

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th March 2014
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: Clive Gardner (CG) (SAC), PCs Fraser Campbell (FC) & Graham Barclay (GB) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Sarah Redman (SR), Councillor John McDowall (JMCD) (SAC).	
2	Police	
	No Police present at this time.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26th February 2014	
	These were approved, proposed by AC, seconded JT.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Item 2: Speakers:-Girvan Community Garden: JC and JMCD from the GCG had contacted CS to arrange a viewing as agreed. She and DR had shown them the garden area of the Martyrs' Tomb Walk. JC and JMCD thought this a suitable area to tidy up and it is hoped members of the public will turn out to help on 26 th April. Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Speed Activated Sign: CS informed that she had submitted the application form, and was pleased to inform that at the BCIC meeting on 18 th March the application for a grant had been approved. The go-ahead had been given to Jim Webb of SAC to order the sign. Drainage/Broken Kerbstones: Still outstanding—JMCD to be informed. . Station Footpath: As above. Joint meeting: Next meeting is on 27 TH March. MB was to attend in place of CS but now unable to do so. AC agreed to attend, along with DR, AS and JT. Bus Shelter: No action—still noticeably leaning. JMCD to be reminded. Dog Fouling: All asked to remain vigilant re-this. MB informed that he had already given out large numbers of the new supply of 'dog bags'. See <i>Item 6: Treasurer's report</i> . Blocked Overflow on B7027: Still blocked—reminder to JMCD. Dochroyle Line/Creeside Power Cuts: CS had finally received a reply from the Tree Site Co-ordinator with SP, Simon Gavin, (SG) with positive results. This was followed by a further update (emailed to all). JT and SR were consulted and as they expressed satisfaction with this CS had replied to SPR agreeing to the enquiry being closed down. SG had suggested the CC should contact the relevant forestry companies to raise concerns regarding trees falling on power lines. Agreed to do this should the need arise. Carbon Monoxide Monitors: CS informed that this had been on the agenda at the BCIC meeting on 18 th March. It was agreed by BCIC that an item would be placed in the Public Statement to ascertain the level of interest in this matter. Item 6: Treasurer's Report: CCCF £50 cheque – ongoing. AR will deliver shortly. DR had investigated prices of dog bags and been given approval via email to purchase. Item 7: Updates: CCCF Housing Report: CS apologised for not yet contacting David Bone to inform there would be no Barrhill CC representative. SAYLSA: CS had emailed the CC's resolutions vote. She had been informed that the AGM was viewed as a success. Item 11: AOB: Commonwealth War Graves: CS informed no information received as yet. BCC Email address: AC informed that DH had not returned his email or call, but had contacted CS. (See <i>Item 11, Correspondence: Hosting of Website Renewal.</i>) Logging trucks using B7027: In PL's absence this matter is ongoing. AS informed there had been fewer vehicles lately. Defibrillator: This item had been missed in 'Matters Arising' at the previous meeting. Ballantrae Surgery had advised getting in touch with the Scottish Ambulance Service. CS had attempted to email but the site was not working - will try again. Noted.	JMCD JMCD DR, AC AS, JT JMCD JMCD AR CS PL CS
5	Treasurer's Report	

	<p>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. DR had purchased dog bags at a price of 6,000 for £80.25. The 3 grant cheques have now been given out and the invoice for hire of the Memorial Hall been received. After payment of expenses claims submitted there will be some funds left over. After discussion it was agreed to award donations to the Wee Whist Club and the Arnsheen Fellowship Group, the money left to be divided equally.</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC CS had attended the BCIC meeting held on 18th March but JT had been unable to attend. The Public Statement was not yet out but the main points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall refurbishment: AR as Chair of BMHCA had given an update on this. • Car Park: The architect is still awaiting a response from SAC, which is long overdue. • Bursaries: It was agreed that these would be for academic studies only for the time being, this being the meaning of the word 'bursary'. • Garden Contract: It was agreed to continue with the present contractor for the grass cutting of gardens. The Martyrs' Tomb contract still has time to run with another cutting to be done once the daffodils and bluebells have finished flowering. • Changes to Memorandum & Articles: Gavin McEwan was finally present at the meeting, after some months' absence, and is now finalising the incorporation of the resolutions agreed at the