

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th March 2015
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), Councillor Alec Oattes (AO), Police Sergeant Kevin McKeown (KMCK) & PC Philip Porter (PP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Stewart Turner (ST) & Kevin Braidwood (KB) (Ayrshire Roads Alliance). 7 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None received.</p>	
2	<p>Police</p> <p>Speeding Survey: Sgt. McKeown informed that in response to complaints of speeding a traffic survey was carried out over a 3 day period by a road policing traffic management officer. The device was positioned opposite the Primary School and near the junction with Gowlands Terrace, between Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th March. A total of 2890 vehicles used the road with an average speed of 27mph recorded, for cars/motorcycles sized vehicles and also for lorry/bus sized ones. There was, therefore, good general compliance. The highest speed recorded was 53mph. Further investigations will be done over a longer period of time and the timings will be looked at. There will be more speed checks followed by another survey. KMCK was asked if the time between 8 & 9.15am could be considered.</p> <p>Incidents of note: There had been only 1 call in the area and 1 incident of note, when a male was reported for doing 41mph in a 30mph limit near the school.</p> <p>Additional Information: Police Scotland soon to launch an initiative in conjunction with the Scottish Government during the summer months, aimed at casualty reduction on roads, in particular regarding motorcyclists.</p> <p>Questions were then invited.</p> <p>KMCK and PP were thanked for their report and then left the meeting about 8.30pm.</p>	
3	<p>Speakers: Stewart Turner (Head of Roads) & Kevin Braidwood (Operations Manager) Ayrshire Roads Alliance</p>	
	<p>DR introduced both speakers and Stewart Turner (ST), Head of the Roads Alliance opened the talk. He gave a brief outline of the background of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance and its inception in April 2014, with its first anniversary imminent, and listed the different offices of the combined South and East Ayrshire alliance. The Alliance is mainly responsible for maintenance of the 'A' type roads in the area and road safety is the main priority. He stressed the importance of reporting potholes on the website, with accurate pinpointing of the location a necessity. Large potholes are the priority and as previously explained criteria have to be met when identifying the order of repairs. Pothole repairs are currently being carried out on the A714, thanks to the recent allocation of additional funds, and unconnected with attendance at tonight's meeting. More are planned for the next financial year.</p> <p>Kevin Braidwood (KB) then detailed other works recently completed: the U26 Dornal road and parts of the B7027 Knowe road. The U17 and U48 will be done shortly and sections of the Girvan/Dailly road. For the next 5 financial years the sum of £10 million has been allocated. During 2015/2016 £3 million will be invested, which includes £1.5m from the capital sum. Also included is £242,000 from the Scottish Timber Transport Group towards timber transport route improvements. Four sections of the A714 have been targeted: resurfacing of Pinwherry Main Street; by Blair Farm, Barrhill; between Killantringan Farm and Corwar, Barrhill; and Main Street, Barrhill, between the Hall and the northern 30mph limit. Road safety works will also be carried out.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired about traffic calming, which is mentioned in the A714 road survey and AC pointed out the continued flooding just south of the bridge at the south end of the village.</p>	

	<p>Flooding adjacent to the school entrance, which is surely a safety issue on this corner, was raised by a member of the public, who was informed this section is to be resurfaced next financial year. CS enquired if the other end of Main Street is also to be resurfaced as there are concerns sections may cave in. KB informed this is not scheduled to be done.</p> <p>DR referred to sections at Kildonan road end and Queensland Holiday Park, which had been cut and then left. KB informed this section had been deferred for the time being.</p> <p>JT referred to the blocked drains at the school. KB informed there were problems with concrete in the pipes, but that this would be attended to by Jamiesons during work to complete the car park.</p> <p>DR referred to the poor standard of repairs, which was refuted by KB but endorsed by the Community Councillors and members of the public, who had seen little evidence of the 'square cuts' KB referred to actually being carried out on the A714. DR informed that his holiday park business was losing trade due to the appalling state of the A714.</p> <p>KB again referred to the 5 year capital programme with £1.5 million to be spent next year and promised to return to the CC, possibly in October, with the latest update. AS felt that white lining on the newly resurfaced sections should take place ASAP for safety reasons and AC asked a technical question regarding filling potholes during heavy rain. A member of the public sought clarification of the qualifications of KB and ST, which involved, in KB's case, contract law. He asked that the legality of the different road facilities between the A77 and A714 be looked at as he felt the latter should be treated the same as a major trunk road.