BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th August 2014 Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Sarah Redman (SR), Ann	
	Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute	
	Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).	
	In Attendance: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), PCs Philip Porter (PP) & John Estcourt (JE)	
	(Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
	Eileen Howat (EH) (SAC Chief Executive), Claire Monaghan (CM) (SAC Head of	
	Communities)	
1	Apologies for Absence	
-	Mark Bradshaw (MB), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC).	
2	Police	
	PC Porter reported no actions from the June CC meeting but since then there had been a	
	total 16 calls in the Barrhill area. Incidents of note are as follows:	
	Road Traffic Accidents: Lorry crash near Creeside Farm—no injury or damage reported.	
	3 miles south of Barrhill—report of motorist hitting large pothole and the car overturned	
	causing slight injury to driver. Roads department were contacted regarding the pothole.	
	Car crash near Blair Farm—no injury or damage caused but one male reported for driving	
	while disqualified and no insurance. Vehicle seized by Police.	
	Fire: Report of tractor on fire at Balluskie—no injury caused.	
	Suspect persons: Reports of persons seen at Windsor Caravan Park - no vehicle traced by	
	Police. (DR informed that Queensland Holiday Park had also observed suspicious persons.)	
	Poaching: There were reports of a green van containing a dead deer being seen near	
	Barrhill and an information log was submitted re-this incident.	
	Rural thefts: Once again quad bikes and plant had been stolen from rural locations and	
	vigilance should be maintained. Enquiries are ongoing.	
	DR enquired if Sergeant McKeown had any further information regarding obscured vision	
	at the bridge at the south end of Barrhill, as this was still a problem. (It was noted, however,	
	that the 'SLOW' sign had been repainted on the road following the intervention of KMcK.)	
	PP had no knowledge re-the problem but would make enquiries.	PP
	JT informed of a similar problem with overgrowth at the Knowe Road junction with the A714.	•••
	PP was thanked by DR for his report and he and JE then left the meeting.	
3	Speaker: Eileen Howat & Claire Monaghan	
3	SAC Chief Executive & Head of Communities	
	DR introduced the speaker, Eileen Howat, SAC's Chief Executive, and welcomed her and	
	her colleague Claire Monaghan, SAC's Head of Communities, to the meeting. EH explained	
	that she was going round the CCs in the SAC area in order to understand the issues	
	concerning the communities and wished these to be made known. She recognised that in	
	recent times SAC had received a bad press, especially in light of the auditors' report in	
	February into the Council. Some of these issues had already been addressed and others	
	were in the process of action being taken and were noted in a report to the Council in	
	March. All matters will be looked at again in a return visit from the auditors.	
	SAC had been criticised in some quarters for the amount of money accumulated in	
	reserves, but it was important to recognise that a balancing act is required and it was felt	
	that progress is being made. Efforts are constantly being made to save money, which are	
	ongoing. The budget has now been spread over a 3 year period instead of the usual 1 year.	
	Questions were then invited, with a general discussion ensuing.	
	DR stated that it would be no surprise that the poor state of the roads was a main issue, with	
	the way that repairs are prioritised a puzzle. He cited the recent Black Clauchrie road	
	resurfacing in spite of there now being only one property permanently inhabited and no	
	school pupils being transported at present.	
	CS referred to the repeated unsuccessful complaints regarding overgrowth on footpaths not	
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	being cut back.	
	AS queried the noticeable improvement in road conditions the moment the border into	
	Dumfries & Galloway is crossed, with JT also mentioning the better quality in road repairs in	
	D & G. There was also a noticeable effect on tourism in the area due to the bad roads,	
	The procedure for registering complaints with the current telephone number was also	
	queried, with one caller being passed from staff member to staff member with no success,	
	and in the end giving up!	
	AR queried the length of time taken to deal with complaints.	
	CS requested that Barrhill CC be notified on road closures affecting the community as on	
	occasion she had not been and was made aware by receiving information from the	
	neighbouring CC.	
	DR pointed out that although there were numerous complaints about SAC, there were also	
	positive aspects, for example the resurfacing of the New Luce and B7027 roads.	
	EH and CM assured they would relay the matters on their return to County Buildings. They	
	were thanked by DR for attending and then left the meeting.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25 th June 2014	
-	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
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	Item 4: Minutes of Previous Meeting: Litter Bin: PL was informed that there was still no	
	bin at the bus stop across from The Trout. He had received conflicting information in regard	Ы
	to this and will seek to clarify matters. AR reported there was a bin at the Primary School	PL
	entrance. CS informed that the bin at the other bus stop at the south end of the village was	
	still not being emptied regularly.	
