

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Sarah Redman (SR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC), Sgt Kevin McKeown (KMck) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team). Jim Wilson (JW) (Wilson McKenzie)</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p>	
	<p>Ann Robertson (AR)</p>	
2	<p><b>Police</b></p>	
	<p>Sergeant McKeown reported that while there were no actions from the previous meeting, Police have attended some 7 incidents since then. There has, however, been no reported crime. One incident concerned a tree having fallen onto the A714 verges.</p> <p>Further to previous reports of rural thefts in the South Carrick area Police Scotland would be interested to hear from anyone who may have seen a blue Ford transit tipper style vehicle in the area, possibly with an orange light on the cabin roof.</p> <p>There has again been a report of persons attending at farms allegedly looking for scrap metal and possibly using a white transit van.</p> <p>A house was broken into in Pinwherry during the day on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June and a male was seen walking nearby on the A714 at 12noon. Police would be interested to hear from anyone who may have seen him.</p> <p>AS referred to what appears to be an abandoned lorry trailer parked near Burnside on the B7027. This will be investigated.</p> <p>KMcK was thanked by DR for his report and he then remained at the meeting.</p>	<p align="right">KMck</p>
3	<p><b>Speaker: Jim Wilson</b></p>	
	<p><b>Tourism &amp; Leisure Strategy for Arecleoch</b></p> <p>DR introduced the speaker, Jim Wilson (JW) from Wilson McKenzie, who had been invited to speak on his report. JW gave a brief outline of his background. Originally from Ayr, he had worked in Argyll &amp; Bute and had been a consultant for 20 years. He was commissioned by SPR and Ailsa Horizons to produce a planning access report and a Tourism &amp; Leisure Strategy for Arecleoch. The S.W.O.T. analysis identified both strengths and weaknesses of the project. Strengths included, among several, the attractive rural environment and the local railway station on the main Stranraer to Glasgow line.</p> <p>The future of the local school is seen as a priority and he noted the change in situation since the report was first published, SAC having spent over £1million on its refurbishment. The Memorial Hall, with its multiple role, is viewed as the hub of the community and this also is due for refurbishment. Weaknesses include a shortage of overnight accommodation for visitors and the loss of local businesses over the past 16 years. While there are threats, so are there opportunities, however, and Local Access Officers (Rangers) could be created.</p> <p><b>Archaeology</b> There is considerable archaeology within Arecleoch Forest, which is well documented, with 10 scheduled sites being identified, not to mention innumerable scheduled monuments in the vicinity</p> <p>JW then invited questions, with DR asking ‘what is the best way forward’. It was accepted that an action plan would have to be produced. AS referred to the publicity required and the accommodation. Mention was made of the former Turnberry Airfield and its history, which had been investigated and publicised, also the Civil War history of Sorn.</p> <p>AC enquired about public access, which aspect SPR did not seem favourably inclined towards. JW felt that the ‘Scotland Reaching Out’ project, which Ailsa Horizons had assisted with, could help with this.</p> <p>The question of low level horse riding was also discussed.</p> <p>DR then thanked JW for his talk and asked that all Community Councillors think of a possible way forward. JW then left the meeting.</p>	<p align="right">ALL</p>

4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b>	
	<p>As PL had to leave the meeting early, any items pertaining to his remit were now dealt with.</p> <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> PL had duly delivered the accounts for the financial year 2013-2014 to the SAC auditor, who found the books to be in order. PL now returned the accounts to the CC, to be returned to AR. He informed, however, that the auditor pointed out that the figures contained the Carrick Futures £2,500 small grants money and the audit of this was not part of the CC audit. Noted</p> <p><b>Litter Bin:</b> PL asked if this had now been installed, but it had not. MB stated that the men he had spoken to when the shop bins were emptied were adamant that there would be no extra bin at the bus stop opposite the Trout. PL said this was contrary to his information and he would make further enquiries.</p> <p><b>War Memorial:</b> PL gave an update on this, which is still ongoing due to the change within the organisation awarding grants. Now that the new one involves Historic Scotland things are more complicated, with more detailed tenders being sought. This has resulted in 2 of the 3 firms which tendered initially, withdrawing and the third tender being increased due to more detailed costs. The War Memorial is not a scheduled monument. Lizzie Linton is doing her utmost to negotiate this minefield and hopes a successful outcome will be possible – firms are being contacted again. Ongoing</p> <p><b>SCCL:</b> DR enquired about the current situation as regards SCCL and the new swimming pool. PL informed that a grant application for £1.1million has been submitted with the hope that the £4million balance out of the projected reduced total cost of £5million will still come from SAC, as previously agreed. The final decision will come at a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The tender for architectural services will go out shortly and hopefully plans will be submitted by the end of the year, with building commencing mid 2015. The viability of the project is worrying with rates alone anticipated to be £105K. This can hopefully be reduced.</p> <p><i>PL was thanked and then left the meeting at 8.30pm.</i></p> <p>The previous minutes were then approved; proposed by JT, seconded MB.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PL</p>
