

APPROVED

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

No	Item	Action
	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Ann Robertson (AR), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). <b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PCs John Estcourt (JE) & Phil Porter (PP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Douglas Niven (DN), Sarah Redman (SR).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	<p>The CC was informed of the following incidents of note since the previous meeting.</p> <p>Road traffic accident near Barrhill – a vehicle was clipped by an HGV. Enquiries to trace the driver continuing;</p> <p>Assault at Solway Precast – enquiries continuing;</p> <p>Gunshots within Kildonan grounds reported –these were from an organised shoot and the complainant was given advice about safety;</p> <p>Suspect vehicle seen at Barrhill Primary – Officers paying extra attention to this when possible. (AR informed that she had seen this vehicle and reported it.)</p> <p>Additional information from Sergeant McKeown was read out, concerning the removal of the Mobile Office/Rural Policing. This had previously been emailed to CS and notified to all Community Councillors. It was explained that the mobile office was due for replacement and the costs of this were prohibitive. The police officer post no longer exists.</p> <p>It was stressed that every effort is made to attend CC meetings where questions can be raised. PC Gordon Thomson has been appointed as the liaison officer for Barrhill Primary and Nursery Schools. Reference was made to the mailbox available to all to contact the Police (<a href="mailto:GirvanSouthCarrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk">GirvanSouthCarrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>) and a reminder given of the 101 telephone number for non-urgent responses or general enquiries. It was also noted that the matter of the Girvan Police Office front counter provision is still under consideration.</p> <p><i>JE and PP were thanked by DR for their report and then left the meeting.</i></p> <p>ACk informed that discussions are ongoing with the Divisional Commander and include the possible presence of an officer in Customer Care facilities - dependent on finances.</p>	ACK
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013</b>	
	These were approved, proposed by MB, seconded AC.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Speed Activated Sign:</b> DR reported that he had sought the further information from Jim Webb of SAC but to date had not received a reply.</p> <p><b>Broken Kerbstones &amp; Footpaths:</b> No work has yet been carried out on the kerbstones and while some work has been done on the footpath near the Old Cemetery, CS informed as far as she was aware, the path up to the Station had not been touched. ACk will investigate.</p> <p><b>Drainage:</b> ACk had spoken to John McIlwraith (JMcl), the Roads foreman, and AC confirmed that he had met JMcl that afternoon and shown him the affected area. ACk had discussed with Kevin Braidwood, who had assured that the drainage work would be actioned. JMcl did not know yet whose problem it is: SAC's or Scottish Water. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Potholes:</b> These are an ongoing problem. CS informed that she had reported online to SAC several large potholes in the area and was dismayed in particular by the further deterioration in a stretch of road near Blair Farm. ACk had that day met with Kevin Braidwood and been informed of money available up to April 2014. He also informed that the Cross Water Burn will be dug out but the work cannot be done until February, there being no burn clearing carried out between 31<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> January. Noted</p> <p>JT referred to the lack of drainage on the road outside the school. To be investigated.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator:</b> Enquiries continuing.</p>	DR  ACK  ACK  ACK CS
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AR informed that there had been no change to the accounts since the last meeting.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<b>a) BCIC</b> CS had not attended the last meeting and as DN was not present the main points were	

