

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th May 2015
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.55pm (following the AGM)

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), James Duffie (JD), Sarah Redman (SR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Oattes (AO), PC David Painter (DP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team).	
1	Apologies for Absence Andrew Clegg (AC), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer).	
2	Police <i>This item had been taken prior to the preceding AGM.</i> PC Painter informed that no calls had been received since the previous meeting. Speeding Survey: DP informed that this was continuing and that so far warnings had been issued during the Action Plan operation. JD expressed his thanks for the Police operation, with which the CC members concurred. Questions were then invited. DP was asked about a recent quad bike theft near Girvan and informed that there is currently an operation regarding quad bike thefts, which it is hoped will result in a successful outcome. <i>DP was thanked for his report and then left the meeting.</i>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 29th April 2015 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by MB, seconded JT.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial: PL and DR have now discussed this, with PL supplying a list of firms able to do the work. DR will now approach these to obtain quotes. Ongoing Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: No action as yet, although AO had been assured the work had been done. (Road markings had been done nearby.) AO will again enquire. Ongoing Drains: AO had noticed when he was in Barrhill on Election Day, 7 th May, that an SAC vehicle had been cleaning out street drains and enquired if this had been successful. AO will contact AC to enquire. Treasurer's Report In AR's absence, not known if she has sent the invoice for the yearly Hall let to Marie Welsh at County Buildings. Item 8: Small Grant Applications: Cheque sent to Barrhill Angling Club. Dirty Road Signs: See Item 8, Correspondence Item 6a: Updates: CCCF: Proposed Ward Boundary Changes: CS had duly sent an e-letter—no reply as yet. AO informed there is to be a 2/3 month consultation period on this. 6d: Joint Meeting: Hall Repairs: AO had made enquiries and read out a letter (previously circulated) from Tom Burns, SAC's Asset Manager, regarding the lease between the Hall Trustees and SAC. The Hall refurbishment was then discussed, it being noted that the sum of £360,000 is required for essential repairs, regardless of any refurbishment. AO has not yet received the reports of the costs involved that AR is to forward to him. AO will suggest that SAC attend a joint meeting with the CC, BMHCA and the BCIC to discuss the future maintenance, repairs and the current terms of the lease of Barrhill Community Hall. CS to forward the email address for Helen Allan, Secretary of BMHCA. Simon Redman, Secretary of BCIC will also be contacted with suggested meeting dates. 6e: Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR had contacted SPR to inform that Barrhill CC had no objections to the contract. Since then, however, it had come to light that the £560,000 spread between 7 communities over 2.5 years is less than the £720,000 expected. This figure has been queried by other CCs and there will be no further progress until this matter is resolved. <i>See also at Item 6d, below.</i> Item 9: Barrhill Action Plan: DR had received a list of possible companies from PL and CS had contacted McKenzie Wilson and received an approximate quote that was considerably	DR AO AO AR AR AO CS

	<p>cheaper than the only other obtained so far. DR will send out formal letters to several companies for official quotes, including the 2 already approached for rough estimates. JD enquired if the local MP would attend the open day as previously there had been involvement from politicians. It had also been suggested to him from outside Barrhill that perhaps Nicola Sturgeon could be invited to visit Barrhill as it was considered to be a model village. The projects shortly coming to fruition in the village had been mentioned in this context.</p> <p>Item 11: Correspondence: Ayrshire Litter Volunteer Network: CS had contacted ALVN and circulated the response. The group facilitates 'Adopt a Street' and after discussion it was agreed to inform ALVN that the CC would adopt Main Street, Barrhill.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: Flower Tubs: CS had contacted Thea Petticrew and was delighted to hear that SAC would supply plants for all the Barrhill tubs planted out by the Primary School.</p> <p>IACS: CS had sent an e-letter to Richard Lochhead—no response as yet.</p>	CS
5	Treasurer's Report	
	Due to AR's absence through illness, there was no Treasurer's report, but she had informed CS that there was no change from last month's. AR again regretted that due to pressure of work the accounts had not yet been delivered to SAC for auditing.	AR
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported on the last meeting, held on 20th May.</p> <p>Arnsheen Park: Work is continuing on the Park. HAGS SMP hopes to commence installation on the playpark in early June.</p> <p>Car Park: The work to complete the car park has been held up yet again. This time SAC think they may have to dig up the pavement to unblock the drains and work cannot continue until this problem is solved. This in spite of the problem being known about for some considerable time.</p> <p>Gap in Wall: There was still no sign of SAC contacting BCIC regarding the proposed entrance in the wall for pupils to move from the school grounds into the car park. AO will contact David Strang to investigate.</p> <p>Grant: The Primary School was awarded a grant of £500 for a school outing to Cream o' Galloway.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AS informed that at the latest meeting some of the procedure for the Small Grants Scheme was clarified. The £2,500 is to be increased to £5,000 and Foundation Scotland (FS) will expect an annual report from CCs. Non constituted groups will be allowed to apply for grants, but not individuals. FS intend to enquire if CCs are happy with these edicts.</p> <p>c) CCCF: CS and AR had attended the meeting on 12th May. The following were the main points.</p> <p>Carrick Tourism Activity Report: Informed that 3,800 had attended the Ballantrae Food Festival.</p> <p>New Carrick Booklets: These have now been delivered. The 'Eating Out in Carrick' leaflet will be out shortly.</p> <p>Carrick Way: Presently a lull in activity while landowners are contacted. ACE is leading the project.</p> <p>Maybole By-pass: A Public Enquiry would commence in Maybole on 25th May.</p> <p>South Carrick Community Leisure: Hoped that work will commence in December or January on the new community leisure facilities.</p> <p>Next meeting of CCCF: Agreed that this would concentrate solely on the refocusing of the CCCF, including frequency of meetings.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Windfarm: See also at Item 4, Matters Arising, above: DR had written back to SPR, as above, but no start date has been given as yet. MB had heard that it could be any time from mid-June to September before work commences.</p> <p>e) AWCLG: DR informed that he, AS and CS had attended this on 14th May. Community Benefit was discussed with PNE appearing to be flexible regarding this. The planning application has been delayed but should be submitted shortly.</p>	AO
7	Planning Application	
	AR had informed CS that there was only one relevant application this time. The application for an extension and alterations at Lyndhu, previously submitted then withdrawn, had now been re-submitted. Noted	

