

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th May 2016
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 8pm. (following AGM)

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), James Duffie (JD), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), Sergeant Kevin McKeown (KMcK) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 4 Members of the public.	
1	Apologies for Absence Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL).	
2	Police DR welcomed Sergeant McKeown to the meeting, who informed that while there was no action from the previous CC meeting Police had attended 3 incidents of note since then. One crime report was raised for vandalism, with enquiries into this continuing. The other reports were of a disturbance and of a vehicle driving dangerously. Unfortunately the wrong registration number was reported so the incident could not be pursued. Questions were then invited. ACK informed that he had recently dealt with a complaint from a Barrhill resident regarding speeding through the village. She was concerned that pedestrians could be injured. KMcK assured that the Police continue to be vigilant and carry out regular speed checks throughout the road network. He referred to a recent accident on a hill road caused by speeding. ASc reported temporary traffic lights not working that evening on the A714 above Artnoch. KMcK will investigate when he leaves the meeting. A member of the public was concerned about bad driving, having recently encountered a vehicle on the wrong side of the road. KMcK informed that there is a speed monitoring team dedicated to speeding on the A77, as well as checks elsewhere and re-iterated that such incidents of bad/dangerous driving should be reported to Police, preferably with an accurate registration number. KMcK also informed that he liaises with colleagues in the Traffic Section, who monitor speeding in Barrhill. He will ascertain their views and report back. A resident of a property on the New Luce road, who had previously encountered heavy goods vehicles blocking a private road, informed that a sign recently placed to try and prevent the unauthorised use of such roads, had been knocked down by an HGV. This will be investigated. ASc requested and received clarification on the new law pertaining to licences for airguns. <i>DR thanked KMcK for his report, who then left the meeting at approx. 8.20pm</i>	KMcK KMcK KMcK
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 27th April 2016 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded ASc.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes</i> Eldrick drainage: ACK had no further information regarding DR's query about ARA's five year plan for the A714. He informed that ARA issue a work log every 3 months with repairs being an ongoing project. He will seek to clarify ARA's commitment to the 5 year plan. Ongoing Martyrs' Tomb: CS had met with Jim Faulds Jnr of the Scottish Covenanter Memorials' Association, who had carried out an inspection of the Martyrs' Tomb. He had reported back to his committee that ' <i>the main inscribed stone is badly in need of cleaning but is physically in decent condition and readable</i> '. He proposed ' <i>to clean out the enclosure, carefully clean the inscribed stone and thereafter repaint the lettering</i> '. He had informed that the main structure had suffered from having been cement pointed previously with inevitable deterioration of the stonework. For longevity this should be picked out and re-pointed with lime mortar. He was hopeful the go-ahead would be given for these repairs. Ongoing Item 6d Updates: War Memorial: AC reported that he had now received the condition report. It recommended that a quantity surveyor be engaged to estimate the costs of the repairs project which would cost an additional £400. After discussion it was agreed this was an unnecessary expense and to dispense with it and obtain quotes for the work.	ACK AC

	<p>Item 8: Altercannoch Windfarm Community Liaison Group: See Item 6e.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: SAC 2016/17 Administration Grant: Form now lodged with SAC.</p> <p>Barrhill Playgroup: AR had not yet spoken to the Playgroup's secretary and the return of the Terms & Conditions form/acknowledgement of the cheque was still awaited. Ongoing</p> <p>Petitions Meeting: DR informed that Sarah Malone and Becky Boswell, BMHCA Chair and Development Officer, had attended this meeting in Girvan on 23rd May. ACK stated that he had chaired the meeting and gave a report on what had transpired. He stressed the importance of ensuring that the communities pull together on this. The Gala funding is decided at SAC's budget meeting, while the utilities funding is by the Leadership Panel. The wording of the two petitions must be competent and relevant in its approach to the Public Processes Panel and ACK and Cllr Alec Oattes will do their best to assist where they can. SAC has decided that an Officer will visit each Community Association to see the state of finances and then report back to the Leadership Panel. The next meeting of this is on 20th June. A member of the public reminded that it would be a mistake for SAC to expect that windfarm benefit could fund gala days, utilities etc. These monies cannot be used to fund what is within SAC's remit.</p> <p>In PL's absence there was no news re-the possible use of interest money from SAC's reserves of £14.5 million. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Service Bus: ACK had approached Cllr Bill Grant, who had already contacted SWTRANS on the withdrawal of services, regarding the withdrawal of Barrhill's Sunday bus service. He felt there was not much hope to get the decision reversed but will enquire. It was queried if a Community Bus would be feasible. ACK will broach the subject with Catriona Haston of the South Ayrshire Community Transport Organisation.</p> <p>Flower Tubs: CS informed that SAC had been in touch at ACK's request and she had supplied details of what was agreed last year with Thea Petticrew. To date she had not received any further information so will contact Jim Murphy again shortly. ACK will also investigate.</p> <p>(All other items on the agenda)</p>	AR PL / ACK
5	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AR again apologised for the delay in submitting the accounts to SAC for auditing, explained at the preceding AGM, which will now be done. She circulated her report and informed that there was a total of £2,578.60 in the bank account. This consists of the remaining administration grant of £180.30 (less an outstanding cheque); the CF grant funds of £629.50; the third instalment of the 'CARES' grant (£1,275); the CF grant for the War Memorial (£375) plus the £50 remaining BOS compensation money and the Badminton Club's grant of £495.</p> <p>With regard to the CF small grants funding, the available grant balance is £134.50.</p> <p>DR then thanked AR for her report.</p>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC DR informed there had been no meeting since the last report, one being scheduled for tomorrow but JT reported on other recent items.</p> <p>Lawnmower: This had been purchased for cutting the grass on Arnsheen Park.</p> <p>Car Park: A meeting had been held in regard to poor drainage. The contractors will construct a channel to remove flood water from the car park surface.</p> <p>Dolphin House: A grant had been provided for a Primary 5, 6 and 7 trip to Culzean.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed there had been no further CF meeting since last month's report.</p> <p>c) CCCF No further meetings have occurred.</p> <p>d) Community Action Plan (<i>This item replaced that of the War Memorial, which had been dealt with at Item 4, above.</i>) DR informed that he had recently spoken to Jim Wilson, who had apologised for the delay in producing this, due to problems encountered in getting responses from stakeholders, including SAC. He hopes the report will be out very soon.</p> <p>e) Altercannoch Windfarm Community Liaison Group: Following the suggestion made at the previous CC meeting, a CLG meeting had been held immediately prior to this CC meeting, at which seven Councillors had been present, as well as a representative from Barr CC. DR gave a brief report on the update given by Brookfield Renewable UK's Project Officer, Ciorstaidh Corston. She informed that the planning application is continuing and discussions have taken place with SEPA and SNH. Additional assessments have been carried out in relation to the proposed Chirnmore Windfarm. Concerns had been expressed re-private water supplies in the vicinity of the turbines and by both SAC and D & G regarding the access route depicted in the planning application (B7027 Knowe Road,</p>	

