

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th April 2013
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Debbie Miles (DM), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), PCs Philip Porter (PP) & John Estcourt (JE) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Jeanette Thomson (JT) (Smith House Associates), Calum Watt (CW) (PNE Wind), 10 Members of the Public.</p>	
1	<p>New Community Council: Election of Office Bearers</p>	
	<p>DR welcomed all present to the first meeting of the new Community Council. All Office-bearers in the previous CC had demitted office and DR invited PL from SAC to take the Chair for the election of Office-bearers for the new CC.</p> <p>PL then invited nominations, and the following Office-bearers were elected.</p> <p>Chairperson: Dave Russell. Proposed by AR, seconded CS.</p> <p>Vice-Chair: Ann Robertson. Proposed by CS, seconded DR.</p> <p>Secretary: Celia Strain Proposed by DR, seconded DM.</p> <p>Treasurer: Ann Robertson Proposed by DM, seconded AC.</p> <p>PL then vacated the Chair and was thanked by DR, who then chaired the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence Douglas Niven (DN)</p>	
3	<p>Police</p> <p>PP introduced himself and his colleague JE, and reported that apart from the previous weekend's known vandalism to the bridge over to Arnshean Park, which resulted in one person being charged, there were no crimes notified since the previous report. On 22nd March the heavy snowfall resulted in two call-outs to vehicles off the road.</p> <p>A speed check had been carried out recently in Barrhill following complaints about speeding traffic, without results.</p> <p>With regard to the previous Police report, CS reminded that in the absence of a quorum at the previous meeting, the Police report had been emailed to her and had then been forwarded to all. Noted</p> <p>PP and JE were thanked for their report and they then left the meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Presentation: PNE Wind UK Ltd Proposed Altercannoch Windfarm</p> <p>DR introduced Jeanette Thomson from Smith Associates, acting for PNE Wind, and Calum Watt from PNE. JT informed that her firm had been engaged to help with community engagement for the forthcoming plans for the proposed Altercannoch Windfarm.</p> <p>CW explained that PNE was a German company with a UK head office in Edinburgh. The proposals are for up to 10 turbines each with a power output of 2.5 MW, resulting in an approximate total capacity of 25MW, with a maximum tip height of 125 metres. Project scoping is ongoing and nearing completion. The company will fully engage with the community and there will be open public exhibitions for the pre-application consultation on 4th/5th June 2013 in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Environmental studies are ongoing and will continue throughout the year. SAC will be consulted along with other appropriate bodies.</p> <p>JT informed that PNE would wish to start a community liaison group before June and would send out information to all households. The liaison group will look at all aspects of the proposed plans, including windfarm benefit funds.</p>	

