

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th November 2015
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Oattes (AO), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer). 2 Members of the public. Stewart Forsyth(SF) (Coriolis Energy)(Part only)</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	James Duffie (JD)	
2	Police	
	There was no Police presence at the meeting and no information had been received. Noted	
3	Presentation Update: Stewart Forsyth, Coriolis Energy Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm	
	<p>DR welcomed Stewart Forsyth (SF) and invited him to present his update. SF re-affirmed Coriolis Energy's commitment to providing regular updates on their plans regarding the proposed windfarm at Chirmorrie.</p> <p>Site access SF stated that there would be a robust Traffic Management Plan and work in relation to the two bridges would be 'works sensitive'. With regard to the hoped for access through Forestry Commission tracks, discussions have been held with Scottish Power Renewables (SPR), who apparently do not have a problem with their use by Chirmorrie contractors. Negotiations continue with the Forestry Commission but as the matter has not yet been successfully finalised the planning application does refer to access through Barrhill's Main Street. Coriolis are, however, hopeful that this will not happen.</p> <p>Layout/Timetable The plans consist of 22 turbines and it is expected to submit the planning application by the end of the week or early next week, with construction to commence by next August. A follow-up presentation will be given to the CC next February/March 2016.</p> <p>Public Consultation & Involvement There will be continued engagement with the community. Community benefit is planned at £5,000 per Mw per annum, plus indexation. SF then invited questions. AS queried the time involved, which is anticipated to be 18 months in total, from submission of the planning application. It is hoped to complete by mid-2017. DR enquired about grid connections: expected to be by Arecleoch and the Mark Hill substation. CS enquired if SAYLSA had now been consulted: SF informed this had now been done. SF concluded by informing that the Environmental Statement will be sent out within the next ten days. <i>He was thanked by DR for the update and then left the meeting.</i></p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28th October 2015	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 2, Police: No news re-query regarding an Action Plan outwith 30mph limits or 20mph, but AO informed (email had been circulated) of results of a similar enquiry regarding Barr, which is hopeful but will take time. The 2 members of the public were concerned that vehicles are still speeding through the village, despite reports to the contrary in the local paper. A lengthy discussion ensued re-speeding and all agreed with AO that the problem is not confined to Barrhill, as all communities are similarly affected.</p> <p>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: No action has been taken but it was recognised that the sight lines are much improved since the trees were cut back.</p> <p>Drains: AO had contacted Kevin Braidwood prior to the meeting for an update on matters reported after the August meeting. He read out the response, which had been circulated to members. Work has still not been programmed for this item and as regards the Broken Manhole, KB again understood this had been repaired, which it has not. Members expressed</p>	

	<p>extreme frustration over matters with views expressed that the press should now be involved. DR will monitor the situation in a week's time.</p> <p>CS informed of problems with manhole covers on the grass verge opposite 79 Main Street, with unsafe gaps appearing. One may be connected with telephone equipment but AO will view at the end of the meeting, along with other matters in the village.</p> <p>Hall Repairs: AO had spoken to Tom Burns, who had been absent on sick leave. He had assured that the condition survey would be undertaken within two weeks, but to date there was no sign of this having taken place. This was again disappointing and AO will investigate further. AO will also investigate the problem of drainage water running onto Hall property from Gowlands Terrace. In addition to matters above re-drains, inadequate drainage adjacent to the Wallace Terrace Playpark and near Blair Farm was also discussed. Both locations are ongoing problems in spite of work being carried out.</p> <p>B7027 Knowe Road: The hedges had finally been cut back, for which all are grateful.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Walk: JT and DR had raised this at the recent BCIC meeting and informed that the company is not willing to maintain this path. CS expressed surprise as previously the contract for grass-cutting had also included general maintenance of the path. This is apparently no longer the case, which is disappointing. Who does the responsibility lie with?</p> <p>Item 7d) Updates, Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR informed that the contract had now been signed and sent to SPR. He and JT were the signatories. The first payment of £40,000 is due in January 2016, then a second in July, followed by two per year. In the final year of construction there will only be the one payment.