</p> <p>ST and KB were then thanked for their presentation and left the meeting about 8.15pm.</p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25th February 2015	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded SR.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 2: Police: DR understood the matter of the loose dog near Glen Tachur had been resolved.</p> <p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial: PL and DR have now met to discuss this. PL informed that with the changed criteria for grant applications it was unlikely money would be obtained from the Memorials' Trust. Lizzie Linton of SAC is hopeful some money would be available from SAC for the project – perhaps £2,000. DR informed that the BCIC is supportive and the CC agreed to approach the CIC for some funding. The work entails the need to relay the uneven steps, install a handrail and repair the loose slabs on the plinth. In addition a safety rail is required round the top along with 1.1m safety fence. Some rendering and other fencing is also required. DR and PL will meet up again</p> <p>Refuse Bins on Road: PL had shown photos to the Waste Management Team proving the bins are on the public road at the A714/B7027 junction. He will place notices on the bins asking that they be removed from the road.</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: AO had received an email (circulated) from Jim Webb of Ayrshire Roads Alliance, who informed that road markings will be done.</p> <p>Skip Provision: One had arrived on Friday 6th March but no news yet on increased total numbers per annum. AO will pursue this. Ongoing</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>Drains: KB to meet with AC shortly with regard to Altercannoch road end and 19/20 Wallace Terrace drains.</p> <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report: Dog 'Poop Bags': DR had circulated details of his enquiries by email and it had been agreed to apply for a grant to purchase these. <i>See Item 8, Small Grant Applications, and Item 6 below.</i></p> <p>Joint Meeting: This had been arranged for Monday 13th April. All to attend if possible.</p> <p>School Lights: Barn Owls: AO had passed this on and received an email from Education and understood the security lights are now switched off at midnight. The resident, however, had informed that bright lights are still on. AO will investigate further.</p>	<p>PL/DR</p> <p>PL</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AO</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AR circulated her report, which showed that all the administration grant money from SAC had been used and £98.46 left of the BOS £100 compensation as it had been realised that	

	<p>the Hall hire fees of £12.50 per meeting had not been allowed for. The fee for the domain name had been refunded to AC, total costs this year being more as 2 separate charges were due plus payment made twice in the same financial year, which does not usually occur. The £1500 Small Grants money is still left.</p> <p>PL informed that SAC may pay the hall let charges on top of the admin grant—he will enquire into this.</p> <p>DR thanked Ann for her report.</p>	PL
7	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported on the last meeting, held on 16th March. Prior to this, DR referred to the sad death of the BCIC Chair, Lily Niven, after a long fight against her illness. He and others paid tribute to the huge amount of work Lily had done for the community. She had served on the CC and BCIC, as well as Club Diamonds. All recognised her contribution to the community and it was felt appropriate that a £50 donation be given in Lily's memory to MDS UK. CS to investigate the conditions imposed by SAC concerning donations to see if this is allowed.</p> <p>Car Park: The work to complete the car park is continuing.</p> <p>Arnsheen Park: Tenders are currently being invited for the drainage work on the park and the felling of trees, for which a felling licence has been applied. Once the area between the fence and the river bank has been cleared re-planting will take place. Concerns were expressed by AC that removal of the trees could lead to erosion of the bank, while a member of the public informed of orchids growing at the end of the park.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC had attended the latest meeting that afternoon. He informed that BMHCA could apply to CF for funds but at present there is no money left. Foundation Scotland is insisting that the majority of the community must support the plans before any application could be approved. Procedures have still to be clarified. ACE had received approval of its application for a grant. They are holding 15 activity days during 2015.</p> <p>c) CCCF (incl. Membership/Role) CS and AR had attended the meeting on 10th March. The following were the main points.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity Report: Updated report on 'Scotland Reaching Out' given – the business plan should be available by the end of March.</p> <p>A leaflet 'Eating Out in Carrick' to be produced--input required for this. (CS had spoken to the proprietors of the Barrhill Stores and Trout regarding this.)</p> <p>'Welcome to Carrick booklet' to be printed soon – total cost £2,800.</p> <p>Membership of CCCF & its Role</p> <p>The CCCF had requested that this be an agenda item in view of the recent controversy. After discussion it was agreed that for the time being Barrhill would continue membership of CCCF. It was felt membership was useful but 12 meetings per annum excessive and 6 would suffice. It also agreed to the amendments made to the CCCF agenda regarding the role of the organisation.</p> <p>There was also an interesting talk on the Biosphere by Chimwemwe Chagunda.</p>	CS
