

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th October 2016
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), James Duffie (JD), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACk), Stewart Forsyth (SF) (Coriolis Energy), Daniel Ferrier (DF) (SPR Assistant Project Manager, Kilgallioch) & Gary Parker (GP) (SPR Principal Project Manager), PC Graham Barclay (GB) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team) and 7 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer)</p>	
2	<p>Police Incl. Mark Hill Windfarm Junction with A714/Speeding</p>	
	<p>Although the Police had not yet arrived, DR welcomed Daniel Ferrier and Gary Parker to the meeting, who were in attendance for this item due to the numbers of complaints received regarding bad driving by windfarm workers.</p> <p>DF acknowledged he was aware of recent complaints, in particular one relating to a large blue tractor unit delivering cable drums to the site. Farrans and SPR had monitored vehicles at the crossroads to Kilgallioch and also carried out their own random speed checks. Known contractors/drivers are being targeted.</p> <p>AS referred to noisy, speeding vehicles on the B7027, which often woke him up at 5.30am and JT experienced bad driving at 6.30am, resulting in the ditches/verges being damaged.</p> <p>DR too has had some near misses while on the school run and regularly receives complaints of dangerous driving. CS also cited a near miss at the Kilgallioch crossroads, which she had reported to DF.</p> <p>There were complaints to the CC relating to one particular contractor's vehicles exiting the Mark Hill road junction at speed, straight onto the Duisik Bridge.</p> <p>A member of the public also notified of vehicles entering the 20mph zone at 50mph.</p> <p>DF informed that the present phase of work meant that 4 x 4 vehicles are needed to access the windfarm site and there should now be fewer vehicles using B roads.</p> <p>ACk informed that ARA had contacted Police Scotland Traffic Division with regard to Kilgallioch traffic. The traffic will be monitored for speed on two roads. The Police had also visited the windfarm site.</p> <p>JT had experienced near misses when driving a tractor on the B7027 due to excessive speed of oncoming vehicles. Members of the public experienced the same near the Mark Hill entrance, with mention made of poor white lining, and also on the New Luce Road (SPEN vehicles). (SPEN is a different Iberdrola division from SPR.)</p> <p><i>PC Graham Barclay entered the meeting.</i></p> <p>DR invited him to give his report. GB informed there had been 11 incidents in the Barrhill area since the last CC meeting on 31st August, resulting in 3 recorded crimes. One involved theft of plant from the Kilgallioch Windfarm site and the other two were cases of vandalism.</p> <p>Questions were then invited. AS asked for confirmation that dash cams could be used to prove incidents of dangerous driving—this is the case.</p> <p>The desire to control speeding vehicles is recorded in the Barrhill Action Plan and GB then informed that Police Scotland had just taken possession of some speed guns and that a programme is underway to utilise them on the A714 within 2 or 3 days. Responding to GB's query regarding the best time to deploy the gun(s), JD informed that Police action would best be carried out between 6 & 7am and 4 to 7pm. He was also of the opinion, shared by others, that covert Police vehicles are essential to catch out speeding vehicles as the overt vehicles are easily spotted by approaching motorists. Further discussion then took place re-bad driving. DF and GP stressed that all contractors working on SPR sites are given induction talks and</p>	

	<p>asked to comply with traffic regulations but that ultimately SPR cannot control this behaviour, unless proof is obtained of misdemeanours.</p> <p>CS had sent a joint email to Police Scotland and ARA regarding windfarm traffic emerging from Mark Hill but no response was received from the Police.</p> <p><i>GB, DF and GP were thanked by DR for their presence. GB then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	<p>Speaker: Stewart Forsyth: Coriolis Energy</p> <p>Presentation: Update on Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm</p>	
	<p>DR then introduced SF to update the CC on developments.</p> <p>SF reminded that his last update to the CC was on 24th February 2016 and now agreement in principle had at last been reached with FCS to use the forestry road for access. Although it is early days, he was confident that a full agreement would be reached. This would mean that the Gowlands Terrace route would not be required, except for limited use. JD asked for definitive clarification that turbine parts would not be brought through the village and this was given. Access would be via the Kilgallioch site entrance at Wheeb Bridge. Listening to the catalogue of traffic problems being experienced by residents had given useful information for construction when (and if) it commences. There would be close liaison with the community to try and prevent problems occurring.</p> <p>The decision on the planning application to the Scottish Government is expected to be in December, or early in 2017, and once confirmed SF will return to further update the CC. Construction would be expected to commence in 2019/2020, with connection to the grid in 2022. