

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd January 2014
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Sarah Redman (SR), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC), PCs Gordon Thomson (GT) & David Painter (DP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 3 Members of the public.</p> <p>Introduction: DR welcomed Councillor McDowall to the meeting as this year's SAC Councillor in attendance. JMcD was then introduced to all C Councillors not known to him.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Mark Bradshaw (MB), Douglas Niven (DN), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC).	
2	Police	
	<p>No actions had arisen since the previous meeting and no reported crime in the Barrhill area, but the Police had attended some 13 incidents. These were mainly weather-related, with the A714 being blocked on 2 occasions. Reports of suspicious vehicles turned out to be persons allegedly looking for scrap metal.</p> <p>There were, however, 2 reports of theft of heating oil from private dwellings and also a theft of a quad bike near Pinwherry. Once again, GT and DP asked that the general public remain vigilant with regard to persons and vehicles acting suspiciously.</p> <p>GT and DP were thanked by DR for their report and they then left the meeting.</p>	
3	Presentation: Peter Linton SAC Girvan/South Carrick Community Leisure Facilities	
	This item was postponed to the next meeting due to PL's absence.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 27th November 2013	
	These were approved, proposed by AC, seconded JT.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 2: Police: JMcD informed that discussions are still ongoing with regard to Girvan Police services. There are pressures on the Police budget, subject to discussion, which affects the closure of the counter services at Girvan Police station. This would cause inconvenience to members of the public who need to present documents. AR understood that when the door is locked, with Police present in the building, the bell can be rung to bring an Officer to the door.</p> <p>CS asked if documents could perhaps be presented at the Newton Stewart Police Station now that Police Scotland existed. This was also queried by JT who questioned if there was co-operation between the two Stations.</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Speed Activated Sign: DR informed that he now had the information from Jim Webb (SAC), which had previously been circulated to all. The cost was in excess of £3,000, with SAC undertaking to carry out maintenance for 5 years. A grant application form will now be submitted to BCIC, who had already stated that they would support this project.</p> <p>Drainage/Broken Kerbstones: No work had yet been carried out but AR thought there was an improvement in surface water above the bridge at the south end of the village. JMcD will confer with Councillor Clark and investigate.</p> <p>Station Footpath: CS again reported that this was still in an overgrown state. JMcD noted that this was ongoing the last time he had attended BCC's meetings! He will investigate.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had been in contact with the Practice Manager at Ballantrae Surgery and been informed that the matter would be discussed at the next Partners' meeting, which would not take place until mid-February. Ongoing.</p> <p>Joint Meeting: CS had arranged a meeting between BCC, BMHCA and BCIC for Tuesday 28th January, with ACK in the Chair. DR invited JMcD to attend if he wished, as he is now the SAC Councillor in attendance. JMcD will check his diary. It had been decided that for the initial meeting 4 would attend from each organisation. (See Item 9)</p> <p>Item 8: Small Grants Scheme Application: Barrhill Angling Club: CS had delivered the cheque to the Club Treasurer. The Secretary had emailed a letter of thanks to the CC.</p>	<p>CS,DR</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>Once fish have been purchased a copy of the receipt will be sent.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: CS had written to BMHCA to clarify matters regarding the Hall. No communication had been received following this.</p> <p>Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS had been in contact with Coriolis Energy/Falck Renewables Wind and the reply had been circulated to all. When the firm is at the stage of consulting the community it will get in touch and arrange to speak to the CC.</p>	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AR circulated copies of the last month's accounts. Noted that the £500 grant to the Angling Club had been paid out. AR requested that any claims for mileage etc be brought to the next meeting as virtually no expenses had yet been claimed. In addition, to date there had only been one application to the Carrick Futures Small Grants Scheme. There are two more dates for grant applications to be submitted.	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC CS informed that the BCIC have a meeting the next evening. She understood that Ross McKay, the Car Park architect, had been in touch with SAC Engineers re- the connections to the main road from the Car Park and expected to know by the end of the week. He had received a positive reply from the planners re-the height restrictors and felt there would not be a problem with these.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the latest CF meeting, which once again featured a large number of grant applications. These were all approved, namely: Carrick Academy Parent Council (£2,073); Carrick Rugby Club (£1,170); CCCF – Scotland Reaching Out (£3,750); Dunure Harbour (£10,115); Fisherton Primary School (£6,000) all from the Wider 20% fund, and from the Main Fund, Ailsa Horizons (£158,316) for the proposed purchase of the former Davidson Hospital building, which was agreed. Money is required to hire legal experts to draw up clauses</p> <p>There was also a presentation by Peter Linton on plans for the new Girvan Swimming Pool complex. It was predicted the pool would run at a loss of £200,000 per annum.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that neither she nor AR had attended the December 2013 meeting. From the minutes, the main points were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The end of the Carrick Tourism project.