

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), James Duffie (JD), Sarah Redman (SR), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). <b>In Attendance:</b> SAC Councillor Alec Oattes (AO), PC Graham Barclay (GB) &amp; WPC Amy Hendry (AH) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team), Stewart Forsyth (SF) (Coriolis Energy). 5 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer).	
2	<b>Police</b>	
	<p>PC Barclay and WPC Hendry informed of 2 incidents in the Barrhill area since the previous meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June, both Road Traffic incidents. One crime of Careless Driving (on Main Street) was recorded.</p> <p><b>Speeding Survey:</b> Action from previous meeting: with reference to the query on extrapolating figures with regard to the school 20mph restriction area, Sergeant McKeown had given information that a further survey will be carried out at the end of September, following which figures will be available.</p> <p>Questions were then invited. JD informed that he had heard from a reliable source that a 'rave' was planned at Kildonan one weekend in September and queried if the Police were aware of this. They were not.</p> <p>AS questioned why Police Scotland did not operate a Speed Awareness Campaign for motorists convicted of speeding offences, as was done elsewhere in the UK. GB and AH were not in a position to answer this but did respond that there is an alternative here.</p> <p><i>AH and GB were thanked for their report and then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	<b>Speaker</b>	
	<b>Stewart Forsyth: Coriolis Energy</b>	
	<p>DR introduced the speaker, Stewart Forsyth, and welcomed him to the meeting. SF thanked the CC for giving him the time to address the meeting and gave his presentation on an update to the proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm project and Community Engagement. SF informed that the project was now proceeding with Coriolis' new funding partner, Electricity Supply Board of Ireland (ESB), after the withdrawal of Falck Renewables, who had lost interest in land based windfarms following new regulations affecting windfarms not completed by 2017.</p> <p><b>Access options:</b> SF detailed the different access options. The first is through Barrhill and the second, preferred route, is again on the A714 towards Barrhill, but then along the forestry tracks, thereby avoiding the community of Barrhill. This route is being discussed, with no agreement yet. Most of the stone is expected to be sourced on site, thereby reducing traffic. To enable turbine parts to reach the site from the south, the Duisk Bridge corner at the southern approach to the village will require to be adapted and the parapet removed. Likewise the bridge in the middle of Main Street needs adapting, with tarmac depths of 10 and 20 mm at the ends.</p> <p>As previously discussed with BMHCA, the Hall corner at the bottom of Gowlands Terrace will be cut away and at the Cross Water Bridge two miles further on, a parallel temporary bridge will be built. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>AS enquired if the alterations to the bridges would be permanent. This was hoped for and discussions in regard to this are planned with SAC for the end of August. It is also intended to initiate an Access Liaison Group. In all, 22 turbines require to be transported to the site. A submission to the Energy Consents Unit is planned for October and a further visit to the CC will take place before Christmas 2015, before the expiry of the time limit of 3/4 months allowed for a possible CC response to the planning application.</p> <p>Community benefit was then discussed, which is expected to be £5000 per MW, with production of 80MW anticipated. AS enquired if these funds would go to Barrhill and was</p>	



	<p>AR reported no change from the previous statement, other than the lodging in July of the £5,000 from Carrick Futures for the Small Grants Scheme, which meant she was able to write a cheque for the grant approved last financial year for BMHCA, there being insufficient funds left at the time. Other cheques are also awaiting signature.</p> <p><b>Carrick Futures Small Grants</b> At a short meeting held after an update by SPR personnel of the progress of the Kilgallioch Windfarm on 20<sup>th</sup> July, it was agreed that a grant application submitted by the CC for funding of £500 towards an outdoor cabinet for the defibrillator, be approved. DR will order the cabinet immediately.</p>	AR
		DR
