

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd April 2014
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<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), PC James Wales (JW) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	None received.	
2	Police	
	<p>PC Wales reported no actions from the previous meeting. There had been 6 incidents since, however, 3 of which were reports of a crime. The other 3 were; a road traffic accident; report of a sheep on the road; and a disturbance call. Of the 3 crimes recorded 2 were reported and enquiries are ongoing with regard to the third.</p> <p>JW informed that the Police request a continual lookout for any suspicious persons or vehicles in the surrounding area and if seen, Police should be informed along with any information that could lead to identification. A recent theft was of machinery valued at £60,000 from Grangeston. 2 persons have been reported for fuel thefts which have occurred across the Ayrshire Division.</p> <p>JW was thanked by DR for his report and then left the meeting.</p>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26th March 2014	
	These were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AR.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>Drainage/Broken Kerbstones: Still ongoing: a repair line has been issued for the kerbstones but as it is non-urgent will only be done 'when resources become available'.</p> <p>Station Footpath: Ongoing—responsibility of Parks section.</p> <p>Bus Shelter: No action—still noticeably at a slant.</p> <p>Blocked Overflow on B7027: Still blocked: Roads Alliance informed that repair lines will be issued for blocked culverts 'as soon as RMS becomes available'.</p> <p>With reference to the above matters, CS reported that she had received an email (circulated) from Kevin Braidwood (KB) of the Roads Alliance, expressing disappointment that he had received notification from JMcD rather than direct from the CC. CS had a reply drafted out ready to send (along with anything in addition from tonight's meeting), explaining that it was policy to inform the SAC representative of any matters raised at CC meetings, who then relays it to the relevant department.</p> <p>Joint meeting: DR informed that he, AC, AS and JT had attended this on 27th March on behalf of the CC. Plans of the Hall had been shown by BMHCA and these, along with amended ones for the Car Park, will be shown at a forthcoming joint Open Day by BCIC and BMHCA.</p> <p>The next joint meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May. DR had contacted Councillor Clark to see if he would be available to chair the meeting but as he cannot AR, Chair of BMHCA, agreed to chair the meeting if required. DR, AS, CS and JT will attend for the CC.</p> <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report: CCCF £50 cheque – still ongoing as meeting not attended. AR will deliver ASAP.</p> <p>Logging trucks using B7027: PL informed that Tommy Thorburn, SAC's Engineering Officer on the new Roads Alliance Team, which participates in the Dumfries & Galloway Co-ordinating Group, had informed that this road is a 'consultation route' with a 'gentleman's agreement' in place not to use it, which the majority of drivers adhere to. He will take any available evidence to the group. AS informed there had been very few vehicles lately.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had tried again with the Scottish Ambulance Service's website, to no avail. She had then phoned and been given an email address to contact but to date had not received a reply. Ongoing.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>DR, AC AS, JT</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p>

	Item 12: AOB: Litter Bin: PL informed that this matter had been raised with SAC and there was no problem. Another bin will be installed, for which the CC was grateful.	
5	Treasurer's Report	
	AR circulated copies of the last month's accounts. As stated at Item 4 above, the invoice to the CCCF requesting payment of £50 towards administration costs is still to be paid, due to circumstances beyond AR's control. Additionally, the completion of the accounts had been delayed but they will shortly be submitted to SAC for auditing. She informed that the BMHCA had reduced their rental charge from £125 to £65 due to the reduction in hall size available at meetings and this had enabled the 2 donations agreed at the previous meeting to be for £45 each, the amounts left once an outstanding cheque had been paid. CS will arrange for delivery of the cheques to the Wee Whist Club and the Arnshen Fellowship Group, the latter's being for a contribution to their Hall costs. With the £100 compensation received from BOS and the £100 underspend on the CF Small Grants Scheme, the sum of £203.99 remained in the CC accounts. DR thanked AR for her report.	AR CS
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC CS informed there had not been a meeting since the previous CC meeting, but one was scheduled for two days time, Friday 25th April. There was therefore not much to report, except to confirm the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnshen Park: The sale of this is due to conclude on Friday 25th April. • Garden Contract: The contractor has commenced the grass cutting of gardens. • Public Statement: The next statement will cover two meetings: • Car Park: It was ascertained that the late response from SAC Planning was 30 days over the targeted 21 days, which was viewed by all as most unsatisfactory. The new plans for the structure will be put to an Open Meeting before submission to SAC. <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed there was no meeting to report on and also informed that yet another CF Director had resigned, one of the Girvan representatives. AS was still awaiting confirmation of his appointment as the second Barrhill representative, having submitted the application forms to Ailsa Horizons. The issues with the Secretariat re- the Davidson Hospital and the Barr playpark are still ongoing.</p> <p>c) CCCF Neither CS nor AR had attended the 8th April meeting, nor had the minutes yet been circulated. From the agenda it was noted there was a speaker, Jim Wilson, on the 'Scotland Reaching Out' project. There were no 20% fund applications. JMCD had been present and confirmed the presence of the speaker. The usual items had also been discussed.</p> <p>d) Joint Meeting (BCC/BCIC/BMHCA) DR felt this had gone well, with progress being made. (Next meeting 13th May.)</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	AR reported only one application relevant to Barrhill. This was for 38 Main Street, the owners applying for an extension to the rear to form a new kitchen and utility room, with a master bedroom upstairs and a workshop to the rear of the garden. Noted	
8	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i></p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran communications: Bowel Screening Event; Customer Care Service Survey; Patient & Carer Panel Member information (Cancer); and Local Pharmacy opening times for the Easter weekend. (The latter did not arrive until Easter Saturday!)</p> <p>Wicksteed Playscapes: Play equipment.</p> <p>Barrhill Angling Club: Letter of thanks for grant received and receipt for the cost of the rainbow trout re-stocking.</p> <p>Ayrshire Roads Alliance: DR had received confirmation that this new Roads Alliance was inaugurated on 1st April.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR had received an email from Siobhan McLaughlin of SPR (copied to CS) offering to come to Barrhill and give an update on progress. Unfortunately the CC meeting dates were not convenient for her. After discussions on suggested dates, 22nd May was decided upon. DR to contact SMcL.</p> <p>Pinwherry & Pinmore CC: DR informed of an email received (copied to CS) repeating the request for Barrhill CC to object to the proposed Breaker Hill Windfarm. Members pointed out</p>	DR

