

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Andrew Clegg (AC), James Duffie (JD), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACk), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer), PCs L. Hunter (LH) &amp; M. McGurk (McG) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team). 7 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Andrew Sinclair (AS), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p>	
2	<p><b>Police</b></p> <p>DR welcomed PCs Hunter and McGurk to the meeting. They informed of three incidents in the Barrhill area reported to Police since the last CC meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March. These were: reports of a stray dog; a suspicious vehicle noted in the area: and vandalism at the entrance gate to the Arecleoch Windfarm, resulting in a damaged padlock.</p> <p><i>No questions were put and DR thanked the officers for their report. They then left the meeting at 7.40pm.</i></p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AR.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Item 2: Police:</b> ACk had contacted Ayrshire Roads Alliance regarding the noise level of night time traffic during the weekend closure of the A77, when traffic was diverted through Barrhill. He informed that the A714 diversion had been approved by all parties during the A77 closures and no approved signs requesting traffic to proceed quietly through residential areas are available for use on these occasions.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Windfarm Sign:</b> DR had contacted Daniel Ferrier (DF) regarding HGVs getting lost and he undertook to put up a new sign at the Newton Stewart side of the Kilgallioch entrance. DF had informed that HGV drivers are given instructions re-the site access but ignore these and use their 'satnavs' instead. Two signs had already been put up at Dochroyle.</p> <p><b>Closure of New Luce Road:</b> The closures, due to HGVs coming off the road, had not been reported to ARA therefore no warning signs could be placed. ACk asked that in future road blockages should be reported to either ARA or him.</p> <p><b>Item 6: Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>A714:</b> ACk had contacted Kevin Braidwood and read out an email assuring that a hotbox had definitely been used for temporary repairs. Works near Killantringan are now scheduled for June, although another section awaits further funding. As stated previously, a line is out for the <b>Eldrick drainage</b> but they are not yet in a position to carry this out – to be discussed. Additional funding is apparently being sought by ARA from the Timber Transport fund. DR queried the 5 year plan previously made for the A714 but ACk had no information on this.</p> <p><b>Item 4: Proposed Altercannoch Windfarm:</b> The response had been submitted to SAC Planning after the draft had been approved by all eligible CC members bar one.</p> <p><b>Item 6: Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Girvan Traditional Folk Festival/Rural Transport:</b> DR informed that there would be pick-up points at the Trout and both caravan sites. A poster has been displayed and times published on the website</p> <p><b>Dredging of Cross Water Burn:</b> ACk had made enquiries and understood that the burn had now been inspected. He was informed that dredging is not yet required but the condition will be monitored and attended to when necessary.</p> <p>CS had investigated the report of a fallen tree in the Martyrs' Tomb wood. It was the one she was aware of and was not a danger to the water flow. The owner had now unblocked the path.</p> <p><b>Martyrs' Tomb:</b> CS had contacted the Scottish Covenanter Memorials' Association once more and she was meeting a representative the next day at the monument. Ongoing</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ACk</p> <p>CS</p>