8	Correspondence	
	<p><i>Various items previously emailed out or covered in agenda. In addition:</i></p> <p>SAC: Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: DR had received a letter regarding <i>Objections from Community Councils</i>, which re-enforced a CC's 'ability to object to applications for new Liquor Licensed premises or a variation application to change premises' in the area. Noted</p> <p>Whithorn Way Steering Group: The group hopes to locate a future meeting in Barrhill and walk part of the route. Noted</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Director's Staff Briefing regarding the <i>Inaugural Integration Joint Board</i> of the South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP).</p> <p>SP Energy Networks/Dumfries & Galloway Strategic Reinforcement Project. Letters received from both bodies informing of a public consultation in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 9th June regarding electricity transmission and distribution. Information sent to households and businesses in the area, although not all appeared to have received this.</p> <p>Scottish Ambulance Service: CS had circulated the letter received but reported that to date no further details had been communicated from the. If nothing is forthcoming within the next week or two, it will be contacted.</p> <p>SAC: SASEN Conference & AGM: To be held 19th June, in Maybole.</p> <p>Road Signage: DR had previously circulated information concerning the proposed update of the village signs for Barrhill, asking for opinions. Only 3 tourism symbols can be added to the sign. Various options were discussed, including the symbols for Tourist info, Castle or Houses of Historic interest, Picnic area, Caravan site; Woodland recreation area, Light refreshments. DR will reply asking for the 3 most appropriate symbols.</p>	ALL
9	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Roadworks CS reminded of the forthcoming closure of the A714. Poster displayed.</p> <p>Community Bus trip CS informed the next trip will be to Stranraer/Soleburn Garden Centre on Saturday 20th June.</p> <p>Scottish Ambulance Service/Defibrillator There being no update from the Ambulance Service, CS had emailed again. Apologies then received for the time taken—there have apparently been problems with staffing issues. Informed that the defibrillator should be ready to send to Barrhill within a few weeks and CS would be contacted regarding delivery.</p> <p>A714 'Furniture' JD informed that the 'lateral street furniture' referred to by Kevin Braidwood concerns the chicanes on the A77 to slow down traffic.</p> <p>B7027 Knowe Road DR enquired if work would be carried out to cut back overhanging branches as vehicles are easily scratched when meeting traffic. AO will contact Kevin Braidwood.</p> <p>Forestry Routes JT wondered why timber lorries could not use the special forestry routes to avoid coming through the village. During the following discussion MB informed that he understood this was not possible due to the railway bridge near Bents Farm. This made it impossible for the lorries to use the roads through Arecleoch Windfarm. Noted.</p> <p>Ayrshire Post Article AO read out a letter from SAC's Chief Executive concerning the recent article about leaked information of £12.5 million of council cuts. It stressed that no decisions had yet been made but that SAC had to make £20million pounds worth of savings over the next five years. Noted.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i></p>	AO
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting <u>Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7.30pm</u> <u>Dates of other meetings for 2015</u> 26th August 28th October 25th November. <u>Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December</u></p>	