

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th August 2013
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PC Fraser Campbell (FC) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Johnny Campbell (JC) (Ballantrae Community Council), 2 Members of the Public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Mark Bradshaw (MB), Douglas Niven (DN), David Bett (DB) (Bett Associates)	
2	Police	
	<p>PC Campbell informed that there had been 9 incidents reported since the last CC meeting. Most of these were road traffic incidents but one call involved the theft of a quad bike. In regard to the latter, FC asked that the public remain vigilant..</p> <p>CS asked if any vandalism incident had been reported, as there had been reports of one. The answer was negative. FC was thanked by DR for his report and then left the meeting.</p>	
3	Speaker: David Bett	
	Carrick Characters Update	
	<p>CS informed that DB had telephoned his apologies. Due to a family illness He was unfortunately unable to attend. He asked that the CC decides which of the two formats for the heritage panel is the preferred choice, now that the final wording had been achieved. All those Community Councillors who had viewed the panels chose number one. CS will communicate this to DB. It is understood that a planning application will be submitted shortly.</p>	CS
10	School Transport <i>DR suggested this item be brought forward due to the presence of members of the public who had attended for this matter. Agreed</i>	
	<p>DR and AR both declared an interest in this item, AR as the previous holder of the school contract and DR as a driver</p> <p>DR stated that his son had been collected at 7.30 to 7.40am to be taken the mile into the village for the bus after 8am. He had complained to SAC. He understood that elsewhere there had been problems when the taxi had arrived before the scheduled time, with the driver not waiting at all on arrival, in spite of a pupil being ready 3 minutes before the scheduled time, as laid down in the criteria. He had now withdrawn his son from the transport.</p> <p>DR then invited the members of the public to speak.</p> <p>They both informed the CC that their 4 year old daughter had just commenced Primary School and was collected at 8.10am for what should be a 10 minute trip to the village. She was always first to be picked up and last to be dropped off. This entailed an extra 45 minutes more than the actual journey time to or from the school, on the taxi at both ends of the school day, which was surely unfair, especially for a 4 year old.</p> <p>She did 30 miles a day although living only 5 miles from the school.</p> <p>AR informed that the contract she had tendered for, presumably worded the same as the successful applicant's one, stated that no pupil should be picked up earlier than 7.40am. She had used 2 vehicles for the contract, which she felt mandatory due to timing difficulties and the roads involved. She had noticed incorrect times on the tender documents. Specifically, the time the service bus arrived in Barrhill in the morning..</p> <p>ACk had already commenced investigations following complaints received and was informed that SPT will inspect the contract with regard to times. He will contact Jacqueline Galloway of SAC and report all concerns.</p> <p><i>DR asked if the CC would agree to be addressed on this subject by Johnny Campbell, a Community Councillor from Ballantrae. Ballantrae had similar concerns to Barrhill and at the recent CC meeting in Ballantrae no SAC councillor had been in attendance, the CC being unable to air its concerns. All agreed to this.</i></p> <p>JC also expressed concerns re-timing of vehicles. He declared an interest as he was a former driver. Parents had witnessed excessive speed of a vehicle in order to meet schedules, 90mph allegedly being clocked on the Bennane Hill, which resulted from the drastic reduction in the number of vehicles. The contractor there had lost his contract after 25 years of service.</p>	ACk

	<p>SAYLSA AO reported he had attended the Pathfinder Group meeting held in Ayr. The consultation on SCRPs should be out in the next week or two. Roger Pirrie from Pinwherry & Pinmore CC had attended a Pathfinder meeting in Stranraer and had got the impression the final draft had already been decided. Clare Monahan of SAC is to look into it and report back to the CCCF.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity</p> <p>Ayrshire photo opportunity competition---poster to be displayed. The Carrick Tourism website is running this. The Tourism Project has been nominated for a Scottish Pride award, as have Bett Associates.</p> <p>Bruce Trail This is to tie in with the 2014 celebrations and there will be a pageant at Culzean. A stakeholders' meeting takes place on 18th September in Ayr.</p> <p>Carrick Way A newly formed partnership of ACE, Ailsa Horizons and CCCF is now taking this forward, and a bank account has been set up. An application for funding will be made to the Rural Panel to fund a survey of the route and for maintenance.</p> <p>CCCF wanting to deal with larger, social issues. It has been suggested that run down, empty properties be acquired and repaired to add to the housing stock.</p> <p>Community Engagement meeting at the County Buildings, Ayr. This had been controversial as some felt it had been taken over by politicians, with one MSP unhappy at comments made about the meeting.</p> <p>AGM This now to take place in October. All members will be notified.</p> <p>Village name signs Complaints re-the state of these—each member to check and report conditions in their own community. Noted that Barrhill's required cleaning.</p> <p>CC contributions to Secretariat Services The CCCF Chair requested that the £50 contribution from each CC should be re-instated. Each member to ask their CC. (After discussion the CC decided to wait until a request had been received in writing.)</p> <p>d) Altercannoch Liaison Group AC, AS and CS had attended the latest meeting on 19th August. CS informed that the proposed number of turbines was now nine. The final design won't be determined until November/December. The access route is also not yet determined. Environmental studies are continuing, and will do so for a two year period. There will be a second exhibition in late January/February with a planning application to follow in March/April 2014. Noted</p>	
8	SAYLSA Update	
	<p>AS gave an update on the recent Saylsa meeting he had attended in Girvan. The present situation concerning the proposed Scottish Community Rail Partnership is causing concern, in that Saylsa feel they are facing opposition in their quest to become an SCRPs. The proposals for the make-up of yet another group appear to be unrepresentative and opposed by Saylsa, who feel that their organisation is being sidelined. The consultation on the make-up has not yet been circulated and at present this is awaited with interest. Another meeting was scheduled to take place in Ayr on 23rd August but this was cancelled at the last minute. Noted.</p>	
9	Barrhill Old Cemetery	
	<p>CS had received a complaint regarding the appalling state of the old cemetery, which is now completely overgrown due to no grass cutting taking place this summer. She had seen this herself and wholeheartedly agreed. She had contacted PL and ACK, who were already aware of the situation. ACK had received photographs and had commenced enquiries. PL informed that SAC were currently looking at other options as following the Health & Safety risk assessment the slope was deemed unsafe. All agreed this was a preposterous state of affairs when the grass had been cut without problems for decades. ACK and PL to continue their investigations in the hope the matter can be successfully resolved. The CC stated that a previous suggestion of sheep in the grounds was still unacceptable.</p>	ACK, PL
11	Small Grants Application Procedures	
	<p>The cheque for the Small Grants scheme having now been received, a poster advertising this will be posted on the notice board at the shop. CS asked that instead of setting dates, could any application be received to be discussed at any CC meeting, providing it has been received within the set time constraints. This was agreed, although AC wondered if the money would all be requested at the beginning. This was not thought to be a problem. Grant applications can be on the agenda at any CC meeting if they are received at least two weeks beforehand. CS to put up poster.</p>	CS
12	Planning Applications	
	<p>AR reported two relevant to Barrhill, the resubmitted car park application (see item 7a above) and an extension at Clunys. Noted. CS had seen on the SAC Planning website one for solar</p>	

