

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 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), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> SAC Councillor Alec Oattes (AO), PC Philip Porter (PP) &amp; PC C McLauchlan (CMcC) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team), 2 Members of the public. Jim Wilson (JW) (McKenzie Wilson).</p>	
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Sarah Redman (SR), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer).	
2	<b>Police</b>	
	<p><b>Re-Speed Awareness Campaign</b>, PC McLauchlan informed that Police Scotland do not make the decisions regarding offences: it is the Scottish Government and Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service. Speed Awareness Courses are currently not available in Scotland, otherwise they would be utilised. The only driver improvement disposal is in a case of Careless Driving when the COPFS could issue, if appropriate, this alternative to prosecution.</p> <p><b>Incidents of Note</b> There had been 14 of these incidents in the Barrhill area since the previous meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August, including 4 crime reports: 1x assault; 2 x Theft by housebreaking and 1 x Theft. There were also 3 Road Crashes but no serious injuries.</p> <p><b>Speeding Action Plan &amp; Survey:</b> The Action Plan found that drivers adhered to the speed limits with very few warnings issued and no person reported for speeding. PP reported that the further speed survey referred to previously was carried out in early October and the total combined vehicle average speed found to be 23mph (previously 27mph), with 85% recorded at under 28mph (previously 32mph). Officers will continue to carry out routine speed enforcement checks in the village. Surveys had also been done in Ballantrae, with letters being written to haulage contractors where their lorries had offended</p> <p>Questions were then invited. There were reports of speeding lorries about 6am, prior to the survey work and AS commented on the high number of trucks on the A714 recently. He enquired if police units could be set up outside the 30mph limits, as trucks were breaking other speed limits. PP will report to Sergeant McKeown to see if this is possible in the action plan. DR queried if the 20mph limit near the Primary School could be extended. AO will enquire, but it was noted this had previously been refused.</p> <p><i>PP and CMcL were thanked for their report and then left the meeting.</i></p>	PP AO
3	<b>Barrhill Action Plan</b>	
	<b>Speaker: Jim Wilson</b>	
	<p>DR expressed the CC's thanks to AS for success in his application on its behalf to 'CARES' for funding to update the Barrhill Action Plan. He then welcomed Jim Wilson, who is to carry out the work. JW thanked the CC for awarding him the work and commenced by stating that a decision is required as to the questions to be asked in the questionnaire that will go out to all households, preferably before Christmas. It is difficult, however, to ascertain the correct questions to ensure that the Action Plan meets the community's expectations. In the early stages, it is preferable to have one to one discussions to see what evaluation is put on things. For instance, how do residents feel regarding the previous Action Plan—has the 2008 plan served the village well? This time round, it should try to meet those targets not yet fulfilled. DH informed that at the start of the 2008 plan, there were only 4 questions asked on the survey then and he explained its process. JW felt it was preferable to have a mix of open and closed questions. Each household should receive a questionnaire but for those with internet access JW felt 'Survey Monkey' could be used</p> <p>Another decision to be made is which outside agencies (e.g. Forestry Commission) should be consulted? JW agreed to make a list of questions and submit to the CC for approval. The discussion continued, with AS referring to projects already completed i.e. the Car Park and Arnsheen Park, and wondered if the community ideas had changed on the realisation of what</p>	

	<p>benefits the money can bring to the community. How is tourism affected and will employment opportunities within the village be greater in the future?</p> <p>JW felt that the questions put will establish the expectations of the village and it was agreed that the survey should include tick boxes as these are better received. JW will make out the survey form ASAP.</p> <p><i>JW was thanked by DR for attending and then left the meeting.</i></p>	JW
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015</b>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AS.	