	<p>The CC was informed that the information given tonight was as much as it was possible to give the community at this stage. DR then opened up the floor to questions. He stated that meetings must be open to the public, and all matters must have transparency. ACk was asked if there was further news of planning guidelines for wind turbine construction. He replied that these were still awaited. AS asked which turbine on the map was closest to the met mast (JT replied it was No 4 turbine), while AC queried the connection of the electricity to the National Grid. The access to the site was queried and the relationship between the heights of the met mast and turbines, as the met mast at 80 metres appears very high. FH asked if the placement of the turbines, as given in the hand-out booklet, is likely to change. The answer to this was 'yes' as the consultation could bring about change. JT informed that information would be on the website. AS wondered if the site access would be known at the time of the consultations in June. It was anticipated it would be. JD queried the make-up of the Liaison Group and was informed this would consist of those for and against windfarms. <i>DR thanked JT and CW, who then left the meeting at 8.20pm.</i></p>	<p>ACk</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting on 27th February 2013 Due to the previous meeting being inquorate, it had not been possible to approve these minutes on 27th March. These were now approved, proposed by MB, seconded DM. CS informed that for clarity, the word 'School' would be placed before 'Hall' near the bottom of page 1, under Item 4: Memorial Hall Refurbishment.</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>Item 2: Police</i> CS had contacted Sergeant McKeown, who had then attended the previous meeting, which was unfortunately inquorate. The police report was forwarded and distributed to the C Councillors, with thanks to Sergeant McKeown. <i>Item 3: Carrick Characters</i> DR informed that he, AR and CS had met with David Bett .who had given more information about the project. DM was unable to attend that day. The lay-out of the plaque will be sent for approval and it is hoped to site it temporarily at the corner of the Hall grounds, with the BMHCA's permission. <i>Item 4: Memorial Hall Refurbishment:</i> ACk read out an email he had received from David Strang (DS), SAC architect, regarding the move of the Primary School into the Memorial Hall during the summer. Some minor adaptations to the Hall are needed to ensure it is suitable and secure for school use. The school will move in at the beginning of the new session in August. He was able to confirm that the community will be able to use the Hall during the decant period, but will be restricted to out-of-school hours, weekends and holidays. The Hall would be secured during the school day. DS was not aware of any plans by SAC to decrease support for the Hall. SAC have had meetings with various bodies, including BMHCA and their architect. The Playgroup can use the Nursery class when it is not being used. He anticipated that charges for use of the School Hall during the Memorial Hall refurbishment would be the same as the Memorial Hall charges. <i>Letter of Support</i> CS apologised for the delay - letter to be sent to BMHCA. CS referred to an email received from Dave Holtom of BMHCA, regarding a rot survey to be carried out and requesting that SAC pay for the re-instatement work. This SAC had agreed to do, for which he BMHCA was grateful. Item 6: Matters Arising from the Minutes: SAC's Structural Plan re-Wind Turbine Construction: ACk could not as yet give any further information. The Local Plan will be discussed by SAC tomorrow and if adopted then, he will be able to give out information. War Memorial Handrail: PL had forwarded information on this prior to the previous inquorate meeting, which CS had passed on. It now transpires that the War Memorial Trust requires a new form to be completed, a pre-application form, as well as the application form. He informed that it would be advantageous to know the history of the Monument. CS will endeavour to find out some information. PL affirmed his support for the application and was thanked by DR. Activated Speed Sign: There was still confusion as to which sign was defective. DR again stated that it was the school 20mph sign at the Girvan end of the village, the</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACk</p> <p>PL</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>one at the other end working efficiently. SAC's team will assess the situation. With regard to the 30mph activated sign, it was still not clear if SAC would pay for the installation of a replacement sign at the south end of the village. DR will investigate.</p> <p>Grey Squirrel Control Officer: CS had sent a letter of support to Ailsa Horizons Secretariat for the CCCF meeting, at which the grant application from the Ayrshire Red Squirrel Group was discussed and then granted.. Apparently a grant had previously been approved by Carrick Futures also.</p> <p>Areacleoch Leisure plans: Still no reply from Steven Lindsay and CS understood that he is leaving his employment with SPR to join another windfarm company.</p> <p>Roads Meeting: DR informed that he and AR had attended the first joint roads meeting. MB informed that he had attended the latest one the previous week. He had asked about the promised roads surveys and been told these had not been carried out due to lack of funds. He had felt the meeting had gone off at a tangent and not much was achieved. ACk will keep pressing SAC on roads matters.</p> <p>AC referred to the damaged bollards reported when Kevin Braidwood attended the CC meeting, which had not been rectified. CS to contact KB and remind him of questions raised at the meeting, and answers given.</p> <p>AR reported the terrible potholes on the New Luce hill road, at the Laggish road end.</p> <p>Right of Access to Mark Hill Windfarm: AR was still awaiting a reply to a query to SPR's legal section.</p> <p>Facebook: This had been raised at the BCIC meeting but no interest was shown.</p> <p>Item 7: Treasurer's report DR reported that £50 cheques for the donations to the Playgroup and the Sixties Club had been paid.</p> <p>Item 9: Small Grant Applications These three grants had been paid out</p> <p>Item 13: AOB Scottish Water CS had contacted Scottish Water and received the reply that they had no knowledge of the burst pipe prior to the road repairs and that it had not previously been notified to them, contrary to the CC's understanding. The burst has now been repaired but the CC would like to know if SAC had reported matters. ACk will try to find out.</p> <p>CC Facebook site AC had attended to this matter.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>ACk</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>ACK</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AR reported that the CC account was still with HBOS, a transfer to RBS proving difficult. HBOS also now require more paperwork to add the new signatories to the account and remove the previous ones that no longer apply. Matters should finally be resolved shortly.</p> <p>As stated above at Item 6, the donations of £50 each had been paid, and the outstanding cheques for the year's expenses submitted by committee members. CS was asked if any letters of thanks had been received. Only the Sixties Club had sent an appreciative letter but nothing had been received from the Playgroup. The new notice board had been paid for and AR had transferred the money from one column to another as the cheque was paid to the CC itself. The amount of £96.27 was now left in the account. The accounts for the financial year were completed and given to PL to deliver to the SAC auditor.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>PL</p>
9	<p><i>PL had to leave the meeting shortly, so this item was taken out of sequence.</i></p> <p>Community Council Co-options</p> <p>DR reported that two members of the public had come forward in response to the notice advertising the two vacancies on the CC. They were Andrew Sinclair and Johnnie Thomson. DR proposed that both be co-opted onto the CC, seconded by CS and MB respectively. Agreed unanimously. CS to post the required notice locally. <i>PL then left the meeting.</i></p>	<p>CS</p>
8	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC CS reported on the March public statement, as she was unable to attend the March meeting.</p> <p>AGM. This was scheduled for 19th April. As all knew, this meeting was adjourned and will be continued at a later date once clarification from various bodies is received. Members will be notified of the new date.</p> <p>Community Bus The next trip is scheduled for Kirkcudbright 2nd May but Richard Carr is unable to drive and the School also require the bus.—the trip may be postponed until the following Thursday. CS will confirm later.</p>	