AGM • Grant Applications: 3 grant applications were approved. BCC was awarded a grant for the purchase of a Speed Activated Sign; Barrhill Bowling Club for moss eradication of the bowling green; and SAYLSA for the Community Bus project, money to be drawn on if required. • Carbon Monoxide Monitors: It was agreed to inform about this on the public statement in order to gauge the need for this. • Joint meeting: A report was given on this by those in attendance. <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC reported on the latest CF meeting. He informed that the matter of when the 18 month extension period commenced for the continuation of Barrhill's 30% stake in the Arecleoch fund had been resolved, with all representatives agreeing that it runs to the end of 2014, only Ailsa Horizons having a different view. The sum of £127,000 is involved.</p> <p><i>At this point the Police entered the meeting and the Police Report was given.</i></p>	
	<p>Item 2: Police</p>	
	<p>GB apologised for their late arrival, due to their presence being required elsewhere. He informed that since the last meeting 16 incidents (mostly pre-arranged shoots) had been reported to the Police, which resulted in 1 crime recorded and 1 female reported for an offence (a dog bite) under S3 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. There had been a number of thefts in the local area recently, specifically Lendalfoot, (where holiday homes had been targeted) and Colmonell, including theft of domestic heating oil.</p> <p>It is again requested that all residents are reminded to ensure suitable precautions are taken when leaving their homes unattended and to report any suspicious activity in the area.</p> <p>DR informed that he was still receiving reports regarding a golden Labrador dog loose on the A714 at Glen Tachur. GB and FC were unaware of this but noted it.</p> <p>They were thanked by DR for their report and then left the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Item 6 continued</p>	
	<p>The question of the Davidson Hospital was discussed as well as the future of the Wider 20% Fund and whether it should remain separate from the main CF fund. There are still contentious issues at the moment within CF, involving Ailsa Horizons and a possible conflict of interest. Several extra meetings have been held recently to try to resolve matters.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the 11th March meeting.</p> <p>Speaker: Julie O'Lone from the Criminal Justice Team informed the meeting about the Community Payback Scheme, which can assist with community projects re-maintenance and tidying-up, including litter-picking, cleaning signs and grass-cutting, which would enhance the environment. A community can place a request for assistance from a squad. Questions were asked regarding the cleaning of road signs as there could be a Health & Safety issue with this. Barrhill would be interested in this but will await the</p>	

	<p>result of JO'L's enquiry before completing a referral form. Dirty road signs had been raised at the previous CC meeting.</p> <p>Wider 20% Fund: CS informed there were 5 grant applications this meeting. All were approved but Barrhill had voiced objections to the supply of 20 mini iPads for Minishant Primary School, feeling it was a matter for SAC Education authorities. After discussions conditions were put in place. AC informed that the CF had also queried this application, before approving it subject to the conditions</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity: The last meeting of the Tourism Group had been held that evening but the project will continue with regular updates of the website. 'Welcome to Carrick' road signs would be going up at the entry points to Carrick. AO said it was hoped to have visitor information points in several places.</p> <p>Expo 2014: Carrick Ayrshire will attend this at the SECC on 2nd-4th April.</p> <p>Scotland Reaching Out Project: Phase 1 target due to end in late April.</p> <p>d) AWCLG: The latest meeting of the Altercannoch Windfarm Community Liaison Group was held on 27th February. AC, DR, AS and CS had attended. There is now a new Project Manager. He informed there had been a problem with the anemometer, which had resulted in an extension of 3 months required to collect data. It is hoped to complete the layout by the end of May/ June with another 4 months to completion and plans submitted in December 2014. A second presentation to the community should be held in the Autumn.</p> <p>AS had queried the height and number of proposed turbines, which appeared excessive and not in compliance with guidelines accepted by SAC.</p> <p>The delivery route/access to the site has not yet been finalised. An optimistic time for commencement of work is 2016.</p> <p>A discussion was also held on the opportunity to improve broadband in the area. PNE could explore this as part of the project.</p> <p>The next meeting is due to be held on 8th May.</p>	