5	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> (Other items are on the agenda)</p> <p><b>Mark Hill Road Junction: White Stop Lines:</b> AR had not yet received a reply from SPR's Mitch Rankin and apologised for not chasing this up. AO had no news on a painted 'STOP' sign. Ongoing</p> <p>AO understood that some growth had been cut back and it had been noted that the obscured sight lines at the bridge adjacent to the Mark Hill junction had improved, although the leaves are now falling off the trees, which helps. AO had confirmed with SAC that the trees adjacent to the cemetery are not on SAC land. CS had confirmed with the previous farm owner, that the land in question was on Blair Farm land.</p> <p><b>Drains:</b> This matter had not been attended to. AO had requested an update from Kevin Braidwood prior to the meeting on this and other matters and the reply, which AO now read out, had been circulated to all. It made disappointing reading, with the works for these drains not even programmed in yet. AO will again contact KB and express the CC's extreme disappointment. It was particularly galling that the <b>Broken Manhole</b> had not been repaired, contrary to KB's expectations, as it was broken by SAC personnel.</p> <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> AR informing Marie Welsh re-Hall rental invoice.</p> <p><b>Joint Meeting: Hall Repairs:</b> The Joint meeting had taken place on 30th September, but in spite of assurances given by SAC that some action would occur within a fortnight, AR had no communications to report. This was also disappointing. AO will investigate.</p> <p>DH enquired into the drainage water running onto Hall property from Gowlands Terrace. AO will also investigate this.</p> <p>CS reported the road at the Duisk bridge adjacent to the Mark Hill junction was badly flooded a few days ago due to water pouring off Blair fields with no drainage available to take it. AO will report this to ARA - it is futile to repair the road surface if drainage is inadequate.</p> <p><b>B7027 Knowe Road:</b> Still no hedge trimming had been carried out. Apparently scheduled to commence shortly. To be monitored.</p> <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> AR informed that all accounts/chequebook etc had now been returned from SAC's auditors following approval of the accounts. <i>See also at Item 6.</i></p> <p><b>Carrick Futures Small Grants</b> AR also reported that the 2 outstanding grant cheques had therefore now been paid.</p> <p><b>Item 7 Updates: d) Duisk Bridge parapet</b> had apparently been repaired but damaged again.</p> <p><b>e) War Memorial:</b> AO had determined that SAC is still willing to contribute £2,000 to repairs. CS informed that there was still no reply from Corrie Wilson MP, which was most unsatisfactory: this in spite of AO chasing it up. Ongoing (<i>See also Item 7e: Updates</i>)</p> <p><b>Item 11: AOB: Safety of Arnshen Park</b> JT and DR had reported this to the recent BCIC meeting and informed that a Risk Assessment had been carried out by HAGS SMP and the matter was not viewed as being a risk. Noted</p> <p><b>Martyrs' Tomb Walk:</b> This matter still to be raised with BCIC. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Ownership of The Avenue:</b> AO reported that ARA views it as a private road.</p>	<p>AO/AR</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>AO</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JT/DR</p>
6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	<p>AR informed that the accounts had now been audited by SAC and returned, along with the CC's 2015/2016 administration grant cheque for £600. She was now able to write out the outstanding cheques and circulated her report. The balance now, including the CF grant money, is £4,260.50. At present another 2 bills are to be paid, for the installation of the PAD and the £30 auditing fee to SAC. As these had been previously agreed AR asked if they could be paid immediately. Agreed, and in future AR can at once settle invoices previously approved.</p> <p><b>Approval of Accounts</b> The accounts for the 2014/2015 financial year were approved: proposed by DR, seconded AS. DR then thanked AR for her report.</p>	

7	Updates	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> JT and DR reported on the last BCIC meeting, which was the first of the new Board since the AGM, including the 5 new directors (one re-elected).  <b>New Office-Bearers:</b> Simon Redman is the new Chair. Noted  There was little to report although JT informed that the current <b>Bursaries Policy</b> is being reviewed and revised.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC informed that the last meeting had been the AGM two days previously. As well as himself and AS, the other Barrhill CF Director, DR and CS had also attended. The AGM was poorly attended, and apart from Barrhill, only Girvan CC members were present, a quorum was only just attained.  One matter agreed was that any eligible community resident could become a CF member.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF:</b> There was no meeting in September. AR and CS had attended on 13<sup>th</sup> October when the main item was workshops to discuss the topic '<b>Fairer Scotland</b>'.  Community issues were the poor <b>Broadband coverage</b> and the perpetual poor <b>road conditions</b>.  Also discussed was the <b>Local Government Boundary Commission's</b> consultation and <b>SAC's consultation</b> on how to achieve savings of £1.6 million.  <b>Davidson Hospital Building</b> Ailsa Horizons have been awarded funding of £1.39 million towards this project.</p> <p>d) <b>Kilgallioch Windfarm:</b> DR reported that he had just that day received the updated Kilgallioch Construction Community Benefit Agreement. Not all CC members had had the chance to read his forwarded email and he asked all to do so. Those who had were in agreement that the contract could now be signed, though it was noted that it was BCIC who were asked to provide the signatories. AS suggested asking if two CC members could also sign - this was agreed. DR to ask SPR.</p> <p>e) <b>War Memorial:</b> CS had been contacted by a volunteer with the War Memorials Trust, who had heard from a mutual contact of the problems affecting the Barrhill War Memorial. He had contacted the conservator in Edinburgh and strongly recommended the CC get in touch with her, as he thought there should not be a problem, though he had informed that the matter of the handrail would not qualify for a grant. CS to contact Allana and invite her to Barrhill. AO also referred to the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund and had brought information. <i>See also Item 5</i>  (DH enquired about the present situation with regard to the Hall, following the recent Joint Meeting. Nothing further had been heard from Tom Burns from SAC in spite of the time limit he had spoken of for surveying the Hall. AO will chase this up and AR informed that the BMHCA and BCIC are to meet on 16<sup>th</sup> November with a view to BCIC taking over the Hall project. DR reported increased hall usage of late and that the Small Grants Scheme could help to encourage more groups to form and use the Hall.)</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AO</p>