	that this had already been discussed at the CC meeting of 2 nd January and no action taken. CS also informed that P & P CC had stressed that they had consulted their community on a blanket ban on windfarms, which had received approval, but most members felt each application for a windfarm should be considered separately. CS had sent through to Roger Pirrie a copy of her previous reply for clarification. Noted	
9	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>New Luce Road: CS informed that she had received a complaint from a resident concerning the atrocious state of this road, in particular the stretch between the cattle grid above the railway station and the one at Dochroyle roadend. This was included in the report to be sent to Kevin Braidwood. Noted</p> <p>Pinwherry & Pinmore CC were arranging for the Head of the new Roads Alliance to come to answer questions at a forthcoming meeting. Barrhill CC will be able to send representatives to this. CS will inform when the date has been confirmed.</p> <p>CS has received a suggestion that a seat be placed on the grass verge at the top of the hill on Main Street. Noted for a possible future grant application.</p> <p>Community Bus: CS informed that the next trip, hopefully on Saturday 17th May, will be announced shortly, to Dumfries House and Cumnock Factory Outlet. Posters to be put up.</p> <p>Girvan Community Garden Visit: CS reminded of the forthcoming visit on Saturday and hoped volunteers would turn out to assist in the garden project.</p> <p>Jim Wilson: CS referred to an offer from Jim Wilson, the author of a report on the prospects for leisure activities at Arecleoch Windfarm, to address the CC on this subject. Agreed that this would be suitable for a future meeting, perhaps in June. CS will make enquiries.</p> <p>Hosting of Website Renewal: AC informed that this had now been paid for.</p> <p>B7207 Knowe Road: JT was still concerned re-the blocked drainage on this road and informed it only required a drainage rod to clear it. To be included in the above report.</p> <p>B734 Near Almont Farm: AR again expressed concern about the length of time the traffic lights had been in position here, with no sign of ongoing works.(To be reported as above)</p> <p>Wallace Terrace Playpark: AR had been asked by parents to raise the matter of the absent chute in the playpark. While it was acknowledged that a new swing had been installed, there were already swings and the children missed their chute. JMCD will investigate.</p> <p>Commonwealth War Graves: PL passed on written information from Lizzie Linton.</p> <p>South Carrick Community Leisure: PL gave an update on this project and informed that a business plan was now required. The plans for an £8 million project had been abandoned as they were not viable, with the appointed architect now suspended from the project. There had been a return to plans that are viable, which are to build something more modest in size, almost half of the previous plans, but which will still have most of the facilities. The projected costs are now £5 million all inclusive.</p> <p>The question now is who will be responsible for the running of the premises? It is hoped to appoint a professional management team, obtain charitable status and apply for grants to various sources. Already several applications are being submitted and the windfarm companies will also be approached. It is hoped to lodge the planning application by the end of 2014/January 2015 with work commencing mid-2015 and completion by the second half of 2016.</p> <p>DR thanked PL for the informative update.</p> <p>Road adjacent to Primary School. DR reported the deep potholes in the road surface outside the school, possibly as a result of the heavy equipment used for the refurbishment of the building. CS to inform Kevin Braidwood.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.50pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>CS</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 28th May 2014 at 7.30pm (AGM + scheduled monthly meeting)</u></p> <p>Meetings for remainder of 2014</p> <p>Wednesdays</p> <p>25th June</p> <p>27th August, 24th September</p> <p>22nd.October,26th November</p> <p>NB. There are no meetings in July or December</p>	