5	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes:</b></p> <p><b>Roads Matters:</b> With reference to the various items raised, CS was awaiting a reply from Kevin Braidwood of the Roads Alliance, who had been on holiday. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Defibrillator:</b> CS read out the reply (previously circulated), from the Practice Manager at Ballantrae surgery, following her email regarding attaching the machine to the Surgery's external wall. This was not a problem but information was given of required temperature conditions to be considered when positioning a defibrillator outside. CS had registered interest with NHS in obtaining one and requesting further information, which is still awaited. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Item 9: AOB: Station Footpath:</b> See above re-Kevin Braidwood.</p> <p><b>Refuse Bins on Road:</b> JMcd had not noticed this item regarding the complaint of refuse bins situated permanently on the road at the corner of a junction so no information was available. JT, however, was of the opinion, agreed by other members, that it should have been for action by PL. CS to email PL accordingly.</p> <p><b>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines:</b> AR had emailed that she had spoken to the site supervisor at Arecleoch/Mark Hill who will discuss this matter with Mitch Rankin and get back to her. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Obscured Vision at Bridge:</b> Kevin Braidwood's reply awaited re-this matter. CS enquired of KMck what view is taken by Police Scotland regarding road safety issues of this nature, where a risk is deemed to be present at the bridge at the south end of the village. In addition to the ongoing CC complaint, that evening she had received a complaint from a resident of Pinwherry about the risk of an accident at this location. KMck will view the location before leaving the village and if necessary, will contact the appropriate person.</p> <p><b>School Refurbishment Update:</b> DR reported on the meeting held between SAC and BMHCA on 29<sup>th</sup> May, which informed that the school refurbishment is 4 weeks late and will now finish at the end of the month. Once the school term finishes it is assumed the lease will end. It is hoped to remove the school furniture etc out of the hall during the first 2 weeks of the school holidays. Noted</p> <p><b>Chirmorrie Road:</b> DR referred to the newly repaired road, which was welcomed by all.</p> <p>Other matters arising are on the Agenda.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS/PL</p> <p>AR</p> <p>KMcK</p>

6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AR had emailed the information that her report was the same as the previous meeting, with the exception that the £2,500 Carrick Futures cheque had been received. Copies of her report were circulated.	
7	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> CS informed that although a short informal meeting was held in May there had been no further formal one since 25<sup>th</sup> April, reported on at the previous CC meeting, with the next one due tomorrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Car Park:</b> The new revised plans were shown to residents at the Joint Open Day held jointly by the CC, BCIC and BMHCA on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. 40 survey sheets had been completed on the day and these resulted in a majority in favour of the current plans, with the figures for each question relayed to the CC members. The plans will now be submitted shortly to SAC Planning.</li> <li>• <b>Martyrs' Tomb Walk:</b> The path is no longer blocked by fallen trees.</li> <li>• <b>Arnsheen Park:</b> The title deeds to Arnsheen Park were received from the solicitors on 14<sup>th</sup> May, following completion of the purchase.</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC informed there had been no CF meeting but that on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, interviews would take place for the new Secretariat for CF.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF</b> CS and AR had attended the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The main points were as follows:</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Bill Gray on the proposals for Locality Planning in South Ayrshire.</p> <p><b>20% Fund Applications:</b> All 3 applications were approved and recommended for funding from CF. These were: Carrick Centre, Maybole; Maybole Bowling Club; and Stepping Stones for Families.</p> <p><b>Carrick Tourism Activity: Development Project:</b> the website continues to be updated.</p> <p><b>Scotland Reaching Out:</b> further funding is required for various aspects.</p> <p><b>FAM visit:</b> a tour of the areas B &amp; Bs was successful.</p> <p><b>Bruce Trail:</b> an update was given on this.</p> <p><b>Carrick: Beyond the Tourist Guide:</b> there are still large numbers of these books left—agreed they can now be provided free as promotional material.