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>Queried on the outcome of the planning application, SF admitted that while confident of the outcome, nothing could be guaranteed. He confirmed that further information regarding access would be submitted if the expected change of route is confirmed.</p> <p>ACK referred to the comments submitted by ARA, relating to the published route applied for through the village – ARA pressed for the forestry route. A member of the public whose property is one of the nearest to the proposed site, expressed concerns regarding noise pollution, as she was disturbed by noise from Arecleoch since trees had been felled. SF assured that tests have been carried out by experts but this was viewed with suspicion. There are remaining issues with the application and further documentation will be produced reflecting rebuttals made regarding statements/survey results etc. AS requested that a hard copy be made available locally. This was agreed.</p> <p>Traffic SF recognised traffic is a big issue and DR stressed the need for a robust traffic management plan. It was confirmed that community benefit would be £5K/Mw – index-linked, and there would be continued engagement with the community.</p> <p>JD queried the number of workers involved—between 80 and 140, and then asked if workers could be transported by coach. SF replied that this had been considered but was not feasible. SF confirmed that connection to the grid via Mark Hill substation had already been agreed.</p> <p><i>SF was thanked for his presentation and then remained in attendance.</i></p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 29th June 2016</p>	
	<p>AS referred to the minute of the presentation on the possible Conservation Area for Barrhill and had noticed there was no referral to his remarks about Arnsheen Kirk - CS to amend accordingly. The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved, proposed by KMCL, seconded by AS.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
	<p>ACK went through all items ascribed to him, of which there were a large number. He had received an update on all matters raised with ARA , which was as follows</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Road Closures: With emergencies the Police will close the road and ask ARA to follow up and if necessary maintain closure. Closure signs are removed when roads re-open. Recently the B7027 was closed overnight when a crane went off the road.</p> <p>Windfarm Traffic using B7027: ARA’s Kevin Braidwood was advised the grass verges had been made good. JT and AS both reported this was not the case. ACK will follow up on this.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm Traffic: ARA has raised this matter with the Traffic Police. <i>(See above)</i></p> <p>Station Road: Vegetation pruning is out to tender, along with clearance of vegetation around signage at the Duisk Bridge.</p> <p>Road Closures: Simultaneous closures were due to overrunning SPR works—this situation is sometimes unavoidable.</p> <p>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: ARA also concerned re-transport route and strongly</p>	<p>ACK</p>

	<p>recommend investigating the use of possibility of using the forestry access road to Arecleoch.</p> <p>Defective Activated Speed Sign: A contractor has been engaged to inspect and repair all such signs.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: Community Resilience: The road above the cattle grid near the station is classed as a Tertiary Route and only gritted when resources permit. During bad weather these routes would receive treatment at the discretion of the Service Manager.</p> <p>Other matters: ARA informed ACK that work is out to tender to refresh the lining at the Duisk Bridge following email from CS. In addition, ARA noticed water issues at the Mark Hill entrance, which will be taken up with SPR. ACK informed that the closure of the A77 at Ardwell has been delayed and that he had met with Transerv officials, stressing the need to communicate with affected communities re-road closures.</p> <p>Memorial Hall Lease: ACK gave an update on this and informed that SAC is making available £1million for costs towards assets to be transferred to communities but there are no details as to how this money will be rolled out. The Leadership Panel will decide details but Barrhill will receive compensation. The lease will not be renewed but will be ongoing year on year. Work needs to be done prior to handing over. The BMHCA Chair informed ACK that she had received a letter from SAC notifying the lease would cease on 11th November but he was convinced this would not be the case. The Leadership Panel meeting is on Tuesday.</p> <p>Other Matters Arising</p> <p>Barrhill Playgroup: AR had spoken to the Playgroup secretary the previous day, who had promised to hand over the information the next day. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 9: Parking at Arnsheen Park: JD had drafted out an article and circulated to all—this will be in the Stinchar Valley Magazine and on Facebook.</p> <p>Community Resilience: The CC's interest had been registered—Kevin Braidwood will be in touch later regarding training for this.