

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held on Wednesday, 28th May 2014 at 7.30pm
in the Memorial Hall, Barrhill**

No.	Item	Action
1	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council	
	Mark Bradshaw (MB), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Councillor John McDowall (JMcD) (SAC).	
2	Apologies for Absence	
	Andrew Clegg (AC), Sarah Redmond (SR).	
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting of 22nd May 2013	
	These were approved: proposed AR, seconded JT.	
4	Report from the Chair	
	<p><i>Report given by the Chair, Dave Russell</i></p> <p>“Firstly, I would like to thank everyone on the CC including Peter Linton, Alec Clark and John McDowall, for their valued support throughout the last year. I would also like to thank the officer bearers for all their efforts and support in ensuring the CC runs smoothly, but most of all an extra big thank you to Celia for the many additional hours of her personal time that she puts into her secretarial duties for which I am sure the CC would not run as efficiently as it does. We should also thank Andy Clegg for his efforts in securing the extra money from the Arecleoch wind farm benefit fund. I know too well how time is precious to us all and I really appreciate all the work put into the CC by everyone involved.</p> <p>It is good to hear from the Police each month and it is encouraging to hear how few incidents there are in the area, which proves Barrhill continues to be a pleasant and safe place to live.</p> <p>Moving onto the dreaded wind farms, I was pleased to see that the Scottish Government upheld South Ayrshire Council's planning decision for the proposed Corwar Windfarm. It is a shame though, that the public who were affected by the proposal, who all wanted our support in objecting to the wind farm and attended the meetings where we discussed the proposal, are nowhere to be seen now the decision has been made. It would have been nice to see their continued support by attending subsequent meetings.</p> <p>Barrhill is expecting several planning applications for windfarms over the coming years and it is essential that we treat all applications the same and listen to the merits before we make any decision on whether we support or object to each proposal.</p> <p>The continued deterioration of the roads is still a burden to the community and is probably the most important issue as it affects us all. Kevin Braidwood has made promises that the road will be completely surveyed and proposals put forward on future upgrades. I sincerely hope he keeps to his word. To me this cannot happen soon enough as it continues to affect my business as only yesterday a potential new customer looked at a caravan and then told me they had been looking for 2 years and our site was perfect, the caravan was ideal for them but in no circumstances were they prepared to drive along the A714 on a regular basis, due to the poor condition. We need to ensure that we keep pressuring the Council and pushing for these upgrades, especially as the Killgallioch Windfarm construction phase is due to start in February, which will lead to a significant increase in traffic.</p> <p>The good news for Barrhill is that the School upgrade is looking great and will hopefully be completed before the start of the new school year in August. The new car park funded by SPR via the BCIC is also near completion and will hopefully open soon. We must also congratulate the Hall for getting their planning permission for the extension and upgrades to the existing building . Now comes the hard part in accessing further</p>	

	<p>funding from external sources.</p> <p>The BCC, BMHCA and BCIC are now meeting regularly, which is great for the community as it gives all the groups an opportunity to discuss their respective projects and enables us all to work together. We must ensure that we continue to meet together and support each other's respective project. This unity should boost the public confidence in the respective groups. Both the BCIC and BMHCA are holding a joint public meeting to promote their projects. This should ensure they get maximum public support, which will be required in accessing external funds.</p> <p>We would like to thank the BCIC for granting funding for a new speed sign at the southern end of the village. This has now been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks.</p> <p>We must also thank Carrick futures for the £2500 grant of which £2400 has been distributed between the Bowling Club, Barrhill Angling club, Club Diamonds, Barrhill Nursery school and the BCIC for the bus trips.</p> <p>Finally I hope that the CC can continue to work closely with the Council and other service providers to ensure Barrhill continues to be a better place to live.</p> <p>I look forward to working with you all over the coming year."</p>	
5	<p>Secretary's Report</p>	
	<p><i>Report given by the Secretary, Celia Strain</i></p> <p>"This last year has flown by and the Community Council secretarial duties have on the whole continued as usual. I would again apologise for not issuing the draft minutes as speedily as I, & you, would like. Good intentions are not always carried out!</p> <p>Once again there have been windfarm presentations at meetings. In June 2013 representatives of SPR gave a presentation on the proposed Mark Hill extension and an update on the progress of the Kilgallioch Windfarm construction. Also in June came a presentation from PNE Wind for the proposed Altercannoch Windfarm. This company is keen to liaise with the community and to this end have instigated the AWCLG, which has now met on 3 occasions. 4 Community Councillors from Barrhill are on the group, along with neighbouring representatives.</p> <p>In March, 2 representatives from the GCG came to speak and a month later organised a Roadshow and helped with improving the former garden at the start of the Martyrs' Tomb Path. Unfortunately not many local volunteers appeared to help, which is regrettably to be expected in Barrhill.</p> <p>'Carrick Characters', the Carrick Tourism Development project, came to fruition when the heritage panel was finally installed on 17th January at the corner of the hall grounds. It is pleasing in appearance but was the cause of numerous emails as there were a number of inaccuracies on the text that required correcting.</p> <p>Once again, a disproportionate amount of correspondence time concerned the roads. Unfortunately it has still not resulted in overall road improvements. The saga of the speed activated sign in the main street continues but as Dave has said, there was a successful outcome to the grant application submitted to the BCIC, for which the community is grateful.</p> <p>There was 1 resignation from the CC in September, when Debbie left the area. This vacancy was promptly filled thanks to Sarah coming forward to be co-opted. Fortunately, she and the 2 others co-opted at the start of the CC year were willing to become full members on 1st April but at the same time Doug resigned, leaving the CC with 8 C Councillors, which is the current situation.</p> <p>Most correspondence is dealt with by email, with few paper communications.</p> <p>Thankfully, the paper deluge from NHS appears to have lessened over this last year. I am however, now being plagued by emails regarding courses held in London/Salford for such subjects as Community Cohesion & Social Inclusion!</p> <p>I am grateful to the Police, who regularly attend and also provide me with a written report, which saves on note-taking!</p> <p>Again I must thank the assistance given by Dave and also by Ann, who as well as her duties as Treasurer, views the weekly planning lists. Since the summer, she has also been our representative on the Stinchar Valley news editorial team. Andy Clegg is invaluable as a pc troubleshooter whose help is greatly appreciated. He also keeps the Barrhill web site going and is always willing to give help should it be required with posters etc. Andy Sinclair attends SAYLSA meetings on our behalf. I should like to</p>	

