

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th February 2015
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 Alec Oattes (AO), Police Sergeant Kevin McKeown (KMck) & PC Philip Porter (PP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 7 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Peter Linton (PL) (SAC)	
2	Police	
	<p>Sgt. McKeown referred to actions from the previous meeting. These included:</p> <p>Speeding/Complaints: Officers will be tasked with monitoring speeding and now have a new device, which is more reliable than the speed gun previously used. Training for this is still ongoing but when the device is available it will be brought to Barrhill to monitor speeding through the village. AO had informed Inspector Ramsay of matters of concern. With regard to Citizens' Speed Guns, KMck informed that the Police would not support their use but would be available for discussion. Use of them runs the risk of confrontation. The legal status was queried, as the Police viewed them as not fulfilling legal requirements. If poor driving standards i.e. careless or dangerous driving/speeding, are observed these incidents should be reported to Police. Where possible the registration number of the offending vehicle should be noted and reported for the Police to follow up. KMck encouraged members of the public to report offenders.</p> <p>Incidents of note: There had been 8 since the last meeting, with one crime reported (taxi fraud) resulting in a positive line of enquiry. The majority of the incidents were related to the weather (snow) and poor road conditions.</p> <p>Rural Thefts: These are still prevalent, with reported attempts to steal quad bikes and fuel. Questions were then invited. DR referred to a number of occasions when members of the public had observed a loose dog near Glen Tachur, confirmed by a member present. To be investigated, as this could cause an accident.</p> <p>KMck and PP were thanked for their report and then left the meeting,</p>	KMck PP
3	Presentation: Stewart Forsyth, Coriolis Energy	
	<p>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm</p> <p>DR introduced Stewart Forsyth (SF) from Coriolis Energy, who thanked him for the opportunity to inform the community of the proposed plans for the Chirmorrie Windfarm. SF informed that these had been ongoing since 2009, with the recent hold-up due to the previous partner, Falck Renewables, withdrawing. A new partner has now come forward, to be announced shortly. He outlined the project brief and stressed the importance of community reaction. The plans are for 20-25 turbines, of about 130m high to blade tip, with a capacity of around 70MWs. The application is under a Section 36 to the Scottish Government at a good site adjacent to the existing Arecleoch Windfarm, either side of the the railway and away from Kilgallioch.</p> <p>At present, the traffic route has not been finalised but is anticipated to use the A77, A75, A714, then the New Luce road passed Gowlands Farm, due to difficulties with obtaining permission to use the Forestry roads. Road improvements will be carried out to enable transportation of equipment i.e. improving access at the Duisk Bridge; re-alignment of the Main Street bridge for the trailer carrying the blades; and corner and road widening at certain areas of the existing single track New Luce road. A new crossing may be created over the Cross Water alongside the existing one. Details of the work required was given. Coriolis are keen to listen to the concerns of the community and keep disruption to a minimum. Community benefits will be discussed. It is hoped to reduce the volume of lorries during the construction phase by sourcing stone either on site or close to the site. Further</p>	