</p> <p>Kildonan Gates: SAC's Access Officer (Rachel Shipley) had contacted CS on this matter and as at that time the public were given the access code to open the gate, it was not thought to be a problem. There was no record of the route in the Rights of Way file, but records are not comprehensive. The situation had, however, recently changed, in that a new padlock had been fitted with no access possible. CS had again contacted RS who will arrange a visit to Kildonan to view the nature of the route and contact the owner. Ongoing</p> <p><i>(All other items on the agenda) -</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AR informed she had now handed over the books so there was no report this time. ASc was now willing to be sole Treasurer so AC had relinquished his role. This was agreed--CS to inform SAC in order to amend the information on their website re-CC Office-bearers.</p>	<p>CS</p>
7	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC JT reported the following from the last meeting:</p> <p>School Stage: Consideration was given to BCIC purchasing a stage for the Primary School, which could then be hired out (free of charge to local organisations/groups).</p> <p>Bursary: One has been granted for a spraying course.</p> <p>Fireworks Display: This will be held on Sunday, 6th November at Arnsheen Park. The Primary School had requested that classes bring along the Guys made. Agreed.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF): AC informed there was nothing to report.</p> <p>c) CCCF: CS and AR attended the 13th September CCCF meeting. Main points discussed:</p> <p>Winter road gritting: Situations to be monitored.</p> <p>Carrick Broadband Report: To be re-distributed to members.</p> <p>Progress Potential Leader Projects: An Expression of Interest (EoI) had been submitted to LEADER for a Carrick Low Carbon Tourism project.</p> <p>Barrhill Hall Lease: Councillor McDowall to follow up on this issue.</p> <p>Recycling & Cleaning in Maybole: To be followed up.</p> <p>South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Locality Planning Group: AR and CS had attended meetings the September and October meetings. <i>On 7th September:</i></p> <p>Hillcrest Care Home: Members visited here prior to the meeting. It is the subject of a review by SAC. All were impressed by their visit to the excellent facilities.</p> <p>South Carrick Decides: Feedback was given on the participatory budgeting process.</p> <p>South Carrick 'engagement' event: The Chair reported on this, held on 23rd September.</p> <p>Scottish Ambulance Service: Concerns were expressed over issues with SAS and</p>	<p>B</p>

	<p>recent consistency problems.</p> <p>Food Train service: There is to be piloting of this in South Ayrshire.</p> <p>On 5th October, two representatives of the Scottish Ambulance Service addressed the meeting, with regard to recent problems. It was explained that SAS do not pre-plan single manned ambulances – this is due to staff shortages as there is no contingency plan for staff reporting sick. Delays in response times were also discussed and the setting up of Community ‘First Responders’ Schemes.</p> <p>Strategic Planning Advisory Group: There was an update report on Service Reviews. Hillcrest Care Home is currently the subject of one, which it is fervently hoped will result in it remaining open.</p> <p>‘Our GP’ information was given out.</p> <p>d) War Memorial: AC reported he had sent the Schedule of Works to 3 companies only for estimates. Other companies on an SAC list were not approved by the Trust, which is a requirement of grant aid. So far only one company had visited the War Memorial. The Trust requires 3 estimates. Ongoing</p> <p>e) Barrhill Community Action Plan: DR reported that the final printed format is being prepared and should be ready in a few weeks time.</p> <p>f) Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR reported that he, AC and ASc had attended the latest Kilgallioch Community Benefit meeting. A separate company will be formed to manage the community benefit funds, consisting of 12 directors - 3 from each of the core 4 Community Councils. The eligible area will stretch from Girvan to Creetown. A further meeting will be held in few months’ time.</p> <p>g) AWCLG & ‘CARES’ Grant: AS reported on the recent Liaison Group meeting, which had been attended by four C Councillors. Brookfield had submitted rebuttals received to the planning application, which led to delays, with determination now expected mid-February 2017. There was also a presentation from Madeline Crawford (Local Energy Scotland), who explained about shared ownership (up to 15%) of a turbine and that the CARES scheme offers a start-up/feasibility grant of up to £20,000 for a professional opinion. The community would have to decide if it wished to follow this route. Noted.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	CS reported on the lists since the previous meeting. There was nothing relevant to Barrhill on the August and September Decisions Lists. The weekly list of 30 th September included two applications from SPR for met masts at Arecleoch. (DR had previously received notification from SPR that these applications were to be made, and also two for Mark Hill.) Noted.	
