

**APPROVED**

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Debbie Miles (DM), Douglas Niven (DN), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker). <b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), David Bett (DB) (Bett Associates)</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> None received.</p>	
2	<p><b>Police</b></p>	
	<p>There was no police presence and no communication had been received. It was noted with regret that this was the second consecutive meeting without a Police Report. CS to contact the Station Officer in Girvan, who previously requested dates of CC meetings. ACK will also make enquiries</p>	<p>CS ACK</p>
3	<p><b>Speaker: David Bett (Re-Carrick Characters)</b> DR introduced the speaker David Bett (DB) of Bett Associates, to talk on the 'Carrick Characters' project and to give further insight into what would be involved. DB gave a brief outline of this: to identify something or someone with which/whom the area can be identified. An example of this was that put forward by Dunure CC, which had as its character, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, who, along with fellow artists, summered in a house at Dunure. The project provides for works of art to be displayed in seventeen public places in South Ayrshire. For example, a plaque could be displayed giving some of the story attached to the 'character' chosen. He was of the opinion that Barrhill had chosen well in identifying the Barrhill Martyrs who are buried at the Martyrs' Tomb monument. It is intended that the period for the delivery time of the projects is between March and October 2013. Leaflets would be produced publicising a 'Character Trail' with other villages, which would be featured on the tourism website, with a 'QR' code for each character. (CS declared an interest in the Martyrs' Tomb.) So far, sixteen of the seventeen communities have identified their 'character'. DB stated that it was preferable if the marker is not on an actual site, but sited elsewhere in the area. He suggested that a sub-committee be formed to research the project and DM expressed interest in this. DR and CS were also interested. DB informed that he can provide help for the project. <i>DB was thanked by DR for his attendance and then left the meeting at 8pm.</i></p>	<p>DM, DR, CS</p>
4	<p><b>Memorial Hall Refurbishment</b> DR introduced Dave Holtom (DH), a Trustee of the BMHCA, who had asked for this item to be discussed. DH explained the timetable behind the Memorial Hall refurbishment work, which had been delayed, as all knew, by the refurbishment of the school by SAC necessitating the transfer of the Primary School into the Hall. The current plan is for the school to move in during the summer holidays, with work commencing in August at the earliest. SAC will carry out necessary minor works to ensure the safety of pupils. DH then circulated a draft leaflet produced by the Memorial Hall architect depicting the planned improvements. Built in 1924, the Hall's history of use was outlined briefly, noting the changes over the years. Looking to the future, it was anticipated that support from SAC would decrease and the aim is to make the Hall sustainable. It was essential that there was dialogue with SAC for the period of usage by the school, which was expected to be until August 2014. ACK will make enquiries re-this. There should also be dialogue between the three architects involved in the hall project, the proposed car park and the school refurbishment, as all three projects are linked. SAC had been asked to provide proposed future charges for use of the School Hall but this had not been forthcoming. A general discussion followed. Questions were asked re-availability of the Hall during the school's occupation. DH replied that SAC had assured it would be</p>	<p>ACK</p>