	panels at Eldrick, but this had not yet appeared in the weekly planning list	
13	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i></p> <p>SPR:-Mark Hill Extension documents</p> <p>Police Scotland: Review of Traffic Warden Provision and Public Service and Opening hours at Police Offices Noted, though concern was expressed that there might be a further reduction in opening hours at Girvan Police Station.</p> <p>BCIC: Email letter from the Chair re- joint group to discuss the Asset Lock for BMHCA. Agreed that DR and AS would be the CC representatives. DR will inform LH, the BCIC Chair.</p> <p>BMHCA: Email from DH requesting CC to consider applying on behalf of the Hall for its refurbishment planning application, as this would be cheaper, the fee being £485 instead of £870. (AR, as BMHCA Chair, declared an interest in this matter.) This was agreed after discussion. CS to convey decision to DH.</p> <p>A general discussion regarding the hall followed. The planning application is to be submitted shortly. The rot survey had discovered both dry and wet rot in places, adding to the projected costs, which were considerable, being estimated on the high side. The ownership issue had finally been resolved and a small business plan is to be commissioned.</p> <p>AS queried if a new build would work out cheaper than an expensive refurbishment. AR will clarify this with the architect.</p> <p>Domain Name & Hosting package: Email from member of the public offering to obtain lower fees for this. CS to email thanks. The matter will be reviewed at the relevant time.</p> <p>SAC: CF Small Grant Awards: Letter accompanying cheque, stating future reporting requirements for approval of grants.</p> <p>SAC: Updated Community Council Handbook</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Various communications received.</p> <p>Wickstead: Play equipment</p> <p>SAC: Proposed Corwar Windfarm: Notification of hearing for consideration of planning application at Regulatory Panel on 29th August at County Buildings, Ayr.</p> <p>SAC: Chief Executive Eileen Howat: The newly appointed Chief Executive intends to undertake a series of visits to CCs and Barrhill will be asked if it would like a visit at some future date. Agreed to accept this offer when her PA makes contact. Noted.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
14	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>AC again raised the subject of the dead cherry trees at the south end of the village. The long existing drain problem, which has resurfaced yet again, could be the cause of the deaths of the trees. It appeared that the drainage system badly needed cleaning but there were problems finding a suitable contractor. ACk will investigate.</p> <p>JT reported there were again potholes on the Knowe road.</p> <p>ACk stated that the poor condition of the roads, particularly the A714, is an ongoing problem. One section between Asselfoot and Holmhead has at last been resurfaced.</p> <p>CS reported the overgrown footpath up to the station. ACk will inform the appropriate SAC section.</p> <p>Report from a member of the public that the bin at the bus stop at Wallace Terrace is not emptied, although the men are seen driving round the island without stopping, even to inspect it. ACk to investigate.</p> <p>Complaint also regarding grass verges not being cut, whereas those in other areas are.</p> <p>Email from DH of BMHCA requesting the CC clarify with SAC the costs of the hire of the refurbished school hall, while the Hall itself is being refurbished, AR informed this matter had since been resolved.</p> <p>Notification of a tourism Industry Event in Stirling on 26th September. Noted</p> <p>Date & Time of next Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p>Dates for remainder of 2013</p> <p>23^d October</p> <p>27th November</p> <p>NB. There are no meetings in July & December</p>	<p>ACk</p> <p>ACk</p> <p>ACk</p>