	<p>express my sincere thanks to them & to the other Community Councillors, for all their help.</p> <p>The CC would also like to thank former Community Councillor Dave Bowling for continuing to deal with the skip provision and publishing the dates for this.</p> <p>Finally, I have once again to thank our Link Officer, Peter, and the SAC Councillors, Alec (Clark) until the end of 2013, and currently John, for all their help over the last year, which has been much appreciated."</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report/Approval of Accounts (accounts sheets circulated)</p> <p><i>Report given by the Treasurer, Ann Robertson.</i></p> <p>"Due to a mistake on my part this year's accounts have not yet been audited by SAC audit department. I must apologise to the Community Council for this lack of attention and will make sure the accounts are audited as soon as possible.</p> <p>We received an administration grant of £600 from SAC last year. The administration costs came to a total of £602.28. We gave donations of £45 each to the Barrhill Fellowship Group and Barrhill Wee Whist Club to be used towards their hall charges and our closing balance for Community Council expenditure was £103.99. Bank of Scotland gave us £100 compensation and £38.40 mileage costs for the lengthy delay in changing the bank account signatories. I can confirm that the new signatories of Mark Bradshaw and myself have now been approved by the Bank and the cheque signatories are Dave Russell, Celia Strain, Mark Bradshaw and myself.</p> <p>We received £2,500 funding from Arecleoch Windfarm Benefit via Carrick Futures. This enabled us to award grants of up to £500 to the local clubs and societies that Dave mentioned in his report. We paid out a total of £2,400 in grants so have a balance of £100 still in our account. It is to be hoped we will continue to receive this very welcome funding. As far as I am aware I think we have to ask for the funding to be granted again."</p>	
7	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Peter Linton from SAC then took the chair for the election of Office-bearers and called for nominations, after which the following Office-bearers were proposed and elected. The new Office-bearers are:</p> <p>Chairperson: David Russell Proposed CS, seconded JT.</p> <p>Vice-Chairperson: Ann Robertson Proposed DR, seconded MB.</p> <p>Secretary: Celia Strain Proposed AR, seconded AS.</p> <p>Treasurer: Ann Robertson Proposed DR, seconded CS.</p> <p>PL then vacated the chair, which was taken by DR, the newly elected Chairperson.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Constitution: The matter of the constitution was raised. This followed a recent meeting when a co-opted member should not have voted (the outcome was unaffected), as Barrhill's Constitution does not allow this. In the SAC example of a Constitution, however, co-opted members are allowed to vote. After discussion, it was agreed to visit this at a future date, as at present there are no co-opted members on the CC. Noted</p> <p>Community Council Representatives CS informed that the Carrick Futures Secretariat had requested an up to date list of the Barrhill Carrick Futures Members. The current membership consists of both CC and BCIC members, but confirmation required as 2 of the latter are no longer BCIC Directors. After a discussion, MB and JT agreed to become CF members. CS will clarify the list and obtain required signatures before submitting completed form to Ailsa Horizons. Agreed.</p> <p>Carrick Futures Directors Agreed that AS and AC would continue with CF. (In AC's absence, confirmation required.)</p> <p>CCCF Following discussions, it was agreed that AR and CS would continue, with DR as the third representative if required.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at approx.8pm, to be followed by the monthly meeting.</i></p>	CS