	<p>available for the usual usage and even for large functions if prior notice is given. AR informed it is BMHCA's intention to hold this year's Fun Day earlier than usual, at the end of June. Larger events are a bowling match and the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner. CS commented that the view on the leaflet was not to scale and therefore misleading as to the size of the extension up to the boundary with the new car park. DH agreed. Hopefully, this will be rectified before the leaflets are circulated.</p> <p>DH informed that the Play Group can use the snooker room, which the Nursery School will be using. ACk will discuss matters with David Strang of SAC.</p> <p>DH and DR stressed the importance of all three interested bodies, BMHCA, BCIC and the CC working together. DR suggested a meeting between all three. DN assured that the BCIC would welcome this.</p> <p>It was not known if SAC would allow free access to the new facilities at the school, once completed, while the Hall refurbishment finally proceeds. ACk will enquire. DR proposed that the CC write a letter of support to the BMHCA and offer help. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p><i>DR then thanked DH, who then left the meeting at 8.30pm.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>ACK CS</p>
5	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013</b> Correction to minutes at <i>Sederunt: DB should read DM</i>. The minutes were then approved, proposed by AC, seconded DM .</p>	
6	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Item 4: SAC's Structural Plan re-Wind Turbine construction:</b> No further information as this had not yet been finalised.</p> <p><b>Item 6: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial Handrail</b> No further information in PL's absence. Continued.</p> <p><b>Activated Speed Sign</b> There had been confusion as to which sign was defective, the 30mph or the school 20mph sign but it was the latter sign at the Girvan end of the village. SAC had dealt with matters.</p> <p>ACk had enquired as to the cost of a replacement activated sign at the south end of the village. This would be £3,000, including a solar panel to power the sign. CS informed that the BCIC had agreed to fund the cost and had received a quote of almost £4,000 in total. The sign would be guaranteed for six years. ACk will enquire if the sign can be ordered through SAC and if the original pole installed by SAC can be used. Not known if this would reduce the cost quoted or if SAC would be prepared to install the sign</p> <p><b>Grey Squirrel Control Officer</b> CS still awaiting news of a grant application - letter of support will be sent when necessary. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Item 8: Updates: Carrick Futures</b> CS had raised the matter of the BCIC's business plan with Julia and the committee. Not yet finalised but may be ready for the BCIC's AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013</p> <p><b>Item 10: Carrick Characters: Arecleoch Leisure plans.</b> CS reported she had emailed Steven Lindsay (SL) and was still awaiting a reply. Noted. ACk offered to raise this when he next saw SL.</p> <p><b>Item 11: Correspondence: Pinwherry CC</b> CS had contacted Roger Pirrie. DR reported that the first joint roads meeting is to take place tomorrow evening. DR and AR will attend</p> <p><b>Item 12: AOB: Right of Access to Mark Hill Windfarm</b> AR has contacted John Morris (JM) regarding this. Apparently the road is not owned by SPR and although there is the 'right to roam' for pedestrians, there is no such automatic right for vehicular access. JM will seek further clarification from SPR'S legal department.</p> <p><b>Facebook</b> AR reported that the BCC's own page was now online and had received a number of contacts already. CS informed that the owner of the copyright of the logo had readily agreed to its use and intended to become a 'friend'. DM suggested that BCIC should also have a Facebook page. DN will raise the point with BCIC.</p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>PL</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>DR, AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>DN</p>
7	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>AR reported there are still ongoing problems with RBS in spite of a copy of the CC constitution being provided, but she hoped matters would be resolved soon. AR informed there was £850 remaining in the CF small grants fund, with three</p>	

	<p>applications on tonight's agenda. At present there is £580 remaining in the CC's administration grant account, which will reduce to approximately £453 after claims for the year's expenses just submitted by committee members. Other expenses claims are outstanding but there would still be approximately £180 left in the CC account.</p> <p>It was proposed by DR and unanimously agreed that this year the allowed donations would be given to the 'Sixties' Club and the Play Group.</p>	AR/CS
8	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <p><b>a) BCIC</b>  DN reported on the February meeting.  The <b>January Public Statement</b> had been distributed to the community.  The <b>new logo</b>, specific to the company, has been designed by one of the directors and is now in use.  The <b>AGM</b> will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.  An Easter activity outing for eight to eighteen year olds has been arranged at the <b>Loch Ken Activity Centre. Ideas for summer trips and activities are welcomed.</b>  A <b>Maintenance Contractor</b> is to be appointed to maintain grounds, particularly the Martyrs' Tomb footpath. A poster advertising the post will be placed locally.  The Company has agreed to fund the cost of an <b>Activated Speed Sign</b>, which the CC will install.  <b>Community Bus Trips.</b> The next trip is the following day, to Castle Douglas.  <b>Car Park</b> As before---about to go out to tender.</p> <p><b>b) Carrick Futures (CF)</b>  AC informed there had not been a CF meeting since the last CC meeting.  CF is to fund bursaries of £3,000 for a new course at Ayr College for wind turbine technicians. So far there have been fifty applicants for the course.</p> <p><b>c) CCCF</b> CS and AR attended the February meeting. The main points from the meeting were as follows:  <b>The Progress on the Bruce Trail:</b> There was a Consultation Workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> February in the McKechnie Institute.  <b>Conceived in Carrick:</b> All CCs had received an invitation to send representatives to attend the event at Culzean Castle. AR and CS had attended an excellent event featuring John Cairney. In 2014 it is hoped to have a large pageant at Culzean in which all communities will participate.  <b>'Lion of Alba':</b> It is hoped to locate this statue at Turnberry.  <b>Update on Carrick Tourism Activity:</b> Carrick would be represented at the Visit Scotland Expo at the SECC on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April.  There are to be Community Heritage Trails in Carrick.  <b>'21 Project':</b> Consisting of 7 parts of the three Ayrshire Local Authorities, enables Action Plans to be drawn up and existing ones updated.  <b>Update on the Carrick Way:</b> No meeting has been held yet.</p>	
9	<p><b>Small Grant Applications</b></p> <p><b>a) Barrhill Community Council</b> Application for the cost of a new notice board</p> <p><b>b) Barrhill Playgroup</b> £130 for Insurance and membership fees for Scottish Pre-school Play Association.</p> <p><b>c) Barrhill Community Bus</b> This application was for £500 as match funding to that given by BCIC for the Community Bus trips.</p> <p>it was noted there were insufficient funds to pay all three grant applications in full. After full discussions on all three, it was proposed by DR, seconded by AR that the BCC's application for £364 and the Play Group's for £130 were granted in full. Regarding the BCIC's application for £500 towards the Community Bus, the remaining sum of £356 was granted, proposed by AR, seconded by DR. Both proposals were approved unanimously. CS to inform of the decisions.</p>	CS
10	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>AR reported one relevant to Barrhill, namely, SAC's own application for the refurbishment of Barrhill Primary School. Noted</p>	