	<p>read out from the November BCIC Public Statement by DR.</p> <p><b>“Car Park:</b> <i>Planning application for secondary phase withdrawn until further discussions with the architect have taken pace. The height restrictor will be re-applied for.</i></p> <p><b>Memorial Hall:</b> <i>There was nothing to report.</i></p> <p><b>Martyrs’ Tomb Path/Garden Contract:</b> <i>As Celia was on holiday, continued to next meeting.</i></p> <p><b>Arnsheen Park:</b> <i>Confirmation received from SAC: they do not own the bridge. It is hoped to complete purchase of the park by 28<sup>th</sup> November.</i></p> <p><b>Community Bus:</b> <i>Trip to Castle Douglas in October was successful, Trip planned for 30<sup>th</sup> November but since the Board meeting have learned that once again SAYLSA has cancelled the trip.</i></p> <p><b>Bursaries:</b> <i>Two applications received—one agreed, the other requires further investigation.</i></p> <p><b>AGM - Changes to Memoranda &amp; Articles:</b> <i>No further update as Gavin unable to attend.</i></p> <p><b>Winter Fuel Payment:</b> <i>So far 80 residents have applied and received their £100 WFP. Final Date for payment is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.</i></p> <p><b>Membership:</b> <i>Applications on hold until new Mem &amp; Arts have been approved by Board.</i></p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b> <i>A Director had been approached by a resident with regard to a project for the installation of solar panels in residents’ homes. Issue put on hold due to financial constraints at this time.”</i></p> <p>A discussion then took place on the Car Park, during which AS voiced his opinion that an electric car charger point should be provided. JT and CS will raise this at next BCIC meeting.</p> <p>ACk was concerned that the three organisations in Barrhill should be pulling together and is willing to chair a meeting between the CC, BMHCA and BCIC. JT said the matter of working together had also been raised at the previous BCIC meeting and was desirable. CS to contact BMHCA and the BCIC to suggest a joint informal meeting.</p> <p><b>b) Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC reported that he and DN had attended the last meeting, when a very large number of grant applications were approved. These included £1,000 for Girvan Over Sixties; £5,000+: Z1 Girls Group; £391: Stinchar Valley Magazine (for 2 years);; £1,600 Girvan Street Party; £5,000: Brunston Golf Club, to retain the greenkeeper over the winter months: £6,000: Carrick Way project, for maintenance costs and the Southern loop: £642: Minishant WRI (90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations); £2,600: Maybole Charity Shop: £500: Dailly Football Club; and £12,000: Dailly Community Activity Centre for replacement lighting. Ailsa Horizons are actively pursuing the purchase of the former Davidson Hospital and funds will also be required for the proposed Girvan community leisure facilities.</p> <p>The refurbishment of the Memorial Hall was then raised, with AR informing the meeting that BMHCA had now received planning approval. BCIC had lodged an objection to it in its present form. (See Item 10: Correspondence.) It is likely BMHCA will seek funding from CF and doubts were expressed that there would be sufficient funds left in the pot! The astronomical costs of the refurbishment were discussed with all wondering if it would be more cost effective to demolish and rebuild from scratch.</p> <p><b>c) CCCF</b> CS informed that neither she nor AR had attended the meeting in November and the minutes were not yet available. CS informed there had been 5 applications to the wider 20% fund on the agenda, which had been approved and then ratified by CF.</p> <p>ACk had also not attended but was aware that SAYLSA had informed that the organisation is being reconstituted. Richard Carr had informed that Roger Pirrie (Pinwherry) has agreed to represent the CCs and hoped AS would share the duties. AS agreed to this.</p> <p>AR referred to an email sent from Councillor McDowall (circulated previously) in response to the previous CCCF minutes, regarding SAC money reserves.</p> <p>She informed that a decision on Community Empowerment is required at the next CCCF meeting regarding the launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage consultation.</p>	<p>JT, CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p>
7	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p>	
	<p>AR reported none this time but the Decisions List showed the BCIC application for the car park superstructure had been withdrawn. The Eldrick Solar Panels application was approved as were the Memorial Hall plans for refurbishment.</p> <p><i>ACk left the meeting at 8.50pm, confirming that in 2014 Councillor McDowall would be in attendance. He wished the CC well. DR thanked him for his input over the last year.</i></p> <p>AR continued that the hall hedge would remain and that the reason BCIC had not received Neighbour Notification was that Planning had not known the address for communication.</p> <p>DR, on behalf of the CC, congratulated the BMHCA on receiving planning approval.</p>	
8	<p><b>Small Grants Scheme Application</b> <b>Barrhill Angling Club</b></p>	

	The application for this had been emailed out to all, prior to the meeting. CS informed that she had also been sent the bank statement and a copy of the constitution. AS declared an interest as he is a Club member and took no further part. After discussion DR proposed and CS seconded that the application be granted. This was approved unanimously. AR will write the cheque and CS will inform the Secretary of the outcome. AS then reminded that the Club issued day tickets, which fact AC was not aware of. He will put the information on the Barrhill website.	AR CS AC
<b>9</b>	<b>Primary School Christmas Play – Transport to Pinwherry</b>	
	SR had requested this item and in her absence AR enquired if the CC would fund transport to Pinwherry Hall for children/parents for the Primary School Christmas Play on 11 <sup>th</sup> December. Following a discussion AR suggested that the CC use its free hire of the Community Bus for this and as transport is also required to transport Senior Citizens to Kildonan for their Xmas dinner on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, BMHCA use its allocation for that. All agreed to both suggestions. CS to contact other BCIC directors for confirmation.	CS
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out</i> <b>BCIC:</b> DR had received letter from DB of BCIC regarding the Hall and querying the CC's name as applicant for the Hall's Planning application and advising that the BCIC has lodged an objection in its current form and attaching the reasons for this. Clarification was sought as to whether the CC had taken over responsibility. CS to reply on behalf of CC to clarify matters. <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Various communications including proposed plans for Ayrshire Central Hospital; the Good Morning Service and Strictly Seniors magazine. <b>SAYLSA:</b> Membership fee due. AR to issue cheque and CS to pass on to Richard Carr CS had that evening received an email regarding the Stranraer Line Services update. Will forward tomorrow to all <b>SAC:</b> Copy of new dates for the skip provision received and circulated. AC will put on website. <b>UPM Tilhill: Loch Mabrennie Forest Complex: Forest Plan.</b> AS had also received this plan as a neighbouring property and had enquired as to access roads. He had no objections. Noted.	CS  AR, CS  CS,AC
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<b>CS</b> informed that a <b>bus trip to Ayr/Dobbies</b> had taken place on Saturday 7th December, after the proposed trip to Silverburn had to be cancelled. Reminder re- <b>Review of Polling Districts &amp; Places.</b> <b>AS</b> reported <b>much improved road conditions on the Knowler Road</b> and said thanks were due to ACK for chasing this up. <b>AS</b> referred to SAC's <b>Wind Capacity study report</b> , the link for which had been given at the previous CC meeting, with regard to the proposed Altercannoch and Mark Hill extension windfarms. It states that the guideline for maximum turbine height is 40 to 50 metres. Noted Also noted that the <b>Stranoch Windfarm update</b> had been received by households. <b>DR</b> queried the lack of information from <b>Falck Renewables/Coriolis Energy</b> concerning their proposed 22 turbine <b>Chirmorrie Windfarm</b> . CS to obtain contact details and make enquiries. <b>AC</b> informed that the <b>Shimla restaurant at Kildonan</b> is now closed. <b>AR</b> reminded that it is the <b>Senior Citizens Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> —free to all of qualifying age, or partners of such.	CS
	<b>Date &amp; Time of next Meeting</b> <b><u>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm</u></b> <b><u>NB. There is no meeting in December</u></b>	