7	Planning	
	<p>AR apologised for not circulating the latest list in time for the meeting but informed there were no relevant applications this time, the nearest being for wind turbines at Glenapp. In the decisions list were one for a metmast at Chirmorrie and one for Queensland Holiday Park, not to comply with condition 1a of planning permission 08/00273/FUL. AR had noted refusal for 2 farm wind turbines at Pinmore. Members commented on the work being carried out at the Mark Hill substation, with heavy lorries passing through the village.</p>	
8	Small Grants Scheme Applications South Carrick Club Diamonds	
	<p>There was only one grant application for the final funding round of the current financial year, which had been circulated to all CC members to read. This was from South Carrick Club Diamonds for £400 for the purchase of a 'boombox' and towards instructor costs. CS and MB declared an interest in this item. The application was unanimously approved. CS to inform SCCD and deliver the cheque. It was noted that £100 remained unused.</p>	CS
9	CC Elections	
	<p>DR informed that the 3 vacant places had been filled as all 3 former co-opted members had applied and remained on the CC and congratulated SR, AS and JT. It was noted, however, that with DN's resignation (see below) the CC is now a member short.</p>	
10	Resignation from CC/CF Directorship	
	<p>DR confirmed the resignation of DN, previously circulated, from both the CC and the Board of Carrick Futures. This was regretted by all and CS to send the CC's thanks for his time on both the CC and as a CF Director. The vacant Directorship needed to be filled ASAP. Of the current C Councillors only 4 are members of CF and therefore eligible to become a Director. Of these AR and CS attended the CCCF and DR did not wish to be considered. AS was viewed as the ideal choice and he agreed to think it over.</p>	CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to correspondence already emailed out:</i></p> <p>For once, there were no communications from NHS Ayrshire & Arran.</p> <p>SAC: Notice of Election Results: Poster received and placed on the notice board.</p> <p>Broxap: Garden equipment /Refuse containers.</p> <p>Girvan Community Garden: Poster emailed-printed off and placed on both notice boards. AC will put on website. Roadshow takes place on Saturday 26th April.</p> <p>Hosting of Website Renewal: CS had received an email from Dave Holtom informing that</p>	AC

	<p>the hosting of the website renewal is due shortly. This contained the details that AC had been looking for and he will look further into the matter and consider the options available. The domain hosting is not due until next year and investigations into the best options for prices for both will then be undertaken. Noted</p> <p>Ballantrae Medical Practice: Notice of the Easter Surgery Closure arrangements.</p>	
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>Litter Bins: CS informed that once again the bin at the bus stop at the foot of Wallace Terrace was not being emptied—the vehicle just driving round and not looking to see if it required emptying.</p> <p>A 714 Closure: CS was concerned that during the recent road closure, the ‘Road Closed’ signs were still in place after the evening re-opening, causing unnecessary detours. AR also commented on the other road works being carried out on the B734 at the same time, causing difficulties to traffic due to the narrowness of the road available and queried the planning of the works. She had informed SAC of this matter.</p> <p>B7027: AC reported that road repairs on the B7027 were of a poor quality.</p> <p>Community Bus: The trip to Irvine on Saturday 15th March had been successful. No date arranged yet for the next trip.</p> <p>Balunton Windfarm: CS had attended the public exhibition in Glentrool Community Centre. The proposed windfarm will be clearly visible from the A714 near Bargrennan. Further to the B7027 poor repairs, above, AS reported serious defects at 2 points on this road, at Knockycoid and the Forestry crossroads. He had reported these on the SAC defects website but to date had heard nothing, nor had repairs been carried out. CS to inform JMcD of the grid references of these. JT was also concerned about this road and the blocked drainage which had previously been reported by JMcD.</p> <p>Litter bin: AR enquired if a litter bin could be placed at the bus shelter in front of the waste ground on Main Street (across from The Trout). DR suggested the CC could purchase one if necessary but wondered if SAC would then empty it. CG will enquire about this.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</i></p>	<p>CS JMcD</p> <p>CG/PL</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p>Meetings for remainder of 2014</p> <p>Wednesdays</p> <p>28th May (AGM)</p> <p>25th June</p> <p>27th August</p> <p>24th September</p> <p>22nd October</p> <p>26th November</p> <p>NB. There are no meetings in July or December</p>	