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

| No | Item | Action |
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| | <p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), 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: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC), PCs Graham Barclay (GB) & Fraser Campbell (FC) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).</p> | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| | None received | |
| 2 | Police | |
| | <p>PC Barclay informed of 2 crimes since the last CC meeting: one male was reported for a Road Traffic Offence between 27th August and 24th September and another for a contravention under the Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 between 24th September and 22nd October.</p> <p>There were 12 incidents between 27th August and 24th September: 7 neighbour disputes; 1 incident of a dog loose on the A714; 2 domestic incidents: and 1 complaint.</p> <p>Between 24th September and 22nd October there were another 3 incidents, one involving a BT line down and 2 relating to road traffic.</p> <p>AC enquired if there had been a decision yet regarding a move into the Girvan Hospital. No decision had been made. DR reported that the speed sign on the Main Street has not been operational for some weeks and although he had reported it some time ago to George Fiddes it was still defective. GB and FC said they would look into this.</p> <p>They were thanked for their report by DR and then left the meeting.</p> | GB/FC |
| 3 | Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 27th August 2014 | |
| | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by MB, seconded SR. | |
| 4 | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| | <p>Item 2: Police: It was noted that the problem regarding the obscured vision at the bridge was now remedied as overgrown vegetation had been cut back that afternoon.</p> <p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Litter Bin: PL asked for confirmation that there now was a litter bin at the bus stop opposite the Trout Inn. This was given, although it was pointed out it was not a new one but one of the two situated outside the shop. The remaining one at that location was not of sufficient capacity but MB stated he hoped to exchange this single bin with the double one sited at the entrance to the Martyrs' Tomb Path, which was of far bigger capacity than needed at that location.</p> <p>CS informed that the bin at the other bus stop at the south end of the village had now not been emptied for several weeks, the truck being observed to drive round the island and not stopping. This is a regular occurrence.</p> <p>Textile Recycling Bin: Despite CS contacting SAC this bin is still in place on the waste ground. JT will enquire at the school as the bin was relocated from there.</p> <p>War Memorial: PL informed that this is still progressing. Ongoing.</p> <p>Refuse Bins on Road: PL had passed on the details to the appropriate section of SAC who had investigated this matter, trying on two occasions to contact the owners at the premises to no avail. Ongoing</p> <p>Defibrillator: See Item 9</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: AR had emailed Mitch Rankin of SPR, who informed that they were not responsible for the road until the gates were reached and doubted that it was within SPR's remit. He will, however, arrange for photographs to be taken of the road junction in the meantime and suggested that the CC contact SPR. Some members had thought it was agreed some time ago by SPR that they would paint a white 'Stop' sign on the road. CS will try to find reference in past minutes and AR will try to investigate further with SPR and hope to also take photos.</p> | PL JT PL PL CS/AR |

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| | <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report: AR regretted she had not yet sent off the required form to SAC, so the administration grant is still to be received. Ongoing</p> <p>Obscured Vision at Bridge: See above at Item 2: Police</p> <p>Item 7: Small Grants Scheme: CS had placed a poster on the notice board but so far there had been no applications. AC will post one on the webpage—CS to forward.</p> <p>Item 12: Correspondence: WW1 Centenary Commemoration: CS had spoken with the Head Teacher of Barrhill Primary, who was keen for the children to be involved but understandably nothing was yet organised due to the school refurbishment and the move out of the Hall. He was interested to know of BMHCA's plans for the Coffee Morning. AR will try to contact him.</p> <p>Item 13: AOB: Footpath up to the Station: It was noted with relief that the overgrown vegetation had all been cut back that morning, at long last.</p> <p>Knowe Road Drains: CS had received an email that day from Kevin Braidwood, who informed that the culverts had been cleared and are inspected on a regular basis. He has instructed the Girvan Depot Supervisor to carry out an inspection to ensure there are no issues. JT again informed that it was a question of clearing out the tile pipe. CS will again contact KB.</p> <p>AS also pointed out ongoing problem with the faulty drain at 19/20 Wallace Terrace.</p> <p><i>All other matters arising on the agenda.</i></p> | <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> |
| 5 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> | |
| | <p>AR reported there was £2,700 in the account, with the administration grant of £600 awaited. One cheque had been paid out since the last meeting.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Updates</p> | |
| | <p>a) BCIC JT reported on the most recent meeting held on 10th October.</p> <p>Car Park: There was no further news on the Car Park, with the architect still waiting for the Building Warrant. It is hoped things will now finally be resolved after Councillor Clark's intervention.</p> <p>A contractor has now been engaged to rebuild the stone dyke and work is scheduled to commence on Monday 27th October.</p> <p>Arnshean Park: The boundary fence between Solway Precast land and that now owned by BCIC has been fenced off. The views of the community will be sought as to what the park should be used for.</p> <p>Waste Ground: This has now been cleared but there are still problems being discussed regarding how best to develop it.</p> <p>Bus Trip to Ireland: This had been enjoyed by all who went but there was disappointment that 5 persons failed to turn up without explanation and the money spent could not be recouped.</p> <p>Winter Fuel Payment. CS informed that this had been agreed again for this year and also that the latest Community Bus Trip to Dumfries on Sunday 12th October had been enjoyed by all.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AS informed that at the last CF meeting it had been agreed to fund the SCCL swimming pool project to the amount of £250,000.</p> <p>AC informed that not all the grant applications had been successful, with the ones from Carrick Sports Club and the Maybole Festival being rejected. Others had only been granted part of the money requested.</p> <p>CF had held their first meeting with the new Secretariat, Foundation Scotland (FS), in attendance, and had been impressed by their method of working. All grant applications had been fully assessed by FS, with analysis done on what was needed so that the grant awarded gives value for money.</p> <p>DR reminded all CF members that the CF AGM is being held the following night. Several CF members on the CC will be in attendance.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the meeting on 9th September. The main points were as follows:</p> <p>Foundation Scotland is now the new Grant Administrator for Carrick Futures. Their representative was present throughout the meeting and briefly addressed the members.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Strategy Group: Meeting on 14th October. The Scotland Reaching Out project has made an initial enquiry to the Lottery Fund.</p> <p>Draft of updated CCCF Development Strategy: This has now been completed.</p> | |