9	Small Grants Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Primary School A grant application (previously circulated) for £411, for an outing by the PS to this year’s pantomime at the gaiety theatre in Ayr, was unanimously approved.</p> <p>South Carrick Community Leisure (SCCL) A grant application (also previously circulated) for £500, for half payment on a 60ins TV set for an information board in the foyer of the new Leisure Centre in Girvan, was discussed at length. It was the view by some that applications to more than one CC were not allowed under CF rules, but this was questioned. Another factor was how much of the CF grant money received by the CC might be needed for purely local projects. The matter was put to a vote, with the Chair exercising his casting vote to refuse the application, with one abstention. CS to inform SCCL, but to advise that a different application later in the year could be viewed more favourably.</p>	CS
10	Utilities Charges Petition	
	ACK reported on the meeting of the Leadership Panel on 29 th September when this petition had been presented. Three ladies representing the Community Associations had spoken well and ACK and Alec Oattes had also spoken strongly in support. The utilities bill petition has been referred back to the Leadership Panel, which meets on 1st November, for a decision, the original motion having been referred back to the Panel to promote the viability of facilities. The meeting sent a message to SAC that small communities are here to volunteer. ASc, who had also attended the meeting (following his attendance at the Carrick Communities Petitions meeting in Girvan on 20th September) concurred fully with ACK’s views on the excellence of the speakers, who had spoken with passion. He paid tribute to their commitment and also to ACK and AO for their support. ACK praised the amount of excellent work done by Eileen McCutcheon of Colmonell Community Association.	
11	Correspondence	

	<p>DR had received a letter of complaint from a resident, circulated to all, following the presentation of a possible Conservation Area for Barrhill, which the resident had attended. After ascertaining the opinions of the other C Councillors, DR had replied.</p> <p>HAGS: Playground information leaflet.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Ayrshire Equalities Outcomes Consultation information.</p> <p>NHS 24: Survey on how people use the 111 service. CS completed the form.</p> <p>A Hydrotherapy volunteer is required at Crosshouse Hospital.</p> <p>SAYLSA Membership: AR will check when the last payment was made and the amount.</p> <p>Health Questionnaires re-Windfarms: CS and AS had these available for interested parties.</p> <p>SAC: CS reminded all of several forthcoming events intimated by SAC and previously circulated by email, including the Creative Arts Project in Ayr and the Strengthening our Communities Workshop in Girvan.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated.</i></p>	AR
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Car Park Wall DR informed that the wall had been damaged. A photo was available of an SAC vehicle damaging it and then driving away. This will be submitted to SAC for comments.</p> <p>Heartstart Courses Colmonell on 8th November and Barrhill Primary School tomorrow.</p> <p>Community Councils' Conference 18th November It is hoped someone can attend this.</p> <p>Friends of Hillcrest The review Team are holding 'drop-in' sessions at Hillcrest tomorrow.</p> <p>Poppy Wreaths ACK confirmed that wreaths had arrived for the Remembrance Day Service.</p> <p>Draft Local Housing Strategy CS informed this was now available.</p> <p>Draft Participation & Engagement Strategy This is now out for consultation, with 28th October the closing date for replies.</p> <p>Drainage near 19, Wallace Terrace AC reported that at long last this defective drainage system is being repaired, after featuring in many CC minutes!</p> <p>20mph Limit KMcL reported excessive noise due to the poor road surface in Main Street caused by speeding vehicles and supported the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.50pm.</i></p>	DR/ ACK
	Date & Time of next meeting:	
	<p><u>Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p><i>Please note there is no meeting in December.</i></p>	