7	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> JT and DR reported on the last 2 meetings, held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>AGM:</b> This had been held on 19<sup>th</sup> August and new directors are now in place resulting in a full board. JT had been re-elected and there were also 4 new directors. CS, who had served for 7 years, had not sought re-election and had now retired from the BCIC.</p> <p><b>Arnshean Park:</b> Work on the Park is almost complete but the Park had been officially opened by a representative of SPR at a joint occasion on BMHCA'S Gala day on 18<sup>th</sup> July, which was very successful.</p> <p><b>Car Park:</b> The only outstanding matter is the electricity supply and this is nearing completion. The Car Park will then be completed at last. It is, however, now open for use.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC informed that applications for large grants (&gt;£5,000) are closed for the time being to allow Foundation Scotland to become familiar with the administrative set-up at CF, but small grants are still available.</p> <p>CF directors had also been informed that expenses claims for mileage etc should be submitted to CF and not to an individual director's CC.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF:</b> AR had attended the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August (the July meeting, in addition to June's, being postponed) when the sole agenda item was the future of CCCF and its refocusing. All CCs had been asked for their thoughts on its continuation, with only one out of 10 against. It was agreed to hold fewer meetings: 6 per annum instead of 12, the next scheduled for October. Some felt the CCCF had 'lost its way' and in future there will be more selective processes, concentrating on matters affecting all communities such as Tourism and the Boundaries Commission Consultation. One CC had asked for a breakdown in the figures for Ailsa Horizon's remuneration as CCCF administrator.</p> <p>d) <b>Kilgallioch Windfarm:</b> The commencement of construction had been discussed at the update held on 20<sup>th</sup> July. DR had since contacted Gillian Arnot of SPR but there was still nothing further to report as Pinwherry &amp; Pinmore CC had delayed signing the agreement, which was holding up payment. JT queried a weight limit on an access bridge, which prompted AR to inform that the parapet of the bridge at the south end of the village had been damaged today. AO will report to ARA.</p> <p>e) <b>War Memorial:</b> DR reported on 3 estimates received, for £11,860+VAT; £13,885+VAT: and £16,560 incl. VAT. It was suggested that Corrie Wilson MP, might be able to advise on possible funding sources. CS to contact her. AO will ask Lizzie Linton if SAC are still willing to contribute £2,000 to the cost.</p> <p><b>Martyrs' Tomb:</b> CS had passed on information through a third party, to the Scottish Covenanter Memorials Association, regarding the poor condition of the inscription. A response is still awaited. Ongoing</p> <p>f) <b>Barrhill Community Action Plan:</b> Following the previous meeting DR had duly forwarded the 3 quotes received, to update the Action Plan, for consideration by the members. From the replies received, the decision was unanimous to offer the contract to McKenzie Wilson, whose estimate was the best value at £4,100 plus £500 for printing. The CC also has previous knowledge of this firm's work. (The others being Alan Jones' at £9028 and Star Group £14,555, with a possible reduction to approx. £12,500.) In view of this decision, DR had felt it was not necessary to invite the 3 firms to address the CC.</p> <p>CC members fully supported the project for an updated Community Action Plan to be carried out. This is urgently required, the present one being dated 2008.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to apply for funding in order that this project can be taken forward as soon as possible. In the first instance, AS will contact 'CARES' and apply for funding. If this appears unlikely, CS will investigate other sources, including SAC.</p>	AO CS/AO AS CS
8	<b>Boundaries Commission Consultation</b>	
	AO read out information concerning this, the original proposals having been amended. While	

	there was a slight improvement for SAC, the new proposals are still unsatisfactory. The Carrick Ward was still too big, covering a huge area. It was felt the geographical considerations had not been taken into account. AO will be sending his objections, which he will forward to the CC as a guide. CS will then send the CC's comments, amending the previous submission.	CS
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	AR informed of two relevant to Barrhill, for the week ending 1 <sup>st</sup> July. One was from Vodafone/Telefonica for modifications to the Vodafone mast in Barrhill, and the other for Sunnyside, off Knowe Road, to modify a minute of agreement (Section 75). The July decisions list included Queensland Holiday Park, for permission for a change of use of vacant land to form extension to caravan park. Noted	
