

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26TH February 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: Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC). PCs Gordon Thomson (GT) & David Painter (DP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Julie Campbell (JC) & Jim McClymont (JMcC) (Girvan Community Garden).</p>	
	Apologies for Absence	
	None received	
1	Police	
	<p>After the previous meeting there was an extra Police presence in light of the thefts communicated at that time. There had been 9 incidents of note since the last meeting, most of these being controlled, authorised shoots but also: 1 theft of oil from a farm in Barrhill; 1 incident of flooding; 1 road traffic matter: and 1 report of a suspicious person, resulting in an intelligence log being raised and extra attention for the area. Once again, GT and DP asked that the general public remain vigilant with regard to persons and vehicles acting suspiciously.</p> <p>DP again encouraged residents to be aware of the contact details to communicate and contact the local Community Police. The non-urgent telephone number is 101 and email address GirvanSouthCarrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk and the website is www.scotland.police.uk</p> <p>Girvan Office Police Officers are still available to talk to the public and consultations can be arranged by telephone or email.</p> <p>During questions DR informed that he had received reports regarding a golden labrador dog loose on the A714 at Glen Tachur and had asked the police to look into it. He was worried it would be hurt and/or cause an accident. The Police were aware of this matter. GT and DP were thanked by DR for their report and they then left the meeting.</p>	
2	Speakers Julie Campbell & Jim McClymont: Girvan Community Garden	
	<p>DR welcomed the speakers and introduced Julie and Jim. The CC had accepted an invitation to participate in a 'One Day Village Roadshow in April, which GCG are running as part of their National Lottery funding 'Get South Carrick Growing'. CS then explained that the CC members had been consulted as to a suitable task and it was agreed that the garden area formerly maintained by SAC at the start of the Martyrs' Tomb Walk would be the target. JC and JMcC then outlined the background to this event, the idea of which is to help residents with a small project to improve the appearance of the village. The work would only take a few hours but would make an improvement. Tools would be provided and there would also be a 'Seed Swap'. The date was scheduled for Saturday 26th April and GCG would send a poster advertising the event. JC hoped there would be helpers from the community on the day. She and JMcC would come and view the location beforehand and will contact CS to arrange. Questions were invited and DR then thanked JC and JMcC for their interesting talk. They then left the meeting.</p>	CS
3	Presentation: Peter Linton SAC Girvan/South Carrick Community Leisure Facilities	
	<p>PL gave an update on the final proposed plans of South Carrick Community Leisure (SCCL) and SAC for the new Girvan Leisure facilities at Girvan Harbour. The plans have reverted to the original design, which will cost £8 million to build. At one time costs of £12.5 million had been mentioned. Public consultations were held in November/ December last year as part of the planning development. SAC will invest half the money but as Project Manager PL is tasked with raising the remaining £4 million funding. A business plan is now required, which is nearing completion. Running costs of £200K are required from SAC and estimated energy costs are £150K. It is estimated there are 14,000 residents within 15 minutes travelling time who could use the facilities, and 20,000 within 20 minutes. In order to ascertain income numbers of users must be estimated. Various big funding bodies will be approached,</p>	

	<p>including the Lottery, hopefully for a £500,000 grant, and 'sportscotland'. There is a need for an ongoing revenue fund, with the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund being viewed as a possible source. The regeneration elements of the project will be emphasised e.g. new jobs.</p> <p>Questions were invited with enquiries about the Academy being a more suitable site and if there would be a gymnasium and soft play area, income from which could be set against costs. Further developments are expected in mid March.</p> <p>JMcD also referred to the harbour area as a whole being looked at.</p> <p>DR thanked PL for his update and the CC looks forward to the developments going ahead</p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 22nd January 2014	