	<p>information will be available at the forthcoming public exhibition to be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 11th March. The design is frozen from Spring 2015 with the Section 36 planning application scheduled for the late summer and if granted, a completion date in 2018. There will be a leaflet drop prior to the public exhibition on 11th March, which will be advertised. SF then invited questions.</p> <p>DR enquired if there would be compensation to householders for the disruption. This will be looked into but was not normally paid out.</p> <p>A number of residents expressed great concern as to the effect of such a large volume of traffic passing houses and possibly causing damage. There was also concern about the character of the bridges being destroyed, which was denied.</p> <p>A member of the public queried the access to local quarries for the supply of stone and a possible agreement with the Forestry Commission. In the worst case scenario, all lorries could come through the village. Would there be enough stone on the Chirmorrie land to service this need? It is hoped this would be the case.</p> <p>JT queried the length of time taken for Coriolis to come to the community.</p> <p>A member of the public emphasised the need of the community to see the Environmental study. This would be available at a later date.</p> <p>SF assured DR that Coriolis is keen to engage with the local community and will return with an update in due course. He was then thanked for his presentation and left the meeting.</p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28th January 2015	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded JT.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial: PL and DR are to meet in Barrhill shortly. Ongoing</p> <p>Refuse Bins on Road: PL had forwarded an email received from the Waste Management Team regarding the continuing bin problem at the A714/B7027 junction. This stated their information was that the bins are on a private road. AO will chase this up and CS will forward photos to prove the location.</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: AO apologised as he has not yet sought SAC's views on the situation.</p> <p>Rubbish on the Knowe Road from Mayberry to Arcleoch turn: No improvement and thought to be worse. Not possible to ascertain who the culprits are. Suggestion that a community 'litter pick' could be carried out in future.</p> <p>Item 2: Police: Speed Guns: The member of the public who had raised this matter queried what would be done if no speed traps are forthcoming. AS suggested waiting for a month and then if no action from Police Scotland to write to the Superintendent. This was agreed. MB felt the 30mph sign at the north end of the village should be moved further out. It was explained that this matter had been investigated previously and was not possible.</p> <p>Item 6a: Updates: BCIC: Car Park: There was still no information as to where exactly the entrance from the school premises opened into the car park, with questions raised as to a safe route.</p> <p>Item 7: State of Roads: AO read out the reply received from Kevin Braidwood, addressing the points raised following the last meeting. He and Stewart Turner, Head of the Roads Alliance have agreed to attend the March CC meeting. With regard to road closures, they are manned by two Police Officers who can inform where the actual closure is. AR however, reported that Transerv give no indication of this, just that there is a total road closure.</p> <p>Item 9: Correspondence: Skip Provision: AO still to investigate. Ongoing</p> <p>Traffic Calming Measures: AO informed that a 5 year plan is being followed.</p> <p>Right of Way: CS informed she had discussed the matter with the person concerned, who had produced a letter from SAC stating that there was no record of the existence of a 'Right of Way' at the location. In addition, if repair work had not been undertaken the path would have been washed away. After discussion, the CC agreed not to take any further action. It was acknowledged, however, that under 'Right to Roam' there is nothing to prevent the path being cleared by the public, if they so wished. Noted</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had duly emailed the SA Service, receiving some time later a general email that the decision as to which applications had succeeded would be determined 'at the end of February'. To date there has been no further communication. Agreed to apply to the BCIC if the application is unsuccessful or in the absence of any information.</p>	<p>PL/DR</p> <p>AO/CS</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>Item 10: AOB: Patient Participation Tool: The questionnaire had been returned to the Practice independently by the member of the public.</p> <p>Drains: AO will chase this up as nothing has been done to clear the one adjacent to the school or up the Knowe Road. AO had been informed blocked drains had been targeted by the Roads but the work had not been carried out successfully. With regard to the one near Altercannoch and 19/20 Wallace Terrace, AC is willing to liaise with personnel to pinpoint exact locations. AO will inform Kevin Braidwood of this.</p>	AO
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AR circulated her report, which showed £1500 remaining of the CF Small Grant Funds. Some expenses cheques for the year had now been paid out from the administration grant and others are outstanding but there would still be funds left. DR suggested purchasing dog 'Poop Bags' as the previous supply had just run out. Agreed - DR will make enquiries. DR thanked Ann for her report.</p>	DR
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported on the last meeting, which was the EGM held on 9th February. Only 10 members, other than the Directors, had been present. The resolutions presented had all been passed.</p> <p>Car Park: The work had finally commenced on 23rd February. CS understood the completion works will take 10-12 weeks.</p> <p>Arnshean Park: This was discussed at the EGM and it is hoped people will come forward to form a sub-committee to progress the project.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC confirmed the funds have re-opened and grant applications are now invited. The next meeting will clarify procedures. There is no agreement yet regarding non-constituted groups but this could be determined at a CC's discretion.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR had attended the meeting on 10th February. The following points were discussed.</p> <p>Digital information screens: A speaker discussed all aspects of this, with CCs to be asked if their community required one. After discussion, the CC decided that it was not a practical proposition for Barrhill, wi fi being required.</p> <p>Community's 5 best/worst points: These to be considered by all, to be available for the next CCCF meeting. The Primary School pupils' opinions had also been sought.</p> <p>Road Conditions: Each community to identify the two most important tourist routes. The CC identified the A714 and B7027. CS to inform CCCF secretariat.</p> <p>Carrick Strategy Update: Ailsa Horizons had been asked to leave the room in order to discuss this and the proposed partnership 'Carrick Action'. After a lengthy discussion it was rejected and it was felt that the CCCF should refocus and identify the priorities of each community.</p>	ALL CS
8	Renewal of 'barrhill.org.uk' domain	
	<p>Tog Porter had been invited to attend for this item as he had previously expressed an interest. He was of the opinion, however, that the £37 fee currently paid was a good deal. Agreed that AC will pay one year's hosting fee but 5 years' domain fees.</p>	AC
9	Planning Application	
	<p>AR reported two relevant applications: a prior notification for an agricultural shed at Creeside and the proposal of application for the Chirmorrie Windfarm. This latter is from Coriolis Energy for 25 turbines. On the latest list just received is an application from SPR to site a met mast at Mark Hill (see below). Nothing relevant on the decisions list.</p>	
10	Correspondence	
	<p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Various communications, including invitation to the Locality Planning Launch Event (Health & Social Care Partnership) in conjunction with SAC. Girvan—Monday 2nd March. Noted</p> <p>Whithorn Way Steering Group: Leaflet received from recently formed group, to develop a permanent pilgrim walking route between Glasgow and Whithorn. This goes through Barrhill.</p> <p>SAC: Communities Conference: 20th March, Ayr. Further notification of this received but no-one available to attend.</p> <p>Wicksteed Playgrounds: Information leaflet.</p> <p>SPR: Notification of planning application to site a temporary met mast on the Mark Hill extension site.</p>	

11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>DR suggested a further joint meeting be held, to hear a presentation on the latest developments re-the Memorial Hall and its funding applications. This was agreed, with DR to consult both BCIC and BMHCA as to dates for this. All to attend.</p> <p>CS informed that the Community Bus trip to Castle Douglas on Saturday 21st February had been popular, with the bus almost full.</p> <p>A resident had noticed a decline in sitings of barn owls since the refurbished school had re-opened, due to bright security lights kept on all night. AO will notify Education.</p> <p>B7027 Knowe Road—closure rescheduled for next week for resurfacing work</p> <p>AO informed on the latest changes re-the electoral register. Each person must now register separately. New forms will be sent out for implementation September 2015. Noted Re-Locality Planning Launch events being held (see above—<i>Item 10: Correspondence</i>)</p> <p>AO informed that this involved the streamlining of NHS and Social Work.</p> <p>Members of the public again referred to the shocking state of the roads—previously covered.</p> <p>CC By-Elections: DR queried lack of information re-this—due shortly. AO will enquire.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting <u>Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7.30pm</u> <u>Dates of other meetings for 2015</u> 29th April 27th May 24th June 26th August 28th October 25th November. <u>Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December</u></p>	