</p> <p>7e) War Memorial: CS had contacted Allana Hughes, the Scottish War Memorials' Trust Conservation Officer and circulated email correspondence. The site meeting is arranged for the next Wednesday, 2nd December. It is hoped as many CC members as possible will attend. A belated reply had finally been received from Corrie Wilson MP, (circulated) but she was not aware of any other source of funding. Noted</p> <p>Item 8b) Small Grant Applications, Barrhill Camera Club: As instructed by the CC, CS had informed the Camera Club of the conditions placed on the grant award. Subsequent correspondence had been circulated and CC members were now satisfied that conditions had been met and a cheque can be issued. AR again declared an interest, being a club member.</p> <p>Item 11: Correspondence: SP Energy Networks: AS had attended the Winter Preparedness Event on 13th November and found it interesting. He passed on leaflets regarding 'Extra support during a power cut' for vulnerable persons. Information was also given on clearing lines to prevent power cuts. There were also concerns that during bad weather conditions the National Grid may not be able to cope with power demands.</p> <p>SPEN Reinforcement Scheme: DR to reply – ongoing.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Litter on Knowe Road/Windfarm Traffic DR had received a reply (circulated by email) from David Ferrier of SPR following complaints raised at the previous meeting and he had offered to attend a CC meeting. He had sent information on the transport policy for workers and unauthorised use of the Knowe road can lead to dismissal through a '3 strikes policy'. The litter had been from Fedex material but as there had been various suppliers it was impossible to determine blame. There is, however, still a problem, with JT reporting cans etc near Maberry, particularly at the beginning and end of shifts. DR will inform David Ferrier and invite him to attend the January meeting. He again emphasised it is vital to obtain registration numbers of offending vehicles.</p> <p><i>(All other items on the agenda)</i></p>	<p>DR</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AR circulated the latest accounts and informed that the cheque from 'CARES' had now been received. McKenzie Wilson had therefore received its first instalment for the Barrhill Action Plan. The balance of the costs for the external defibrillator cabinet and its installation had been received from the BCIC and DR's outstanding refund due had been paid. Following emailed approval from CC members to register, AR confirmed she was now using 'information only' internet banking with HBOS and had been able to check progress of the 'CARES' cheque. Other cheques had been paid out and the annual membership fee to SAYLSA is now due. AR pointed out that as the Badminton Club did not have a bank account, their CF grant money was still held in the CC account, the hall rental for which the grant application was approved, being paid directly to BMHCA when due. DR then thanked AR for her report.</p>	

7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported on the last monthly BCIC meeting. Bus trip This had taken place the previous Sunday, to East Kilbride shopping centre, and been enjoyed by those present. Winter Fuel Payment Letters for this had now been sent out and this year's payment increased to £120. Planters Materials had been ordered to prepare these for bulb planting. This will take place on Wednesday 2nd December by the Primary School and helpers would be welcome.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed there was no meeting to report.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR reported that the meeting due to be held on 10th November (instead of a December meeting) was postponed due to lack of a quorum.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Windfarm: This item already dealt with. <i>See Item 5, above.</i></p> <p>e) War Memorial: Already dealt with. <i>See Item 5</i></p>	ALL
8	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>a) South Carrick Club Diamonds CS and MB declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision. After discussion it was unanimously agreed by the other members to award funding of £300 to assist with hall rental but not £150 to subsidise Club T-shirts and fleeces. CS to inform SCCD however, on deliverance of the cheque, that this does not preclude the Club from appealing the decision, on submission of further details.</p> <p>b) Barrhill Primary School This was a late addition to the agenda, as the application was only received 2 days previously, instead of the stipulated 14 days. CS had received assurances that this would not happen again and any future application would be submitted timeously. It was therefore agreed that on this occasion the application would be considered, as the project involved was to be held shortly. The application for £424 to fund the school's Christmas outing was approved in full. AR will deliver the cheque.</p>	CS AR
9	Planning Applications	
	AR informed there were none relevant to Barrhill since the previous meeting, or in the Decisions List. She will send out the outstanding lists ASAP. AR was thanked for her report.	