11	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>In addition to correspondence already emailed out  <b>Various communications from NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran</b> Including:  <b>Creative Ageing Day</b> to be held in Ayr on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 23 at UWS  <b>Good Morning Service</b>  <b>Pharmacy Practices Committee</b>  Other items already notified.</p>	
12	<p><b>Community Council Elections</b>  DR referred to the end of the current CC on 31<sup>st</sup> March. It appeared that only seven of the present nine Community Councillors had put their names forward for the new CC and there had been no other nominations. He asked ACK for clarification regarding the new CC. The present one ceases on March 31<sup>st</sup> with the new one in place on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Office bearers will be appointed at the first meeting afterwards i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013.</p>	
13	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>  DR again referred to the <b>Roads meeting</b> to be held the following evening at Pinwherry. It is hoped that a joint effort by the three CCs will have more success, as all acknowledged that the A714 road is in a truly appalling state and that previous roadworks had been done in a defective manner.  While all agreed the newly resurfaced road to the station was a relief, concern was expressed at <b>Scottish Water</b> not repairing a reported burst water pipe prior to the resurfacing. The road will soon be holed again and will have to be dug up, which is a waste of public money. CS to contact Scottish Water.  DR informed that the road at Glen Tachur had been dug up shortly after resurfacing due to poor standards of the road repairs carried out.  DM enquired if information had been received regarding the promised <b>review of white lining on the A714</b>. It was noted no information had yet been received.  AC informed he would be attending a course run by the <b>Ayrshire Rivers' Trust</b> regarding invasive species. CS had just received information on this, to be held between 16/18<sup>th</sup> April, which she had passed on.  DM informed that the <b>CC Facebook site</b> was up and running and asked if a link to the CC Website could be set up. AC will look into this.  CS reminded that the next <b>community bus trip</b> would take place the following day, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, to Castle Douglas.  She had attended a <b>Patient Participation Group</b> meeting that day at Ballantrae Surgery and raised the question of the frequency of Barrhill surgeries. She was informed that the number is commensurate with the numbers of patients in Barrhill, compared with Ballantrae, the latter having four times as many.  There is a <b>new website for the Ballantrae Medical Practice</b>.  A <b>Rural Network Event</b> is to be held at the Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock on 26<sup>th</sup> March.  CS had been asked by a resident to remind all that information of forthcoming events can be place in the Carrick Chatter column of the Carrick Gazette, free of charge. All to note.  <i>The meeting closed at 9.50 pm</i></p> <p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>  <u><b>Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7.30pm</b></u>  <u><b>Dates for remainder of 2013</b></u>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May (AGM)</b>  <b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <u><b>Please note there are no meetings in July and December</b></u>  <u><b>All meetings commence at 7.30pm</b></u></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AC</p> <p>ALL</p>