</p> <p><b>Girvan Police Station:</b> The proposal that the Police vacate their current premises in Girvan and move out to the hospital had caused concern in Girvan at the prospect of yet another vacant property. The CCCF was also informed by Councillor Clark that Police Scotland is to start charging for attendance at some events.</p> <p>With regard to these Police matters, KMcK then informed the CC that a possible move to the Hospital is still in planning and negotiations are ongoing. He referred to the fact that a move would re-introduce a front counter service to the public, currently closed, and that a move made financial sense as the Police Station requires costly improvements to the fabric of the building. As to charges, the presence of Police Officers will continue to be free at the usual community events and KMcK did not foresee a problem arising. His comments were noted.</p>	
8	<b>Ayrshire Roads Alliance Update</b>	
	<p>DR reported on the Pinwherry &amp; Pinmore CC meeting, which he and AR attended on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, to hear a presentation by the Head of the new Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Stewart Turner (ST). The background to the formation of the new body was given and ST informed that the commissioned survey of the A714 was now completed. A list of priorities has been made and there a main budget review being undertaken. A section of road at Laigh Letterpin and another between Holmhead and Daljarrock will be repaired shortly. A 'pot tar' machine has been purchased to ensure correct repairs are carried out to potholes. White lines will be attended to. DR had queried the resurfacing work recently carried out to the Black Clachrie Road, where only one property was now permanently occupied and there were currently no school pupils. ST had explained that due to past complaints the criteria required for the defining matrix had been satisfied, leading to the repairs being finally carried out.</p> <p>DR felt the meeting was positive but it remained to be seen if things would indeed improve. JMcD had met with Keith Brown, SNP Transport Minister, and discussed an increase in capital funding. The reply had been 'no' to any increase being made available to Local Authorities. A 5 year project will be required to accomplish the road repairs.</p>	

	AS suggested thanking Roads Alliance for the Chirmorrie road improvements. CS had already acknowledged this in her correspondence with Kevin Braidwood. It was again stressed that it was important to place road complaints on the Roads website and AS felt photographs, if available, would also be useful.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	AR reported one relevant to Barrhill. This was a re-submitted application for an extension and workshop at 36 Main Street. Noted.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	CS informed that for once there had been no paper correspondence, all items being emailed and forwarded on to members or were on the Agenda. A reminder of the following was made: <b>SAC: Road Closure:</b> Drumlamford Road closed at present between 9.30am and 3pm. <b>RailQwest:</b> Email just received re -petition in support of the Crossrail electrification on the City Union Line in Glasgow.	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<b>Carrick Road Signs:</b> Several members commented on the newly erected 'Welcome to Carrick signs, which had been installed by CCCF at the entry points to the region, aiming to boost tourism in Carrick. These were welcomed by all although SR reported that some thought Creeside Farm had a new name, the sign being placed across from the farm! <b>Girvan Community Garden:</b> CS reminded of the poster received looking for volunteers to help with the SWRAGG flower displays at the station. To date there had been none. <b>Community Bus:</b> CS informed that the next trip was to Castle Douglas and/or Threave Gardens on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July. Noted <b>Flower Tubs:</b> CS reported the strange case of some of the village flower tubs being planted by SAC on the very day the Primary School was to do this with flowers purchased by the BCIC. On investigation JMcD was informed that SAC had always done them and he had been given photographs of 3 of the tubs planted recently. These tubs had most definitely not been planted by SAC for the previous 5 years as the school had carried out this task. It is extremely puzzling as to why SAC think they have done this each year. The CC therefore hopes SAC will continue to plant the tubs. The school managed to plant out the other village tubs and also school containers, which will be left outside the Hall for the summer. <b>Biosphere meeting of Dumfries &amp; Galloway Council:</b> CS had attended this at Glentrool Community Centre on 16 <sup>th</sup> June on a personal basis & while not learning anything new had found the meeting quite interesting. <b>Speed Activated Sign:</b> It was noted that this sign is now in position. CS thought it was not yet operational but was assured by others that it is. <i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i>	
	<b>Date &amp; Time of next Meeting</b> <b><u>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.30pm</u></b> <b>Meetings for remainder of 2014</b> <b><u>Wednesdays, 22<sup>nd</sup>, October, 26<sup>th</sup> November</u></b> <b><u>NB. There are no meetings in September or December</u></b>	