</i> The Carrick Heritage Trail is now largely completed. The Carrick Tourism Development Project is also now effectively finished. This will be launched on 9th January. <i>New Carrick Way Group</i> The steering Group will meet week beginning 13th January. <i>Planning Issues, Maidens</i> <i>Community Empowerment Bill</i> The consultation ends on 24th January. <p>There were no grant applications this meeting.</p> <p>AR then reported on the meeting held on 14th January 2014.</p> <p>There had been 5 grant applications to the Wider 20% fund (see above at b) Carrick Futures).</p> <p><i>Carrick Tourism Development Project:</i> To be signed off shortly. The CC noted that David Bett Associates had now erected the Barrhill Heritage Panel. Those who had seen it agreed it looked good. CS will contact DB to acknowledge.</p> <p><i>Flowerbeds:</i> Concern that SAC are to grass over these. CS had not received email notification of this. Noted there are none in Barrhill.</p> <p><i>Carrick Way & Community Empowerment:</i> See above at b) Carrick Futures.</p> <p><i>CCCF Reaching Out Project:</i> This is reverse genealogy. A similar Irish venture has been very successful with large numbers tracing their family trees.</p> <p><i>Bruce Eco- Museum:</i> To link in with the Bruce Trail—not a traditional museum.</p> <p>JMcD then spoke of his SAC budget report. This has been set at £246 million of which only £34 million is raised from the Council Tax. The Roads budget has not been increased. From April 2014, there will be a newly formed Ayrshire Roads Authority.</p>	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>AR informed of the following applications since the previous meeting, already circulated:</p> <p>The Forestry Commission for an access road just north of Eldrick; one from David Bett on behalf of the CC for the erection of the Heritage Trail Board, which is part of the CCCF Tourism Project. It is to be sited in the Hall grounds at the corner of Gowlands Terrace; and the erection of a met mast at Chirmorrie Farm by Falck Renewables.</p> <p>On the decisions list is the approval for the Hall refurbishment.</p> <p>AR apologised for not informing of an application for the Mark Hill sub-station. This was</p>	

	down under Pinwherry and had not been noticed. DR informed that the next list would include one from him. Noted.	
9	Joint Meeting BCC/BMHCA/BCIC	
	After discussion. it was agreed that for this first joint meeting the representatives would be DR, CS, AS and JT.	DR,CS AS,JT
10	Breaker Hill Windfarm	
	CS informed of correspondence received from Pinwherry & Pinmore CC, requesting Barrhill CC objects to the revised planning application for the proposed Breaker Hill Windfarm. CS asked JMcD if the CC could do this without first consulting the wider community. On being informed this was possible CS said she would be prepared to propose that the CC objects to Breaker Hill. There followed a discussion with some feeling it was not up to the CC to object while others commented that the CC did not know the opinion of the community. Another felt there were turbines everywhere already and this was just some more. P & P CC have consulted all their residents and have a mandate to object to any further turbine developments in its area and beyond (except very small ones on individual farms). The decision was taken that the BCC could not comply with Pinwherry & Pinmore CC's request to object. CS to inform Roger Pirrie accordingly.	CS
11	Correspondence	
	<i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i> NHS Ayrshire & Arran: various communications including Suicide Prevention Training; Focus Group on Day Hospital services for older people: and Lay Member vacancies. Scottish Rural Parliament: This is being organised for the inaugural parliament in late 2014. . CCs asked to register an interest. This was agreed – CS to register Barrhill CC.	CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	My Bus' vehicle: CS had received comments about the high number of times this is seen in Barrhill, at almost the same time as the service bus and asked JMcD what the criteria are for booking it. Informed that criteria are on the website. Noted. Eileen Howat, SAC Chief Executive: CS informed she is to attend the August CC meeting. SAYLSA: Phone call received prior to meeting inviting a Barrhill CC representative to a meeting in Ayr the following week. AS unable to attend this time and no-one else available. Community Bus: CS trying to arrange the next trip in February—details will be posted. Bus Shelter: AR reported the bus shelter at the foot of Wallace Terrace is notably 'leaning'. JMcD will report this. Dog Fouling: AR reported this is once again a problem in the village. CS to put up posters. Power Lines at Dochroyle: JT informed of longer and more frequent power cuts due to falling trees. Some trees are cut down while others, likely to fall at the next gale, are not. JT had spoken to the workers, to no avail. Blocked overflow: This is on the B7027 near the East Altercannoch road end, near the 'Barrhill' sign. There is still a flooded area outside the school. JMcD will report these matters. Creeside Power cuts: SR reported the same problem as the Dochroyle line above, between Artnoch and Creeside. Agreed that CS will contact the Forestry Commission. Carbon Monoxide Monitors: A member of the public brought information on the proposed purchase of these by Pinwherry & Pinmore CC, with Hadyard Hill funding – one per household and felt this was a suitable project for Barrhill. After discussion, it was felt this was more appropriate for the BCIC to consider. CS and JT will take to the next meeting. Potholes: DR, and others, once again brought up the atrocious condition of the roads in the area, particularly the A714, and also the minor roads. Unsatisfactory repairs are carried out in appalling weather and don't last. JMcD will relay to the Roads section. Loose Coping Stones: AC reported these loose again, on the bridge at the Newton Stewart end of the village. JMcD will report this to SAC bridges section. <i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i>	JMcD CS JMcD CS CS, JT JMcD JMcD
	Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 26th February 2014 at 7.30pm</u> Meetings for remainder of 2014 <u>Wednesdays 26th March, 23rd April, 28th May, 25th June,</u> <u>27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November.</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in July or December</u>	