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| | <p>CCCF AGM: This will be held on 11th November. Peter Mason informed that he will be stepping down as Chair.</p> <p>Wider 20% Fund Applications: Two applications had been approved – for Maybole Brownies and Carrick Sports club. CS had queried the amount requested by the former, which she felt was excessive.</p> <p>Carrick Way: Chris Saunders gave an update on progress. A list of landowners had been compiled and a formal meeting will be held shortly to draw up formal agreements.</p> <p>CS attended the meeting on 14th October – the main points were as follows.</p> <p>CCCF Development Strategy: A speaker from Maldwyn Associates addressed the meeting on the completed draft update. CS will forward the summary of this to all and asked for comments to be sent ASAP. Copy also to be sent to PL.</p> <p>Roads Alliance Reporting: Kevin Braidwood of Ayrshire Roads Alliance addressed the meeting. He then answered numerous questions regarding the poor state of local roads. He stressed the importance of reporting road defects either on the SAC or the Ayrshire Roads Alliance websites.</p> <p>He reported that a contractor had now been engaged to cut back excessive vegetation growth on footpaths/bridge sightlines etc. The Barrhill station footpath will be the first to be dealt with. Two ‘hotboxes’ had been purchased, which should give better pothole repairs and more staff will be recruited for the Girvan depot - currently only 7 employees.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism: Scotland Reaching Out: Awaiting funding from the Big Lottery.</p> <p>AGM: As previously discussed, this will take place on 11th November. With the Chair stepping down, he asked that CCs give some thought to appointing a new Chair.</p> <p>d) Joint Meeting: BCC/BCIC/BMHCA: CS reported that this was held on 25th September. It was felt it was a useful meeting and was addressed by Cara Gillespie from Foundation Scotland, the new grant administrator for Carrick Futures. She informed on the background of the company and their forthcoming role with CF</p> <p>Barrhill Action Plan: AS stressed the importance of updating this plan. It was agreed to refer this to the BCIC to arrange for it to be updated.</p> <p>Car Park/Hall Refurbishment: The current situation on these was given to the meeting by the relevant organisations.</p> <p>Memorial Coffee Morning: AR informed that BMHCA are to hold a Memorial Coffee morning on Saturday 8th November to commemorate the Centenary of World War 1, with proceeds going to the Erskine Hospital. All offers of help will be appreciated.</p> <p>Arcleoch Leisure Facilities: This was discussed but it was decided not to proceed with Jim Wilson’s proposal. It was suggested that if some businesses were interested they could work together on this themselves.</p> | <p>ALL CS</p> <p>ALL</p> |
| 7 | <p>Feedback from Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund Meeting</p> | |
| | <p>DR gave an update on this meeting attended by him, AC and AS at New Luce on 30th September. Agreement between the communities and SPR had been reached and SPR had laid out their plans for distribution of benefit funds. There will be 3 elements, which will be split on an annual basis as follows:-</p> <p>Payments to individual Community Council/local funds: 50% of the annual payment</p> <p>Payments to wider, regional fund: 40% of the annual payment</p> <p>Payments to local endowment funds: 10% of the annual payment</p> <p>The four Community Council areas that surround the proposed Kilgallioch Windfarm are Barrhill Community Council and Kirkcowan Community Council, New Luce Community Council and Old Luce Community Council (serving the village of Glenluce), these latter 3 in Dumfries & Galloway.</p> <p>The communities and SPR have agreed that this 50% of the total annual Community Benefit Fund payments will be split equally, i.e. 25% each, between these four Community Council areas, each receiving 12.5% of total fund. (Approx. £175K)</p> <p>Of the 10% Endowment Fund, each of the 4 CCs will receive 2.5% of the total fund.</p> <p>During the construction phase a percentage of the Community Benefit Payments will be made in advance when a further three Community Council areas will qualify to receive a proportion of Community Benefit Fund payments.</p> <p>From day 1 of construction, 20% will be taken in years 1 and 2 from the annual payment due in the first year of full operation and will be brought forward prior to Kilgallioch Windfarm becoming operational. In the 3rd year this will be 10% (to represent 6 months of</p> | |