	War Memorial: PL gave a further update on this and informed that the organisation	
	awarding the grants, which involves Historic Scotland, is insisting on three tenders being	
	obtained for the work. To date only one has been obtained but firms are again being	
	contacted and SAC are in the process of getting more. Ongoing	PL
	Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Defibrillator CS had received an email from	
	the Scottish Ambulance Service a few days after the previous CC meeting, which had been	
	circulated to all. This acknowledged that Barrhill CC had registered interest with NHS in	
	obtaining a defibrillator and further information was attached. Once the application process	
	is complete the CC will be informed. Ongoing. See Item 13 AOB	CS
	Refuse Bins on Road: PL had investigated this matter and had received a letter from the	
	appropriate section who stated that the bins were not situated on the actual road. It was	
	queried if they had the correct location as several members all confirmed that there were	
	several bins (4) permanently situated on the road at the corner of the Knowe Road (B7027)	
	/A714 junction at the bottom of the drive to 'The Craigs'. PL will pursue the matter further.	PL
	<i>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines:</i> AR apologised for not chasing this up. The	
	official had been on holiday but she will contact SPR ASAP. Ongoing	AR
	Obscured Vision at Bridge: See above at Item 2: Police	7.41.X
	All other matters arising on the agenda.	
6	Treasurer's Report	
•	AR asked for approval to pay the audit fee to SAC. Agreed. She informed that the £600	
	cheque due from SAC for this financial year's administration grant had not yet been received	
	and queried the delay. PL will enquire into this.	PL
	The invoice for the annual membership fee to SAYLSA had also been received and will be	
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7	paid in due course. Carrick Futures Windfarm Community Benefit: Small Grants Schome	
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	CS brought up the question of meeting dates for grant applications and suggested that	
	these could be brought before any CC meeting provided an application was received in	
	time. After discussion this was agreed with the submission time set at two weeks prior to	00
	any CC meeting. CS will print off new posters for this financial year's applications.	CS
8	Updates	
	a) BCIC JT reported on the most recent meeting (held on 13th August).	
	Car Park: There were further delays to the project, which are totally beyond BCIC's	
	control. The reasons are not clear but appear to be due to disagreements between	
	different SAC departments—to be clarified.	

	Estimates have been obtained for rebuilding the stone dyke.	
	Waste Ground: It had finally been decided to clear this ground, regardless of ownership,	
	which has now been done. Flower tubs will then be placed there.	
	Arnsheen Park: Now that BCIC is the owner of the Park, the views of the community will	
	be sought as to what it should be used for. Opinions of the preferred use for the Park will	
	be canvassed. It had been the intention to do this at the Open meeting	
	AGM: CS informed this had taken place on 24 th July and BCIC now had its full	
	complement of 9 directors.	
	Letter: CS also explained that a letter will shortly be going out to all members explaining	
	that the Board had no choice but to release the list of members' details when asked by	
	another member. Apparently the Companies Act has priority over the Data Protection Act	
	and failure to comply with a valid request is an offence.	
	b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed there had been a number of CF meetings recently in	
	light of Ailsa Horizons ceasing to be the Secretariat and Foundation Scotland	
	commencing work. The latter intend visiting round the Community Councils to explain	
	what is happening.	
	c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the last two meetings on 8th July and 12th August. The	
	main points of the former were as follows:	
	Welcome to Carrick signage These are now in place.	
	Roads: Lack of maintenance and drainage. The new Head of Roads Alliance to be	
	invited to speak at the CCCF.	
	Carrick Heritage Trail: This is now completed.	
	<i>Girvan Community Leisure:</i> Retention of £2 million funding for the new swimming pool.	
	20% Wider Fund Applications: 2 applications were approved and recommended for	
	funding from CF. These were for Dunure Hall (£4,000+ for heating) and Maybole Music	
	Festival (£3,000).	
	Leader Funding: This is once again open to applications.	
	Yachting Facilities/Girvan Harbour: These will hopefully be in place for summer 2015.	
	12 th August Meeting: Main points as follows:	
	Speaker: Richard Carr (SAYLSA) gave a short presentation to update on SAYLSA and	
	the Community Rail Partnership.	
	Scotland Reaching Out: The area covered by this project is widening.	
	Carrick Tourism: The newsletter is now out. The Tourism Training Events/Lunch Clubs	
	have been well-received with support from the business network.	
	Girvan Youth Trust: The Girvan Beach activities organised by the Trust had been very	
	successful and the Trust is to be praised for its efforts.	
	The Chair of the CCCF expressed concern with regard to the 20% Fund. The Chair of	
	CF to be contacted re- unconfirmed news there will be no more funding allocated until	
	early next year and to enquire about the new Secretariat, Foundation Scotland.	
	d) AWFCLG: AS reported on the Liaison Group meeting held on 26 th August, the first since	
	27 th February, attended also by AC and CS. AS reported both good and bad news. The	
	number of turbines had been reduced from 9 to 8, but the height of each increased to 131	
	metres, and the positioning of some turbines has been changed. The larger turbines are	
	more economical and therefore better value. A public consultation is expected to be held	
	in the autumn, October/November, with a planning application submitted at the end of the	
	year. AS had suggested this wait until January to avoid the busy festive season. This was	
	noted.	