	These were approved, proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Speed Activated Sign: CS informed that she had almost completed the application form, which would be submitted in time for the BCIC meeting on 18th March.</p> <p>Drainage/Broken Kerbstones: Still no action on this - JMcD will investigate further.</p> <p>Station Footpath: As above – no action as yet. JMcD to pursue this.</p> <p>Joint Meeting: The meeting between BCC, BMHCA and BCIC went ahead on Tuesday 28th January, with ACK in the Chair. It was considered a valuable meeting with hopes that in future there would not be any lack of communication between the groups. The meeting scheduled for the following evening had unfortunately had to be postponed, and is rescheduled for Thursday 27th March. Noted</p> <p>Item 12: AOB Council Members/Members of the Public: Bus Shelter: AR reported that the shelter was still at a slant, confirmed by other members. JMcD to pursue this also.</p> <p>Dog Fouling: CS had duly placed 2 posters in the village. Initially, it appeared to have had some effect but is again a problem. Efforts to be made to identify the culprit.</p> <p>Blocked Overflow on B7027: AC reported it was another matter that had not been remedied. JT informed that drainage rods are required here. JMcD will pursue the matter.</p> <p>Dochroyle Line/Creeside Power Cuts: CS had reported this to SP who acknowledged, stating a reply would be sent within 5 working days. This time had been passed some time ago and there was no response to date. CS to wait a few more days and then contact SP again.</p> <p>Carbon Monoxide Monitors: CS and JT had brought this matter to the last BCIC meeting. As time was short a discussion on the project was delayed until the next meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Potholes: This is still a big problem. JMcD agreed that repairs are of a poor quality and cited one hole in his neighbourhood where the repair only lasted 2 weeks. The situation continues to be pursued.</p> <p>Loose Coping Stones: AC informed that these had been repaired using cement.</p>	<p>CS,</p> <p>JMcD JMcD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JMcD</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS/JT JMcD</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AR circulated copies of the last month's accounts. An invoice had now been received from the CCCF requesting payment of £50 towards administration costs. It was agreed to pay this. AR will deliver the cheque. It was also agreed to purchase dog bags for distribution as before from the shop. DR will investigate prices. AR had received some expenses claims but more still to be submitted before the end of the financial year.	<p>AR</p> <p>DR</p>
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC CS and JT had attended the BCIC meeting on 23rd January. DR read out the main points from the public statement issued following this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts had been approved • There is a Director vacancy following the resignation of Tom Smillie. The vacancy will be filled in due course. • Representatives had attended the joint meeting with the CC and BMHCA. • Updates on current projects: there was little available information on these. • Winter Fuel Payments: 125 households had received £100 each for this. • Two bursaries had been awarded. • It is hoped that an Open Meeting will be held in early April for all members and residents. Date and time will be confirmed after the next Board meeting. <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed there had not been a CF meeting since the last CC meeting. He also informed that John McIlwraith had resigned from CF and from the CF Chair, which news was greeted with regret. There appeared to be contentious issues at</p>	

	<p>the moment within CF, involving Ailsa Horizons and a possible conflict of interest.. DR then informed that he and the Chairs of BMHCA (AR) and BCIC (Louba Hodgkinson) had attended a meeting that week with Julia of Ailsa Horizons regarding Barrhill's 30% (of 80%) Arecleoch funding. The document sent by Julia of Ailsa Horizons detailing the expenditure of the windfarm benefit fund was the subject of much discussion, with a need to clarify when the 18 month extension period for the Barrhill funding commenced, as this had led to a difference of opinion. The sum of £120K is involved and it is imperative that Barrhill has sufficient funds ring-fenced to ensure the completion of the Hall refurbishment. Some members had questions on the allocation and spending of funds, with monies being drawn for the Car Park because the Hall project has not yet started. These matters will be discussed at length at the joint meeting to be held on 27th March.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the 11th February meeting. CS informed there were no grant applications this meeting. Main points:</p> <p>CCCF Housing Report: A Housing Working Group to be set up—one volunteer required from each CC. (See Item10, Correspondence.)</p> <p>Reaching Out Project: Jim Wilson spoke on this and informed that the proposed website will have a data base management system with a Phase 1 target of end of April.</p> <p>Invoice to CC from CCCF for administration costs: See Item 6, Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Discussion on Proliferation of Windfarms in Carrick/Cumulative effects: Should the CCCF take a stance on this? Meeting reached conclusion that it was the decision of each CC itself to consider each application.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity: AO felt this was 'in limbo' since Bett Associates completed their project but the Chair said it was not finished with yet.</p> <p>Bruce Trail: The Working Group requires volunteers to work on this.</p> <p>Commonwealth Games Baton Relay: Claire Monaghan informed that this will be in South Ayrshire on 20th June but as yet the route is not planned.</p>	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	AR informed of the following applications since the previous meeting, already circulated: Queensland Holiday Park, which is not to comply with condition 1a of planning permission 08/00273/FUL. On the decisions list is the approval for the Forestry Commission access from the A714 near Corwar and for the CC for the erection of the information board at the Hall for the Tourist project done by the CCCF. AR also mentioned that the Tralorg Windfarm appeal was upheld, while the Corwar one was dismissed. Noted	