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| | <p>construction). These payments will be extended to include three additional Community Council areas affected by the local transport routes. Payments will be split equally, i.e. a 1/7 each. Pinwherry & Pinmore and Girvan CCs are included. It is thought each will receive £40K (twice) and £20K from the commencement of construction in February 2015, to the expected operational start of the windfarm in the summer of 2017.</p> <p>AS stressed the importance of the future of the legacy money (endowment fund) for the community, which covered 25 years and would be used for long-term investment purposes in order to continue to benefit each community after the windfarm is no longer operational. This had to be thought through very carefully indeed. This was agreed.</p> | |
| 8 | Planning Application | |
| | AR reported only one relevant to Barrhill on the list for the week of 3 rd October. This was the pre-planning application for the Altercannoch Windfarm. The August decisions list contained approval for the School House. Noted. | |
| 9 | Public Access Defibrillator | |
| | Correspondence received from the Scottish Ambulance Service was discussed, having been emailed out to all. It was agreed to apply for one of the Public Access Defibrillators and also for one of the cabinets in view of the low temperatures that may occur in the winter. CS to complete the application form, which has to be submitted by 20 th November. CS will also communicate with the Ballantrae surgery on this matter. | CS |
| 10 | Correspondence | |
| | <p>CS informed of the usual correspondence from NHS Ayrshire & Arran. This included information on Health & Wellbeing and a forthcoming Dental Showcase Event. Noted</p> <p>After her attendance at the previous CC meeting, Eileen Howat had emailed detailed information on the issues raised at the meeting. Noted</p> <p>Wickstead Playgrounds: Information may be useful in future.</p> <p>Barrhill Memorial Hall: Dave Holtom had informed of a letter received from BMHCA's solicitor confirming that at long last the Hall Trustees have been provided with a Land Certificate from the Land Registry confirming ownership of the Memorial Hall and Bowling Green. All documents pertaining to this are kept at the Newton Stewart office of A & A. Matthews. This was noted by all.</p> <p>GreenPower Community Benefit Consultation Event (Proposed Millenderdale Windfarm) 30th October: This had previously been circulated – DR and AC will attend. Any other items had been emailed to members.</p> | DR/AC |
| 11 | AOB Council Members/Members of the Public | |
| | <p>School Playground Equipment: CS had been astonished to learn that money intended by SAC to replace the playground equipment at the newly refurbished school had been used up as the work went over budget and there was no equipment in the playground. JMCD will investigate should the efforts of the Head Teacher prove fruitless. Ongoing</p> <p>BMHCA Dance/Memorial Coffee Morning: AR informed of the forthcoming fundraising dance to be held on 21st November. It is hoped it will be well attended. She also reminded of the Memorial coffee morning to be held on Saturday 8th November, which it is hoped all will attend. The money raised will be for the Erskine Hospital.</p> <p>Road Traffic Accident at Creeside: SR reported on the latest accident at Creeside, where a lorry had been forced into the ditch resulting in the A714 being blocked for some hours. This had occurred at the site of a previous accident back in August and the deep track created then on the grass verge was still in place and had contributed to the latest accident.</p> <p>Remembrance Day Wreath: MB enquired as to the wreaths brought to the Remembrance Day Service as last year there had not been one for the CC to lay. He was aware that this had already been raised by CS at the CCCF meeting. JMCD informed that the CC could request an extra wreath for the CC. This request was agreed. JMCD will arrange.</p> <p>Cats' Eyes: DR enquired if the newly resurfaced stretch of road on the A714 at Pinmore would have cats' eyes put in place, as had occurred with the previous resurfacing work. JMCD did not know but as the previous installation appeared to have occurred after the road works were completed, the situation will be monitored.</p> <p>Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS referred to the letter received some time ago from the consultants acting for the Chirmorrie Windfarm, previously forwarded to all asking for comments. Few had replied and a response to the letter was now imperative. It was agreed</p> | <p>ALL</p> <p>JMCD</p> <p>ALL</p> |

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| | <p>that the questions asked re-the EIA consultation were not in the CC's remit. CS to reply to this effect and enquire as to when information, expected in February/March, will be given to the CC.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p> | CS |
| | <p>Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 7.30pm</u> Meetings for remainder of 2014 <i>NB. There is no meeting in December.</i></p> | |