

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th September 2013
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Douglas Niven (DN), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PCs J Wales (JW) & D Hastings (DH) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Ann Robertson (AR)	
2	Police	
	The CC was informed that no crimes had been reported in the area since the last CC meeting. There had, however, been four incidents: one fire; one car incident; and one incident where assistance was required. Once again, JW and DH asked that the general public remain vigilant with regard to quad bike thefts. JW and DH were thanked by DR for their report and then left the meeting.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28th August 2013	
	These were approved, proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes (Including Drainage)	
	Item 3: Carrick Characters Update: CS had contacted David Bett (DB) to inform him of the CC's choice of panel now that the final wording had been agreed. DB confirmed that planning permission is being sought and he will keep the CC informed of progress. Item 10: School Transport: DR reported that this problem had been speedily resolved, thanks to the efforts of ACk. who had discussed the CC's concerns with Jacqueline Galloway of SAC's school transport section. Within days an extra vehicle had been put on with AR getting the contract for this. The parents who had attended the previous CC meeting were delighted with the outcome and their four year old daughter no longer had such a long day. All thought it a satisfactory outcome and CS will email the CC's thanks for this, with the hope that such events will not recur in the future. Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Speed Activated Sign: In spite of ACk asking that DR be contacted, this had not occurred and DR had heard nothing. ACk will investigate. War Memorial Handrail: PL had emailed to inform that Mrs Linton will be visiting the War Memorial on 16 th October in the company of an official from the new organisation, which is a combination of Historic Scotland and the War Memorials' Trust, to discuss the CC's grant application. Developments are awaited with interest. Treasurer's Report: CS reported that this matter is still not resolved. She had twice been into the BOS Newton Stewart branch, whose staff had been most helpful and had forwarded a complaint to Edinburgh. No-one had yet been in contact. The branch was able to confirm that AR and MB were at last signatories but the address for correspondence remained the same. Shortly afterwards a letter had been sent to the previous Treasurer's address (yet again) informing that the request for the change of mandate had been carried out! CS will again complain to BOS as the whole affair was deemed to be most unsatisfactory. Withdrawal of Skip: ACk had received a reply stating that it is hoped to implement the full quota of skips in future. Noted. Broken Kerbstones: This matter had still not been addressed by SAC. ACk to pursue the matter and ascertained the exact location, opposite the former Scott's Garage at the south end of the village... Drainage: ACk had undertaken a site visit with John McIlwraith the Roads foreman, with regard to the drainage problem north of the bridge in the middle of Main Street. A blocked gully was apparently the cause of the ongoing drainage problem at this end of the village. The Knowe Road had also been looked at. The matter of the dead cherry trees (Item 14: AOB) was again raised by AC as it was felt the leaking drain from the play park had contributed to this. CS informed that only one tree was living. Several members reported sewage sludge seen again recently at the locus, with the liquid seeping onto the pavement. This may not be a roads problem but could be Scottish	CS ACk PL CS ACK.

	<p>Water's. ACk proposed a further site visit with John McIlwraith , and with AC in attendance.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had discussed this matter with the Practice Nurse and had been informed that training for this was in the remit of the British Heart Foundation. CS will make further enquiries.</p> <p>Item 7: Updates: a) BCIC: CS informed that to date there had been no reply to her letter regarding concerns over the Car Park objections, although she understood that BCIC is awaiting the planning outcome before reaching a decision on what to do. There had not been a BCIC meeting but one should be held shortly, when the CC's letter would be discussed...</p> <p>Item 9: Barrhill Old Cemetery: PL had emailed, and ACk confirmed the good news, that the matter of the uncut grass at the Old Cemetery had thankfully been resolved and the grass finally cut. The slope has now been reassessed using an inclinometer and as it is smaller than 35 degrees is no longer regarded as being too steep! CS had walked to the cemetery that afternoon and was impressed with the much improved appearance. ACk and PI were thanked for their efforts and all felt that common sense had prevailed at last.</p> <p>Item 11: Small Grants Applications: CS had put up a poster immediately after the previous CC meeting but to date no application had been received. Noted.</p> <p>Item 13: Correspondence: DR had informed the Chair of BCIC that he and AS would represent the CC at the forthcoming meeting to discuss the Asset Lock. No further communication had been received from either the BCIC or BMHCA regarding this. Noted It was mentioned that the Hall's planning application had been invalidated temporarily due to the omission of details regarding the ownership of the adjoining land.</p> <p>Bin at Bus Stop: This had now been seen to be emptied.</p> <p>Item 14: AOB: Station Footpath: CS reported that this was still in an overgrown state. ACk will investigate.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACk</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AR had printed off the accounts to be circulated in her absence. There was no change from the previous meeting. CS informed that while the new signatories mandate had finally been implemented, the change of address for the statements has still to be resolved. (See Item 4, above, <i>Matters Arising: Treasurer's Report.</i>)</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC DN reported that there had still not been a board meeting, but that one would be held shortly. The only item was the construction of the car park, the groundwork for which was now nearing completion. This once again led to a discussion as to the suitability of the superstructure plans, with several members re-iterating that the plans re-submitted had barely changed from the original. The number of objections now numbered 36. While no reply had been received to the CC's letter, (<i>Item 4: Matters Arising</i>), it was understood that the BCIC was waiting for the Regulatory Panel's verdict before deciding what further action to take. CS reported that Committee papers forwarded by email showed that the applications list for consideration at the next meeting the following day did not include the car park. ACk would check this out.</p> <p>AS told the meeting he had not realised until recently that the idea of the solar panels was to produce electricity to sell to the grid in order to finance the car park maintenance. He now agreed with the car park plans. ACk stressed the importance of all Barrhill bodies working together. All agreed with this.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the latest CF meeting, which consisted of the AGM followed by the regular meeting. These had been held in Ballantrae and 3 other members of CF (DR, AS and CS) had also attended.</p> <p>AC reported on the main item of the ordinary meeting, namely, the applications for grants from a large number of organisations. These were ACE; SAYLSA; CRAG (Festival of Light); Girvan Air Cadets; Girvan and District Attractions - Fireworks; Girvan Town Team - Co-ordinator Post; CCCF for Secretariat Support; the 2 Pins Centre (approval for funds to pay their planning permission costs); and finally one from Ailsa Horizons to fund a planning appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a wind turbine. This latter was the most contentious, with the Chair's casting vote being required to approve the application.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that she and AR had attended the meeting on 10th September. The main points were as follows:</p> <p>AGM This is confirmed for 8th October. All members will be notified.</p> <p>Wider 20% Fund Applications There were two applications, one from CCCF itself for Secretariat Services and the other from SAYLSA. Both were approved after considerable discussion and questions, and a number of conditions were agreed for the latter.</p>	<p>ACk</p>