10	Correspondence	
	<p><i>In addition to that previously dealt with by email:</i> NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Notification that NHS Ayrshire & Arran Annual Report – Customer Care is now available. Noted Roads Meeting: Emails previously circulated regarding A77 and B734 Michael Pagan of Scotland Transerv. The outcome is not yet known. SAYLSA: Membership renewal due – AR will send a cheque for £20 to the SAYLSA Chair, Mhairi McKenna, as the situation within Saylsa is unknown at present. CS had received an explanation from Richard Carr concerning the differing subscription amounts—noted and circulated. (<i>See also Item 6.</i>) Barrhill Action Plan: DR had been corresponding with Jim Wilson (circulated to all) regarding this and members had raised various points to be amended in the questionnaire. All had been requested to read and respond. A lengthy discussion ensued on the questions suggested by Jim Wilson. DR read out the latest email received that day. JW had suggested a poster competition for the school pupils, which was approved. Artwork could also be undertaken. It was agreed to meet on Monday at 6.30pm to conclude the matter. <i>All other items circulated by email.</i></p>	AR ALL
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>DR referred to this being AO's last attendance, as in January Councillor Clark will attend Barrhill CC meetings. AO was thanked by DR for all his hard work on behalf of Barrhill over the past 12 months. AO informed that as he was not seeking re-election in 2017 he would not be returning to a CC meeting. DR wished him well and again expressed the CC's appreciation.</p> <p>Dog dirt: AR referred to the re-appearance of dog mess in the village. It could not be proved who the culprit is but there are suspects. Notices had been placed in the community and all asked to be vigilant. There appears to be some improvement at present</p> <p>BMHCA/BCIC Joint Meeting: AR informed this had been postponed, as in light of no information forthcoming from SAC's Tom Burns there was nothing to report or discuss. It was also understood that the BCIC would prefer to have the results from the Action Plan first.</p> <p>SAC School Christmas Poster Competition: Congratulations to Barrhill Primary School and</p>	ALL

<p>pupil Daisy Redman on the achievement of her winning entry in the recent poster competition for schools.</p> <p>SCCL Project: PL informed that two reports had been submitted to the Leadership Panel resulting in the go-ahead for the new Leisure facility to be operated by the SCCL for a period of 40 years. SAC will give an annual contribution towards running costs. Construction has now been given the go-ahead and will commence on 25th January 2016 and is anticipated to take 60 weeks. The financial closure of the project will be next month. PL also informed that he will be consulting with the schools regarding their use of the swimming pool and he will update the CC in January. AO offered congratulations to PL and Andrew Sinclair (Girvan) of SCCL for the work they had done to bring the project to fruition.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS informed that JD is carrying out regular maintenance checks of the PAD and keeping written records of this, which is appreciated. With regard to the availability of the digicode Dr Maxwell had suggested that perhaps the Scottish Ambulance Service could give this out if a 999 call is made from Barrhill. CS will contact SAS and enquire. DR informed that contact details had again been publicised in the BCIC Newsletter.</p> <p>Patients' Participation Group (PPG): CS informed that she had attended this on Monday 23rd November at Ballantrae Surgery. No other representatives were present and it was a short meeting. The main agenda items were:</p> <p>Quality Practice Award: The Practice was congratulated on this prestigious award from the Royal College of General Practitioners.</p> <p>Christmas Holiday arrangements: These will be published shortly.</p> <p>Priority Support during a power cut: SP Energy Networks has produced a leaflet on this. The Practice also informed that it was experiencing difficulties obtaining Locums now, in common with other rural practices.</p> <p>CS informed that in regard to attending meetings of the PPG, any patient of the Practice can attend – it is not essential to be a Community Councillor.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meeting <u>Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7.30pm</u> <u>Please note there is no meeting in December,</u></p>	