9	Date of Next Joint Meeting (BCC/BCIC/BMHCA)	
	It is hoped to hold the next Joint meeting shortly, possibly the last week in September. CS to	
	contact the other organisations to come up with a suitable date for all.	CS
	AS enquired about the Community Action Plan and the need to update this document. This	00
	will be on the agenda. It will probably be necessary to employ a Community Planning	
	Development Group to carry this out.	
	It was agreed that the CC representatives this time would be DR, SR, CS, and JT.	DR,SR
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10	Planning Applications	
	AR reported two from BCIC regarding the Car Park. One is for the construction of the solar	
	panels and the other for erection of signage. There was a re-submitted application for	

	Lyndhu and the decisions list contained approval for 38, Main Street. Noted.	
11	Arecleoch Leisure & Tourism Strategy	
	DR informed that he had placed this item on the agenda as he was anxious to know the best way forward in order for the community to progress in light of last month's speaker, Jim Wilson. DR asked for a decision on engaging JW to carry out a study, which had been estimated at £3,000. This would be a smaller study relevant to certain areas and would entail the CC applying to the BCIC for a grant for this amount. A lengthy discussion then	
	ensued with a variety of opinions being given. No decision was finalised, with all agreeing	
	the subject be placed on the agenda for the next Joint Meeting.	CS
12	Correspondence	
	CS informed that once again there was little paper correspondence, except for PPF items from NHS Ayrshire & Arran. All other items had been emailed to members. World War 1 Centenary Commemoration : CS had invited comments re-this email and wondered if the community would be commemorating this. AR informed that the BMHCA would be discussing this and it was agreed to place this on the agenda for the Joint Meeting. It was not known if the Primary School had anything planned. CS to enquire. Broadband Issues: This email also circulated—AC felt there was no point in Barrhill pursuing the matter as there already is a signal in the area. Agreed. SAYLSA: CS informed of an email just received, but not yet circulated, of an extract from a report given to the recent SAYLSA Board meeting. This concerned the proposed filming of a Stranraer to Edinburgh rail journey for Michael Portillo's TV programme 'Great British Railway Journeys.' Unfortunately, in spite of the format being decided and filming scheduled, the programme editor had now decided to omit the Stranraer line completely, except for Ailsa Craig, which would feature the manufacture in Ayr of curling stones. This was much regretted by all. Goods Yard: SAYLSA had endeavoured to ascertain if planning consent would be likely to be granted for this area. SAC would not commit to an answer. Windfarms: Report received via email concerning possible contamination of water supplies	CS
	by windfarm construction.	
13	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	CS reported no action yet to clear the <i>footpath up to the station</i> . She will contact Kevin Braidwood with a reminder of this, as well as the overgrowth at the A714 bridge. <i>Patient Participation Group:</i> CS had attended this meeting in Ballantrae on 25 th August. She had asked for the subject of the <i>defibrillator</i> to be placed on the agenda. Dr Maxwell felt that a community the size of Barrhill would be more likely to qualify for the Public Access defibrillator rather than the First Responders' Scheme. He was willing to be copied in on correspondence between the CC and the Scottish Ambulance Service. Among items discussed were the following: <i>Dr John Owen</i> The Group was informed that Dr John Owen takes up the practice post vacated by Dr Henderson, on 23rd September. <i>Virtual Desktop Environment</i> The practice has been chosen as a pilot for this project. Members of the Group were given a copy of the Health Improvement Scotland <i>Patient</i> <i>Participation Toolkit</i> with thoughts on its implementation requested. Dr Maxwell was willing to attend CC meetings if requested to discuss this. (After discussion the majority of the CC did not feel this was necessary.) CS informed there is a questionnaire to be filled out and would welcome help with this. <i>Windfarm Awareness:</i> The PP Group was addressed by another member on vibro acoustic disease.	CS
	AR reported on the <i>survey figures for the Hall refurbishment.</i> 69 forms were returned with 47 in favour of refurbishment and 22 to demolish the building. Noted JT informed that the road sign at the A714/Knowe Road junction had fallen down behind the refuse bins sitting at the side of the road there. The finger post also badly needs repairing. In addition, there was still no sign of the drains up the Knowe Road being cleared. CS will remind Kevin Braidwood about this. <i>Kilgallioch Windfarm:</i> DR reported on the latest meeting that he, AC and AS had attended at New Luce. There was still no final decision made as to the distribution of benefits, but it had been suggested that funds are split into 3 payment segments between the local funds, a wider strategic fund and an endowment fund. Scottish Power Renewables proposals for the	CS

division of these funds varied from the opinions of the CC representatives, who made a counter proposal. SPR are currently considering this. DR gave a breakdown of the percentages. The 4 main CCs involved receive funding both during and after construction but during the construction phase funds are split between 7 areas. There is to be a 3 rd meeting on 30 th September, again at New Luce. DR, AC and AS hope to attend. <i>The meeting closed at 9.40pm.</i>	DR,AC, AS
Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 7.30pm</u>	
Meetings for remainder of 2014 Wednesday 26 th November NB. There are no meetings in September or December	