8	<p>Small Grant Applications</p>	
	<p>1. Barrhill Community Council This was for the sum of £239.50 to purchase 20,000 dog excrement bags and had been previously circulated. This was unanimously approved as it was agreed that the provision of these had reduced the amount of dog mess in the area.</p> <p>2. Barrhill Bowling Club AR declared an interest in this item, being the Club Secretary. This application had also been circulated to all. Again, there were no objections and the application for funds to pay for grass cutting on the bowling green was approved unanimously. AO gave a name of someone who may be willing to undertake the work as AR informed that no-one had yet replied to the advert. AR will contact him.</p> <p>A third application had been received 2 days previously, from the newly formed Camera Club, which was too late for consideration at the meeting. This was for hall rental and the purchase of a digital projector and screen. AR declared an interest in this also but informed that BMHCA could consider purchasing the equipment itself as it was something the Hall needed.</p> <p>AC also submitted an application for the new Badminton Club. AR referred to the lower</p>	

	costs (£15) of the Hall compared with the school and offered 2 free weeks to gauge the Hall's suitability. In principle these 2 late applications were viewed favourably but will be considered after CS has scanned them and circulated to all.	CS
9	Planning Application	
	AR reported one relevant application, previously reported, from SPR to site a met mast at the Mark Hill extension site. The decisions list for February contained two decisions for Barrhill, both for Creeside. One is a refusal for the wind turbine application and the other, for the prior notification for erection of an agricultural shed, is permitted. DR thanked AR for her report.	
10	Correspondence	
	<p><i>Various items previously emailed out. In addition:</i></p> <p>SPR: DR had received notification of the Glenapp Windfarm application. It was noted that this had first been raised a considerable time ago, with no progress until now.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Various communications, including questions on Outpatient Experiences. Interest expressed by a member who will participate. There is also to be a 'Review of Chemo Services'.</p> <p>SAC: By-election information: CS received this just after previous meeting, which contained several erroneous matters. Correct information forwarded to SAC and an election poster then received, which was now on the notice board, advertising the 1 vacancy. Nomination papers also available from CS. Prospective candidates have until 30th March to submit their applications.</p> <p>Coriolis Energy: Copy of 'Proposal of Application Notice' received re-Chirmorrie Windfarm.</p>	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>CS informed that the next Community Bus trip will be arranged shortly.</p> <p>Patient Participation Group: Items requested for agenda of next meeting. None received.</p> <p>ASACC: Reply sent indicating Barrhill CC's view (sought by email) that this be disbanded.</p> <p>Bus Shelters: CS informed that the recently installed new bus shelters at the foot of Wallace Terrace had been removed that day – reason unknown. PL will investigate.</p> <p>Hydro Scheme: AS referred to this project, currently being investigated by him, and requested that the support of the CC be minuted. This was agreed by all and the CC endorsed the preliminary investigations into this project.</p> <p>Health & Social Care: AO reminded of the newly integrated service coming into force and distributed some information booklets.</p> <p>He also referred to the forthcoming Girvan Folk Festival to be held the first weekend in May.</p> <p>Dirty Road (Barrhill) Signs: A member of the public raised this, unfortunately after KB had left the meeting. CS and AR informed that this had been discussed at previous CCCF meetings, to no avail. CS to email KB.</p> <p>Continuation of street lighting up to the station also mentioned—previous enquiries showed this to be a non-starter.</p> <p>Barrhill Action Plan: AS referred to the proposed update of this and informed that grants are available from 'CARES'. He will look into this. PL also informed of grants administered by the Community Planning Partnership. He will forward Marian Young's contact details to CS.</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PL</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p><u>Dates of other meetings for 2015</u></p> <p>27th May (Also AGM)</p> <p>24th June</p> <p>26th August</p> <p>28th October</p> <p>25th November.</p> <p><u>Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December</u></p>	