

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th January 2015
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Mark Bradshaw (MB), Andrew Clegg (AC), 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), PCs Elizabeth Hunter (EH) & Blair McGarva (BMcG) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 3 Members of the public Prior to commencement of the meeting, DR gave a warm welcome to AO, who is this year's SAC Councillor representative.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Peter Linton (PL) (SAC), Sarah Redman (SR).	
2	Police	
	CS informed that the Police would be unavoidably delayed. Item will be held on their arrival.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26th November 2014	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded JT.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: War Memorial: PL, in his absence, had emailed regarding this. No further progression since the previous CC meeting, but as he and JR were to correspond he has suggested that they meet in Barrhill to move this forward. DR and PL to arrange a date for this.</p> <p>Refuse Bins on Road: PL also informed that he had written to the Waste Management Team regarding the continuing bin problem at the A714/B7027 junction, highlighting the temporary improvement and enquiring if anything else can be done. He will inform the CC once he has a reply.</p> <p>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines: CS had found references to this matter in several CC minutes. Those of 28/10/2010 stated in the Actions from <i>Item 2: Police Traffic Slow Sign</i>: 'The positioning of this was discussed—to be marked on the road just before the public road.' It was brought up again on 24/3/2011, and 28/4/2011 when the Police were to discuss this further with SPR. On 28/5/2011 no information was forthcoming. Noted. As stated previously, AR has discussed with Mitch Rankin of SPR and once the leaves are back in the Spring the matter will be reviewed. In the meantime. AO will seek SAC's views on the situation. It was noted that the ground in question is owned by Ballochmorrie Estate.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: AR reported that the grant money had now been received from SAC and the cheque was in the bank. CS had emailed the successful applicants (BMHCA, Barrhill PS, Barr Burns Supper Club) for the Small Grant Windfarm Benefit payments and AR had delivered the cheques.</p> <p>Item 10: AOB: Bus Shelter at Wallace Terrace: AR reported this had also now been replaced and she had not needed to contact SPT.</p> <p>CF Grants: AS reported he had received 5 responses to the CF Directors' proposal to increase the small grants from £2500 to £5000, which would increase the percentage of the fund available to villages. AC also stated that support was given to the proposal to give to non-constituted groups and that an organisation could apply up to 3 times per annum.</p> <p>Rubbish on the Knowe road from Mayberry to Arecleoch turn: AR had discussed with Mitch Rankin from SPR, who had informed that currently none of their workers was yet on site. It was recognised by all that there was no proof of who is to blame. To be monitored.</p>	PL/DR PL AO ALL
2	Police (Arrived at 7.45pm)	
	PCs EH and BMcG introduced themselves and went through their report. There had been 2 crimes; the theft of oil and a quad bike. Due to a new 'Incidents' system they had been unable to search back to earlier this year. Only 1 incident logged since 22 nd January. There were also reports of an organised shoot and adverse weather conditions.	

	<p>Questions were invited and a member of the public complained about speeding in the village, which he reported was serious. He had given copies of a newspaper article to be circulated to the CC members. This concerned Citizens' Speed Guns and he enquired if Police Scotland were aware of this. EH and BMcG were not. A lengthy discussion ensued, noting results of previous investigations, with EH asking that where possible the registration number of a speeding vehicle be noted and reported. The Police would then follow this up. BMcG informed that at present no speed guns are available as new ones are awaited. He also encouraged members of the public to report offenders.</p> <p>AO enquired about traffic calming measures but was informed by DR that this had been asked for some time ago and the CC informed this was not possible in Barrhill.</p> <p>They were thanked for their report and then left the meeting, with a copy of the newspaper article to take back and show to other officers.</p>	EH/ BMcG
5	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AR circulated copies of her report and informed that she had separated the Carrick Futures money from the CC's administration fund, as instructed by SAC. She reported there was £1,400 of the CF fund remaining now that £1100 had been given in grants, (plus the £100). The £600 administration grant money had now been lodged in the account and 4 cheques paid out, as detailed, leaving a balance of £501.75.</p> <p>DR thanked Ann for her report.</p>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported on the last meeting, held on 5th December 2014.</p> <p>Car Park: The work had not commenced on the 26th January as expected, entirely due to SAC holding things up. Councillor Clark already investigating and AO will also do so. The contractor has almost completed building the car park wall.</p> <p>Waste Ground/Millennium Garden: The ground has now been chipped and tubs placed there, which has already much improved the appearance of the empty space.</p> <p>Arnshean Park: The questionnaires had been received and the matter will be further discussed at the EGM to be held on 9th February.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed that the funds have re-opened for awarding grants and applications are now invited. The Small Grants of £500 continue to be administered by CCs. AS reported that Foundation Scotland will be looking at all aspects of each application at local level.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS reported that neither she nor AR had attended the meetings on 9th December 2014 and 13th January 2015 but from the meeting minutes the main points for the first were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ayr to Girvan Cycling, Equestrian & Walking Group 2. Preparatory work for 2015 tourism 3. Development of Carrick Action Plan 4. Food Festival in Ballantrae & the 2015 Year of Food & Drink. <p>AO had attended on 13th January and reported on the formation of a Tourist Sub-group and also that funding had been refused for a Girvan Potato Festival.</p> <p>d) AWCLG The Altercannoch Windfarm exhibition had been held in the hall that day and would be again the next day. Most CC members had attended prior to the meeting.</p>	AO
7	State of Roads	
	<p>DR spoke for all, including 3 members of the public who had attended for this item, when he opened a discussion on the appalling state of the A714 between Girvan and the D& G boundary south of Barrhill, where the difference was marked. He had contacted Alex Ingram MSP in a private capacity and eventually received a reply. The CC expressed gross dissatisfaction at the poor standard of repairs and drain cleaning, a lack of road markings and also poor response to complaints. JT and AR cited drainage issues up the Knowe Road and flooded areas adjacent to the Primary School (photographs were provided for AO), which had been ongoing for over a year. AO suggested inviting Kevin Braidwood to again attend a CC meeting. Dissatisfaction was also expressed about the Roads Alliance website and not being given reference numbers. Ongoing.</p> <p>AS had recently logged a complaint on the website and put in pictures of the Knowe Road. He did not receive reference numbers. AC felt the road should be swept in places as the heavy logging lorries using it when ice prohibited use of the forestry road had led to large amounts of small stones on the road. CS had received a complaint regarding the lorries using the road and had informed after investigation that it should only be temporary. No</p>	