	<p>Council Tax Notification A reminder to residents to retain their 2013/14 Council Tax Notification Form should there be a 2013 Winter Fuel Payment Project.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Maintenance No local contractors had applied therefore the BCIC will seek further afield for contractors to tender for the work.</p> <p>Holiday Activities The Easter holiday event at Loch Ken Activity Centre was scheduled for Wednesday, 10th April. This trip went ahead and was enjoyed by all who participated.</p> <p>The money is available for the cost of an Activated Speed Sign, when installation is imminent.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the previous meeting. He informed that the 'Two Pins' plans for their proposed hall in Pinwherry were received by post for discussion at the next meeting.. Plans include a shop and play area, and an application to buy land has already been made. Funding is being sought for this. A public meeting has been held, with another one due shortly. The review of CF is currently underway by CEIS. AC and DN had been contacted for their views. DR asked if there was news of Barrhill's 30% fund-not yet decided but doubtful if this would continue.</p> <p>c) CCCF AR had attended the March and April meetings, CS being unable to attend. The 6 point message from the 12th March meeting was as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCCF Co-ordinator post 2. Business Network meeting 3. Update on Bruce Activities including 'Conceived in Carrick', 'Lion of Alba' and the Bruce Trail 4. Carrick Coastal Video This to be produced by Ayr College. 5. Rural Panel Funding 6. Rural 21 Project <p>Grants were awarded to British Legion and Maybole Baby Group.</p> <p><i>9th April Meeting</i></p> <p>A grant was awarded for the Grey Squirrel Control Project</p> <p>Update on Carrick Tourism Activity: Carrick was represented at the Visit Scotland Expo at the SECC on 16th/17th April.</p> <p>'Lion of Alba': Funding still being sought for this statue.</p>	
10	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>AR reported one relevant to Barrhill, that of the pre-application for the proposed Altercannoch Windfarm. Noted</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>In addition to correspondence already emailed out</p> <p>Various communications from NHS Ayrshire & Arran</p> <p>1st Alliance Credit Union: New service starting - meeting in Girvan Community Centre on 25th April.</p> <p>Save Straiton for Scotland campaign: Soup & Sweet Lunch in Straiton on 12th May.</p> <p>SRDP Stage 1 Consultation Road Show: Western House, Ayr, 30th May at 7pm.</p> <p>Anti-Windfarm meeting: Scheduled for 9th May, Memorial Hall, Barrhill</p> <p>SAC Community Council Seminar 15th June 2013. County Buildings, Ayr.</p> <p>No-one appears to be available to attend.</p> <p>DR informed of SAC's Road Safety Plan Consultation. AC and CS had looked at this and were dismayed there was no mention of roads. Both felt it was pointless.</p> <p>Email received from Dave Holtom regarding the fees for the domain name and website hosting, which had to be paid by 10th and 18th April respectively. He asked if the CC were willing to continue this arrangement, whereby he, through BMHCA, paid and the CC refunded the fees. DR had discussed this matter with other C Councillors and due to the timescale involved had given the go-ahead for DH to renew as usual. He suggested that this be for this year and that next year DH should contact the provider to transfer over to the CC. AC would oversee this next year.</p> <p>Other items of email correspondence already notified.</p>	
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>ACK informed the CC of the current unsettling situation regarding Hillcrest in Girvan.</p>	

There were fears that it may close in the future, which was very worrying. It was recognised by all that Hillcrest had a very convivial atmosphere, with residents happy and content. ACk will monitor the situation.

ACK

DM referred to the ***Carrick Characters project***, and its historical aspect.

CS informed that the ***Barr to Barrhill leg of the Pilgrims' Walk*** to celebrate the 850th anniversary of Paisley Abbey had successfully taken place on Saturday 20th April. About 45 walkers had participated and had appreciated the refreshments provided afterwards in the Memorial Hall. CS expressed thanks to those who had helped her with this. The Barrhill to New Luce stage takes place on Saturday 18th May.

A member of the public, FH, requested clarification of the ***use of the Hall*** after the Primary School moves in. Confirmed that it cannot be used during school hours.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May (AGM) 2013 at 7.30pm

Dates for remainder of 2013

26th June

28th August

25th September

23rd October

27th November

Please note there are no meetings in July and December

All meetings commence at 7.30pm