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Fewer items than usual emailed in over the summer. In addition: <b>SP Energy Networks:</b> Extension to first round of consultation re-new overhead electricity line. <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Notification of Annual Review on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September. <b>SAC:</b> Digital Engagement Workshop for Community Councillors on 9 <sup>th</sup> October. <b>SAC:</b> Community Councils Planning Workshop on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September. <b>Scottish Government: Fairer Scotland Community Council Event</b> on 16 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<p><b>Safety of Arnsheen Park:</b> A member of the public raised concerns about the Health &amp; Safety aspect of the park, as he had seen balls being hit into the burn and was concerned about children falling in the river. The BCIC members present assured that aspects of Health &amp; Safety had been risk assessed. Concerns will be given to the BCIC Board.</p> <p><b>Martyrs' Tomb Walk:</b> The issue of unsafe steps on the Martyrs' Tomb Walk path was also raised, with queries as to who was responsible for maintenance. CS informed that she understood the contract for grass-cutting the path also included general maintenance and therefore is the responsibility of BCIC. This also will be raised at the BCIC meeting.</p> <p><b>Ownership of The Avenue:</b> A member of the public raised the matter of the ownership of 'The Avenue' and produced copies of email correspondence from Ayrshire Roads Alliance, which appeared to confirm her statement that it is a private road and had not been adopted by the Roads Authority. ARA commented that the road was shown on various maps as 'Forest Road' and it had no knowledge of who owns the road or is responsible for its maintenance. This matter had been brought up at the recent BCIC AGM, when its Chair had refuted the claim that it was a private road owned by Kildonan Estates. A situation had arisen since the opening of Arnsheen Park, which had resulted in extra traffic on the road causing inconvenience to some residents. A lengthy discussion ensued, during which some CC members stated that it was a fact that the Local Authority, either SAC or its predecessor, had resurfaced the road at some point in the past and had therefore adopted the road as a public road. It was agreed by the CC that as there had been no complaints from the purported owner of the road, if it is indeed a private road, it is a private matter and as such not within the remit of the CC. In the meantime, however, AO will seek out further information, if possible.</p> <p><b>Girvan Community Leisure:</b> AO informed that the swimming pool had now received planning permission, which all agreed was good news at last.</p> <p><b>A714 Closure:</b> CS and AS had attended a meeting of Pinwherry &amp; Pinmore CC on 16<sup>th</sup> July when the proposed road closure of the A714 was discussed. There had been a possibility of a complete closure to accommodate work on Glendriessaig bridge in connection with the Assel Valley Windfarm construction. AO informed that only a night time closure, the preferred option if it was really necessary to close the road, was now proposed, to be confirmed soon.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator</b> CS reported that the outdoor cabinet for the PAD was finally installed on the external surgery wall that afternoon. DR and JD will place the defibrillator in this tomorrow and set the digicode. Contact details will be posted on the cabinet. CS is still awaiting confirmation of a date for the Heartstart class to be held in the Memorial Hall. This will be notified ASAP.</p> <p><b>Station Road Path:</b> CS had received a complaint from a member of the public that this path was overgrown. AO will report this.</p> <p><b>BMHCA Gala Day:</b> AR wished to pass on the committee's thanks to all those who had supported and donated to the Gala Day, when the excellent sum of £831 was raised.</p> <p><b>New 'Barrhill' signs:</b> AR informed that new signs are now in place. Some members had not seen them yet. She also pointed out that a 'road count' had taken place south of Blair Farm.</p> <p><b>A714 Road Repairs:</b> DR enquired when the Blair section of the A714 would be repaired and</p>	<p>JT/DR</p> <p>JT/DR</p> <p>AO</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AO</p>

	<p>also if the defective section of road between Kildonan and Queensland was scheduled for repair soon. This latter section had been due some time ago, being listed for resurfacing but then deferred. AO will investigate.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.45pm.</i></p>	AO
	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting</b>  <u><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm</b></u>  <u><b>Dates of other meetings for 2015</b></u>  <u><b>25<sup>th</sup> November.</b></u>  <u><b>Please note there are no meetings in September &amp; December</b></u></p>	