

APPROVED

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

No	Item	Action
	<p>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).</p> <p>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)</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Mark Bradshaw (MB), Councillor John McDowall (JMCD) (SAC).	
2	Police	
	<p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Fire: Report of tractor on fire at Balluskie—no injury caused.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rural thefts: Once again quad bikes and plant had been stolen from rural locations and vigilance should be maintained. Enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	PP
3	Speaker: Eileen Howat & Claire Monaghan SAC Chief Executive & Head of Communities	
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CS referred to the repeated unsuccessful complaints regarding overgrowth on footpaths not</p>	

	<p>being cut back.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>AR queried the length of time taken to deal with complaints.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25th June 2014	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>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 to this and will seek to clarify matters. AR reported there was a bin at the Primary School entrance. CS informed that the bin at the other bus stop at the south end of the village was still not being emptied regularly.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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. <i>See Item 13 AOB</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: AR apologised for not chasing this up. The official had been on holiday but she will contact SPR ASAP. Ongoing</p> <p>Obscured Vision at Bridge: <i>See above at Item 2: Police</i></p> <p><i>All other matters arising on the agenda.</i></p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PL</p> <p>AR</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>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.</p> <p>The invoice for the annual membership fee to SAYLSA had also been received and will be paid in due course.</p>	PL
7	Carrick Futures Windfarm Community Benefit: Small Grants Scheme	
	<p>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 any CC meeting. CS will print off new posters for this financial year's applications.</p>	CS
8	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC JT reported on the most recent meeting (held on 13th August).</p> <p>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.</p>	

	<p>Estimates have been obtained for rebuilding the stone dyke.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Arnshean 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</p> <p>AGM: CS informed this had taken place on 24th July and BCIC now had its full complement of 9 directors.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Welcome to Carrick signage These are now in place.</p> <p>Roads: Lack of maintenance and drainage. The new Head of Roads Alliance to be invited to speak at the CCCF.</p> <p>Carrick Heritage Trail: This is now completed.</p> <p>Girvan Community Leisure: Retention of £2 million funding for the new swimming pool.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Leader Funding: This is once again open to applications.</p> <p>Yachting Facilities/Girvan Harbour: These will hopefully be in place for summer 2015.</p> <p>12th August Meeting: Main points as follows:</p> <p>Speaker: Richard Carr (SAYLSA) gave a short presentation to update on SAYLSA and the Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Scotland Reaching Out: The area covered by this project is widening.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism: The newsletter is now out. The Tourism Training Events/Lunch Clubs have been well-received with support from the business network.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>d) AWFCLG: AS reported on the Liaison Group meeting held on 26th August, the first since 27th 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.</p>	
9	Date of Next Joint Meeting (BCC/BCIC/BMHCA)	
	<p>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.</p> <p>AS enquired about the Community Action Plan and the need to update this document. This will be on the agenda. It will probably be necessary to employ a Community Planning Development Group to carry this out.</p> <p>It was agreed that the CC representatives this time would be DR, SR, CS, and JT.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>DR,SR CS,JT</p>
10	Planning Applications	
	<p>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</p>	

	<p>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 3rd meeting on 30th September, again at New Luce. DR, AC and AS hope to attend.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.40pm.</i></p>	<p>DR,AC, AS</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 7.30pm</u> Meetings for remainder of 2014 Wednesday 26th November NB. There are no meetings in September or December</p>	