9	Small Grants Scheme	
	<p>There were 3 grant applications in this funding round, which had previously circulated to all CC members to read. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Barrhill Nursery School ii) Barrhill Bowling Club AR declared an interest as Chair of the Bowling Club. She informed that the Club had been quoted £6,000 for moss eradication. iii) BCIC Community Bus Fund. CS declared an interest, as the BCIC Director responsible for organising the bus trips. <p>All 3 applications were discussed in full and all were unanimously approved. CS will notify the applicants accordingly and deliver the grants. AR to write the cheques. :</p>	CS AR
10	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i></p> <p>CCCF: Draft Housing Report: A representative from the CC is required for this, but as the report identified Barrhill as having a low level of demand, following a discussion no-one was available. CS to inform CCCF accordingly.</p> <p>SAYLSA: Changes to SAYLSA Legal Form/AGM: There was an invitation for a representative from Barrhill CC to attend the AGM to be held on Saturday 8th March in Stranraer .Unfortunately no-one was available to attend. Decisions were made on the Resolutions and CS to complete the form and email through to SAYLSA.</p> <p>SAC Notice of Election to fill vacancies on Community Councils: This information had previously been circulated, along with nomination forms but CS reminded the 3 co-opted members that their terms expire on 31st March and they must complete a nomination form to have a chance to remain on the CC. Forms to be at the County Buildings by 6th March. She will post forms if they are completed. AS had already done so.</p> <p>Scottish Government: Planning Permission Appeal (Corwar Windfarm): The appeal was dismissed. Noted.</p> <p>Community Empowerment Conference: Edinburgh 6th May. Noted</p>	CS CS CS

	<p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Various communications including Ayrshire Diabetes Patient Conference/Action on Hearing/Mental Health & Wellbeing in Later Life Conference.</p> <p>SAC: 2014/15 Administration Grant: Reminder of procedures for this.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland</p>	
11	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>Commonwealth War Graves: CS informed that she had been intrigued by a newly installed sign on the gate into the Old Cemetery, which stated 'at this location there are Commonwealth War Graves.' She had contacted PL who had passed it on to Lizzie Linton of SAC. She replied that Dailly had also queried their similar sign and was already in communication with the CWG Commission. Apparently there are 4 such graves in Barrhill and once LL has received information she will forward this to Barrhill CC.</p> <p>Community Bus: CS informed the next trip is to Irvine on Saturday 15th March.</p> <p>BCC Email address: AC was looking into this matter, following the attempt by a member of the public to communicate with the CC Secretary, to no avail.</p> <p>Logging Trucks using the B7027: AS informed that these had recommenced and following identification of one lorry as a result of investigation by others, he had received a call at the house from the driver, giving the reason. This was the same as that given a few years ago when there was the same problem.</p> <p>Another resident of the Knowe Road has been communicating with the Forestry Commission on the matter.</p> <p>CS stated that it was now written into Forestry Commission contracts that the B7027 must not be used. It was not known if this was the case with private forestry companies.</p> <p>To await developments but in the meantime, PL will enquire into the criteria adopted by SAC for timber extraction, as it is involved in the brokerage for this.</p> <p>State of Village Signs: SR raised the matter of the filthy condition of these signs. It was agreed the dirty condition was very noticeable but AR and CS informed that this subject had been brought up at a CCCF meeting and that Health & Safety issues were involved.</p> <p>Blocked Drains: JT had previously raised this, which was discussed earlier.</p> <p>Litter at Mark Hill Roadend: AR referred to previous information of the amount of litter that had accumulated at the bottom of this road and that there had not been a dead puppy amongst it, which was a relief.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.50pm.</i></p>	<p>AC</p> <p>PL</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 26th March 2014 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p>Meetings for remainder of 2014</p> <p><u>Wednesdays 23rd April, 28th May (AGM), 25th June, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November.</u></p> <p><u>NB. There are no meetings in July or December</u></p>	