	<p>entering at Challoch).</p> <p>It is expected that the plans will go before the Regulatory Panel on 17th November. With regard to co-ownership of a turbine, draft guidelines on this have been produced. A maximum share of 15% would be allowed, with the community/communities involved bearing the costs.</p> <p>Following DR's report, a member of the public referred to the unusual situation at Glenwhan Gardens, Castle Kennedy, where a shortage of water had occurred despite a wet winter. This was an unknown occurrence and coincided with windfarm construction nearby. SEPA are looking into the matter. ACk informed that he had taken up the possible effect on water supplies adjacent to the proposed Altercannoche Windfarm with SAC Planning. The question of these effects had also occurred during construction of the Hadyard Hill Windfarm. Another member of the public enquired as to the planning procedure should the access route be altered from that submitted. Would there be delays? Brookfield had acknowledged that an amended application would require to be submitted should this be the case.</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	<p>AR informed of one application for the Barrhill area during the last month, that for the erection of a house and garage at Queensland Holiday Park. In the April decisions list, two applications for Barrhill were approved, one for the erection of a front porch at 1, Gowlands Terrace, and another for a certification of lawfulness for alterations and extension to the dwelling house at Barjarg Farm. AR was then thanked for her report.</p>	
8	Correspondence	
	<p>Barrhill Flower Show DR read out a letter of thanks from the Flower Show committee for the grant received.</p> <p>South Carrick Club Diamonds Letter of thanks for the £50 donation was read out by CS, who also referred to the previous letter of thanks for the grant received earlier in the year. The letters from both organisations were appreciated by the CC.</p> <p>Wicksteed/HAGS SMP---Info re- playpark equipment—passed on to the BCIC.</p> <p>Ayrshire Roads Alliance CS enquired if there was any information regarding correspondence received from ARA requesting support for its application for timber transport funding. She had replied to Kevin Braidwood, giving the CC's support. ACk was not aware of the outcome.</p> <p>SPEN:Gowlands Terrace: CS reminded of the emailed correspondence regarding forthcoming work on Gowlands Terrace to install an electricity cable from Kilgallioch to Mark Hill Windfarm. Noted</p> <p>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS reported an acknowledgement of the CC's consultee response, just received that day from the Energy Consents Unit, together with follow up comments to the Unit from Chirmorrie Windfarm Ltd. This will be circulated. The developers are still in consultation with the Scottish Government.</p> <p><i>Other items were previously circulated.</i></p>	CS
9	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Kilgallioch sign: CS reported that HGVs are still missing the Kilgallioch entrance, and ending up in Barrhill, as they don't recognise the 'Farrans' sign. AR also had reports of these occurrences. DR will request that SPR put up a 'Kilgallioch Windfarm' sign. It was puzzling that SPR had not put up similar signage to that done during construction of the Mark Hill Windfarm.</p> <p>South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Locality Planning Meeting: Details had been received of the meeting to be held at Girvan Hospital on 1st June. ACk stressed the importance of rural communities having an input at these meetings. AR and CS will attend.</p> <p>Beale Memorial: CS had received a phone call from Mrs Beale regarding this - passed on to the BMHCA to respond. Mrs Beale is writing to the BMHCA Secretary.</p> <p>Memorial Hall: ACk enquired, following the discussions at the CC meeting on 27th April, if the BMHCA had ever received any correspondence from SAC. With AR no longer on the committee, this was not known. JD will enquire from the BMHCA Chair Sarah Malone.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i></p>	DR AR, CS JD
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: <i>Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 7.30pm</i></p> <p>Other meetings in 2016</p> <p>31st August, 26th October and 30th November</p> <p>Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December.</p>	