	<p>further complaint had been received on the matter. A member of the public complained of 'Road Closed' signs not being removed after a road was re-opened and AR of no indication of where on a road the closure was situated. AO again stressed the importance of getting a reference number and DR of reporting potholes. AO will contact Kevin Braidwood. Ongoing</p>	AO
8	Planning Application	
	AR reported none relevant to Barrhill.	
9	Correspondence	
	<p>Meet the Funders Event (email previously circulated) 18th February 10am to 4pm NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Various communications Energy Agency/SAC Home Energy Fair: Saturday 7th February, Ayr—flyers circulated. Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS informed that Stewart Forsyth of Coriolis Energy would be giving a presentation on the proposed windfarm at the February meeting. Noted AR then informed that he has also asked to address the next BMHCA meeting to ask if it would be possible to cut off the corner at the Hall to enable windfarm traffic to negotiate it. This was greeted with surprise as it was doubted even this action would widen it sufficiently. SAC: Communities Conference: 20th March, Ayr. Noted Skip Provision: Notified of a further reduction in number of skips during 2015. CS replied expressing disappointment at the reduction from 6 to 5 (used to be 7) per year and again requesting consideration be given to purchasing another skip. AO will investigate further. Email from Member of the Public: A714: A member of the public (<i>see Item 2: Police & Item 7: State of Roads</i>) asked why the A714 did not receive the same treatment and facilities as the A77 in view of the fact that when the latter is closed, as happens on ever increasing occasions, traffic is re-routed onto the A714. This could include traffic calming measures, (<i>see above, Item 2: Police</i>) similar to other towns and villages experiencing a persistent problem with drivers exceeding the speed limit through the village. AO will investigate. A third item raised concerned a perceived 'Right of Way' between the Main Street bridge and 'The Avenue', by the Cross Water bank, which is blocked by a fallen tree and piles of garden refuse. It was suggested that SAC or a 'Rights of Way' body could be contacted but after discussion it was agreed that in the first instance CS would communicate with the person alleged to have placed the blockages and determine the situation. Defibrillator: Enquiries also made on current situation. DR explained notification was still awaited on the success or otherwise of the CC's application, which was expected 'early in the year'. CS to contact the Scottish Ambulance Service for an update.</p>	AO AO CS CS
10	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Small Grants Scheme CS asked if applications could be considered at both the February and March meetings as there is £1,400 remaining in the fund. Agreed. CS to place posters. Patient Participation Tool Questionnaire Brought up previously, when no interest was expressed. Reminder sent from the Medical Practice. Member of public expressed interest in this and agreed to view the document, make comments and get back to the CC regarding this. CS will then submit comments. Community Bus Trip The next trip expected on 14th or 21st February - to be confirmed. Drains: AC again referred to the blocked drain outside 19 Wallace Terrace, which had been reported numerous times. JT similarly referred to those on the Knowe Road. A member of the public also had a similar experience. AO will follow up. CS reminded that Kevin Braidwood had previously stated such work would be carried out when funds permitted. A member of the public enquired if the CC could envisage fewer meetings per year, as the same items appeared constantly and he understood Pinwherry had cut back to six. DR explained there were now only nine per annum and AO informed that Pinwherry may revert to more than six as the increased volume of items had led to difficulties. CS asked that the 4th Wednesday became the last to avoid confusion when there were 5 Wednesdays in the month. Agreed. List of dates of 2015 meetings to be given. Girvan Registration Office: AO updated the CC on the current situation as the office had been closed 'temporarily' since October 2014 due to staff illness. SAC are currently in the process of advertising for a temporary Registrar. Noted The meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>	CS CS AO CS

<p>Date & Time of next Meeting <u>Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 7.30pm</u> <u>Dates of other meetings for 2015</u> 25th March 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>	
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