8	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>a) <b>BMHCA</b> AR declared an interest in this, being the BMHCA Chair, and took no part in the decision regarding the application. The application was for funding for the various Christmas activities. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to approve the application.</p> <p>b) <b>Barrhill Camera Club</b> AR again declared an interest, being a member of the Club. Concern was expressed by two members regarding the use of software. After discussion it was agreed by all that the application would be approved, but subject to the conditions that only free or licensed software is used and all legal requirements are met. CS to communicate this to the Camera Club.</p>	<p>CS</p>
9	<b>SAYLSA (Re-engagement Brief)</b>	
	<p>AS gave a brief overview on the latest developments within SAYLSA. He stressed the importance of community engagement with the local communities that use the rail line. He went into the background of SAYLSA and its formation, which most members were familiar with. The Community Rail Partnership, which SAYLSA now is, needs support and co-operation in order to improve transport links and to engage with the communities to encourage use of the railway. The vision is for a transport corridor and full integration with the local bus services. It is hoped new footpaths will be created and increased use of sightseeing charter trains, such as the steam train excursions. AS outlined the short term priorities of SAYLSA, from September 2015 to March 2016. These are as follows:</p>	

	<p>To promote awareness and travel on the line;  To engage with communities – feedback is essential;  To raise funding: this can be a problem, as the recent refusal of an application to Carrick Futures demonstrates. It is hoped Scotrail will assist with specific projects;  Connectivity—it is essential that bus/station facilities/fares and ticketing issues are addressed;  The anomaly of the excessive fares in and out of Wigtownshire to be addressed;  To improve services;  Conservation of station buildings etc;  Enhancement of rolling stock;  Encourage ferry passengers/Provide improved car parking facilities e.g. Barrhill/Initiate education classes for schools: and  To commence the Celtic Line.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p>AR informed of 3 relevant to Barrhill since the previous meeting in August: an application for erection of a met mast at Chirmorrie Farm (which was approved in the September Decisions list); an application from Scottish Power for an extension to the substation at Arecleoch Wind Farm, and another for the erection of an overhead line. On the August decisions list the application regarding the access from the Forestry Commission was permitted.  AR was thanked for her report.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>Wicksteed Playgrounds</b> leaflet.  <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Development of a Register of Interest for NHS Scotland.  <b>SP Energy Networks:</b> Reminder of Winter Preparedness Event. Date rescheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November. AS the only CC member who intends going to this.  <b>SAC Rural Panel Meeting:</b> 12<sup>th</sup> November in Maybole.  <b>Whithorn Way Steering Group:</b> Proposal to hold a committee meeting in Barrhill, walk part of the local route, and engage with local tourist related businesses. Agreed to support this.  <b>Chirmorrie Windfarm:</b> Stewart Forsyth wishes to attend the November CC meeting to update on the proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm. Noted and agreed.  <b>SPEN Reinforcement Scheme:</b> DR received an email from a group, <i>Dumgalagainstpylons</i>, regarding Scottish Power's proposed Reinforcement Project, enquiring as to what the CC had done, if anything, after the public consultation. DR will reply.</p>	<p>AS  CS  DR</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<p><b>Defibrillator</b> CS reminded that the PAD was now installed at the Surgery and that a successful and very well attended Heartstart class was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Now that this had been held the CC needed to review arrangements for the access digicode: currently only 4 members and the Surgery in possession of this. CC members to think about this.  Arrangements for maintenance records also to be clarified.  <b>Stinchar Valley Magazine Distribution</b> Becky had asked if this could be reviewed as not all magazines are successfully distributed. Noted  <b>Remembrance Sunday Wreaths</b> CS enquired if SAC will again bring 2 wreaths. AO will contact Councillor Clark. MB to contact ex-army personnel with regard to laying the wreath.  <b>Priority Switch-ons</b> AS referred to this - will learn more at the Winter Preparedness Event.  <b>Litter on Knowe Road</b> JT referred to this problem near Maberry and produced paper evidence. DR will forward this to SPR.  <b>Windfarm Traffic</b> JT also referred to traffic ignoring road safety at the forestry crossroads, which could lead to accidents. DR had already informed SPR of complaints received regarding unauthorised traffic using the Knowe road and will also report this.  <i>The meeting closed at 10.05pm.</i></p>	<p>ALL  CS  MB  DR  DR</p>
	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting</b>  <u><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm</b></u>  <u><b>Please note there is no meeting in December, the following meeting being 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b></u></p>	