	<p>Bruce Programme Update There is to be a Stakeholders' event on 18th September. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity Councillor Oattes gave an update on this. The 'Welcome to Carrick' leaflet may be reprinted and after a discussion on the print costs the meeting decided to support this.</p> <p>Business Incubator Units A unit is to be sited in Girvan. (ACk gave the CC an outline this project.)</p>	
7	SAYLSA Update	
	<p>AS gave an update on the latest Saylsa meeting he had attended in Girvan on 12th September. SAYLSA had submitted a grant application to Carrick Futures and requested CCs to send a letter of support, This had previously been agreed at BCC's meeting on 28TH August so CS had emailed a letter of support to CF. The present situation concerning the proposed Scottish Community Rail Partnership was discussed. Richard Carr had recently had a meeting with a Scottish Government Officer on this subject. The representatives of the three CCs present expressed their views as to the make-up of the new SCRCP to ensure the composition of the Board is such that it is Community led. It was felt this should be 7 Community based and 5 structured authority members on a 12 members board.</p> <p>ACk informed that discussions are ongoing but that SAYLSA will be a part of it and can count on support. AS said that while Saylsa had felt they were being sidelined in their quest to become an SCRCP, things were improving. He commented that SAYLSA had achieved considerable success in some things. This was agreed. The consultation on the make-up of the Pathfinder Group is still awaited.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>In AR's absence CS reported on her behalf that the only application was that for 40 solar panels at Eldrick. The latest decisions list included the approval of an extension at Clunys and the refusal of WillowWind's application for the Corwar Windfarm. Noted</p>	
9	CC Vacancy	
	<p>CS gave an update on this. As Community Councillors were aware, due to Debbie Miles departure from the district, there is a vacancy on the CC and as previously notified the vacancy was duly advertised, both on the notice board and on the website. To date there has been one nomination, from a member of the public who had previously expressed an interest, but the notice posted has to remain on display for 4 weeks for nominations, with the period ending on 7th October. The co-option will therefore be on next month's agenda.</p>	
10	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i></p> <p>SAC: Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act1997 (as amended): Proposed Corwar Windfarm: Application refused.</p> <p>SAC: Energy Efficiency & Fuel Poverty: Details of 'Green Deal'.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran/Ballantrae Surgery PPG: Option Review Group: Lay Member vacancy.</p> <p>SAC Community Planning Partnership: Invitation to Community Conference: Thursday 24th October, County Buildings, Ayr. (This also received by email and forwarded to all).</p>	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>CS referred to the Mark Hill Windfarm Public Exhibition, which had taken place in the Memorial Hall on 12th September. It appeared to have been well attended.</p> <p>Hall Refurbishment Planning application: This has been temporarily delayed. (See Item 4: Matters Arising, above)</p> <p>Email received that day and circulated shortly before the meeting, regarding the approved long term forest plan scoping report for Ballochmorrie Estate. AC had already read this and was again intrigued at the reference to 'cover for the peasant shoot'!</p> <p>Roads: B7027: AS again raised the matter of the atrocious conditions on parts of the B7027 Knowe Road and produced photos to prove this. In places bare metal can be seen which is dangerous for road users, particularly cyclists. ACk will take the pictures to show to Roads.</p> <p>ACk stated that the poor condition of the roads, particularly the A714, is an ongoing problem.</p> <p>BCIC: DN stressed that it is desirable for the BCIC and the CC to work more closely together. All agreed. Feedback to be given to the BCIC.</p> <p>AC reported that he had seen a red kite over the valley on the outskirts of the village.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 7.30pm</u> Meetings for remainder of 2013 27th November NB. There is no meeting in December</p>	
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