1982. There was talk of a lease, perhaps, but enquiries have been unable to discover anything definite. The matter had also been investigated by a previous CC. ACk will make his own enquiries in an attempt to find clarification.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the last meeting, which he and DN had attended. The forthcoming Girvan Flower Show was discussed and he informed that CEIS's review of CF's operating instructions was now out in draft form. It is not yet clear for how much longer Barrhill's 30% fund-will exist. There is also the possibility that in future any windfarm benefit money should go to Carrick Futures, with communities going their own way being frowned on..</p> <p>It is proposed that the money from Barrhill's 30% be ring-fenced for the refurbishment of Hall and the new car park. This was viewed with relief by all. The proposals will be discussed and ratified (or not) at the CF meeting on 5th June.</p> <p>ACk informed that the Government would be looking at how benefit monies are spent.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that she and AR had attended the 14th May meeting. It was noted with disappointment that the Speaker, Mike Newall from SAC, had not shown up and there had been no apology for absence. Some members complained of a perceived lack of support from some SAC officials and Link Officers, while others were quite content, but after discussion it was decided this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.</p> <p>The main points of the meeting were as follows:</p> <p>'Wider Carrick' 20% fund. There were two grant applications, from Carrick Rugby Club and Turnberry Beach Club. The former was approved while the latter was not, the voting being 5 against and 2 in favour.</p> <p>The Bruce Trail The leaflet will be ready in a few days.</p> <p>Heritage Trail A leaflet for this will be produced next year.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Update Alec Oattes gave an update on this.</p> <p><i>Julia</i> (Ailsa Horizons) also reported that the 'Tourism Expo' had been well attended and the recent Business Network meeting was successful.</p> <p>Facebook It was again requested that members report community events so they can be added to the CCCF Facebook page and website.</p>	ACk
7	<p>Carrick Futures & Carrick Community Council Forum</p>	

	<p>Community Council Representatives CS informed that as this was a new CC the representatives required to be ratified. DR asked if the present ones were happy to continue and if not, were any other C Councillors willing to represent the CC on these bodies. It was agreed unanimously to maintain the status quo. The CF representatives being AC and DN, with CS and AR, together with DR as a third if required, for the CCCF.</p>	
8	<p>Planning Applications AR reported one relevant to Barrhill, that of the Barrhill Community Interest Company's application for approval of conditions in planning permission. This is for approval of the gates on the car park. It was pointed out that the plan numbered 13/00373/MS showing these gates to be 11ft 4ins high, which was thought to be too high. This height to be investigated by DN. There was a suggestion from a member of the public that the CC should object to these plans, but after a discussion no action was determined. It was also noted that the pre-application for the proposed 10 turbines at Altercannoch Windfarm had been approved.</p>	DN
9	<p>Correspondence <i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out</i> Various communications from NHS Ayrshire & Arran SAC: Consultation on Draft Supplementary Guidance on 'Historic Environment', Rural Housing' and 'Alterations and Extensions to Houses'. SAC: South Ayrshire Planning Forum: Carrick Session CS informed that numbers would have to be notified to SAC if anyone wished to attend at Girvan Academy on Monday 3rd June, from 6.30pm to 8pm. The focus would be on 'windfarm/turbine proposals'. DR, AR and CS will all attend. CS will reply to letter. SAYLSA Email correspondence had been received by DR and CS only the previous day from Richard Carr of SAYLSA, regarding the formation of yet another group, namely, a 'Pathfinder' group. CS had forwarded documents to members and as no-one had yet had time to read through it all, requested that all members read the documentation and get back to her ASAP so she can reply. SAYLSA had also asked if Barrhill CC would approval to share representation on the Strategy Group that exists, so that the voice of the village can be better represented. Richard Carr had suggested this at a recent meeting of Pinwherry & Pinmore CC, The proposed point of contact is William Boyd who lives near Pinwherry. After discussion, this was agreed. CS to inform SAYLSA and Pinwherry & Pinmore CC. DR had received a communication from Scottish Power Renewables notifying of their proposals for an extension to the Mark Hill Windfarm. He expressed disappointment that SPR had not thought fit to notify the CC earlier as he had received phone calls from irate homeowners who had received letters re-this. Although 15 properties had been sent letters one property had not received one but had come across a new survey being carried out on his land and was understandably annoyed. DR also informed that SPR had requested to attend a CC meeting. It was therefore agreed that SPR would be invited to attend the June meeting. DR also informed that SAC had agreed to repair the vandalised bridge into Arnsheen Park, which was good news for the community. <i>Other items of email correspondence already notified.</i></p>	CS DR
10	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public AR reported a broken drain at the south end of the village. This was the same one that had previously caused trouble. After being informed of the location ACK will notify the relevant SAC section. AR also reported the abuse of the conditions for the provision of the skip. Within minutes of it arriving in the village it was full, with large items being deposited contrary to the conditions, A vehicle was observed taking a trailer load of material. It was agreed that a closer eye must be kept on the skip to attempt to prevent this abuse happening. CS had forms for all C Councillors to complete regarding the 'Register of Interests'. She requested that these be completed and returned to the next meeting to be forwarded up to the County Buildings. CS informed that the Anti-Windfarm meeting due to be held on 9th May had been re-scheduled for 29th May, in the Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm She also queried whether PNE Wind UK Ltd would be issuing a leaflet regarding the proposed Altercannoch Windfarm prior to the public exhibition, as one had been produced for the</p>	ACK ALL

<p>Larbrax Windfarm proposal, near Portpatrick, by the same company. The advert that week in the Carrick Gazette gave a phone number to contact..</p> <p>AC reported that the old signpost at the junction of the Knowe Road with the A714 is in a very dilapidated condition and requires repair. ACk will report this.</p> <p>DN enquired about the Stinchar Valley magazine and the difficulties encountered with its delivery. AR informed that she had indicated to Roger Pirrie that she would attend the editorial meetings on Barrhill's behalf. CS had offered to help with deliveries within the village and MB offered to place a copy inside the newspapers collected from the shop.</p> <p>A member of the public, DH, referred to a recent meeting in the hall between the BMHCA, BCIC and CC representatives, along with SAC personnel and the architects involved in the three projects i.e. Hall refurbishment, school refurbishment, and the car park. He had felt there was little liaison between the architects. He intimated there were concerns regarding the wet ground on which the Hall was built and the difficulties with drainage. DR and CS had attended on behalf of the CC and thought there now was co-operation. DH's comments were noted. DH reminded that payment was still due to him for the fees for the domain name and website hosting. AR had been unable to write a cheque as the chequebook had been with SAC for auditing the accounts and only returned for the meeting, but this would now be done..</p> <p>As previously agreed, next year DH should contact the provider to transfer over to the CC. AC would oversee this next year.</p> <p>CS: informed that the Barrhill to New Luce leg of the Pilgrims' Walk to celebrate the 850th anniversary of Paisley Abbey had taken place on Saturday 18th May. The walkers were grateful for the use of the Memorial Hall for registration prior to setting off. Unfortunately, the weather was atrocious with torrential rain. CS had accompanied the walkers at the start, round the Martyrs' Tomb Walk.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 10pm</i></p>	<p>ACk</p>
<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting <u>Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7.30pm</u> <u>Dates for remainder of 2013</u> 28th August 25th September 23rd October 27th November <u>Please note there are no meetings in July and December</u> <u>All meetings commence at 7.30pm</u></p>	