	<b>Item 13: Correspondence: Whithorn Way Steering Group:</b> DR and CS had attended this group's April committee meeting held in the Hall and found it to be of interest. Another two Barrhill residents had also attended. The group are pressing ahead with raising awareness of the Whithorn Way and have received funding from HES. (All other items on the agenda)	
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AR circulated her report and informed that there was still £377.35 in the CC administration funds, plus £50 remaining of the BOS compensation money. The CC web fee is now due. Of the CF grant money, £1,441.50 remains. Last year there was no money left over at 31 <sup>st</sup> March to give out any donations but this 31 <sup>st</sup> March there was. After discussion regarding all the groups within the area, it was unanimously agreed to donate £50 each to Barrhill Bowling Club and South Carrick Club Diamonds. AR declared an interest in the former and CS in the latter and took no part in the vote. It was noted that the Bowling Club had not applied for a CF grant this last financial year and that the SCCD had only received part of the grant they applied for. Other groups had received the full amount requested. With regard to the CF small grants funding, the remaining grant balance is £509.50. It was noted that the Badminton Club's grant of £495 is held in the account for them. DR then thanked AR for her report.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> DR reported on the last monthly BCIC meeting. <b>Newsletter:</b> The next one is due within the next two months. <b>Bursaries:</b> Two were awarded. <b>Car Park/School Wall:</b> DR informed that repairs to the car park wall, damaged during construction of the new school wall, were most unsatisfactory and required to be re-done. The BCIC Chair, Simon Redman, had met with an SAC official to inform that the wall was not in line and a slab is broken. The work should be completed in the next few weeks. DR had informed Tom Burns, Properties &amp; Risks Asset Manager, of the situation. <b>Car Park Lighting:</b> This still awaits completion.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC informed there had been no further CF meeting since last month's report.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF</b> AR and CS informed that the re-scheduled 12<sup>th</sup> April meeting had not gone ahead.</p> <p>d) <b>War Memorial:</b> AC informed that he had that day received the Condition Statement. The next object is the Method Statement. He referred to the fact that previous repair work had put in an extra layer at the steps. It had also been suggested that chips could be used round the Memorial. Ongoing.</p>	AC
<b>7</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<b>Barrhill Community Council:</b> The grant application for £375, which was approved via email shortly after the last meeting, was confirmed unanimously. The sum is 25% of the cost of obtaining Professional Advice to generate a condition report and specification of works, the War Memorials Trust Scotland providing 75%.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Altercannoch Windfarm Community Liaison Group</b>	
	DR raised the matter of the CLG, following the resignations of three of the four CC members. After discussion and the lack of any other member volunteering to join the ALG, it was agreed that DR would contact Chris Little (Smithy House Associates) and explain the C Council's preferred option. While fully understanding his commitment to continue the CLG, the CC feels all C Councillors should now be involved. It is suggested that the next CLG meeting be held immediately prior to the next CC meeting, commencing at 6.45pm on 25 <sup>th</sup> May. This would therefore ensure the CLG meeting is held in private and can be attended by CLG members from other CCs, thereby meeting Brookfield's obligations to continue the CLG.	DR
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	AR informed there had been no applications for the Barrhill area during the last month, nor any item on the March decisions list.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<b>SAC: 2016/17 Administration Grant:</b> Info received regarding this—AR and DR to sign form to be returned to SAC along with the 2015/16 accounts.	AR/DR

	<p><b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Summary report now available from the <b>National Conversations.</b></p> <p><b>Barrhill Angling Club:</b> A report had now been received on the Restocking Project carried out with the grant funding, along with other paperwork. Appreciation was again expressed to the CC for the funding.</p> <p>(It was noted that as yet there was no response from <b>Barrhill Playgroup</b> following the award of the sum of £432 for insurance costs and a new storage shed. AR will follow up.)</p> <p><b>Petitions Meeting:</b> Email correspondence had been received (previously circulated) regarding the organisation of a petition to take to SAC protesting against the imposition of Community Gala day stall charges and the transfer of utility bill charges for community halls to Community Associations. It is suggested a joint meeting is held in Girvan on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to which two members of organisations are invited. Barrhill should be represented and DR asked for volunteers to attend. DR and JD couldn't as yet commit to that date. CS would go if no-one else could and DR will contact BMHCA to see who will represent the Association.</p> <p>ACk confirmed that a joint approach is the best option for a Public Processes Petition to be put to the full Council and to the Public Processes Panel. A speaker should be nominated to put forward the case on behalf of all after representatives from all communities have agreed on their joint approach. It is possible utility charges could be referred back to the Leadership Panel with recommendations to be considered. The Gala Day charges could be referred back to the full Council. The grant of 90% costs recently awarded by LEADER gives some breathing space but is for one year only.</p> <p>JD enquired as to why the reported £14.5 million reserves held by SAC could not be used to avoid levying these charges. He then addressed PL directly on this issue. PL explained that SAC is compelled to keep a certain amount of reserves untouched and that it would be reluctant to spend any of these reserves on non-long term projects. JD commented that considerable interest would accrue on such a large sum and could not this be used for the public good e.g. gala days etc. PL had no further information but would make some enquiries. ACk commented that some items of the Capital programme could have been delayed.</p> <p><b>Communities Engagement Event:</b> PL had attended this en route to the CC meeting. It was held by Firstport, a social enterprise agency. Amongst others, the company had worked with 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils on leadership development.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	<p>AR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>PL</p>
11	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b></p> <p><b>Incl. CC's agreed response to Altercannoch Windfarm Planning Application</b></p>	
	<p><b>Community Action Plan:</b> DR informed that this is almost ready for publication and should be available by the end of this week or by Monday. Apparently one very strong opinion expressed was of the Hall being the hub of the community.</p> <p><b>Gowlands Terrace:</b> DR informed of forthcoming work on Gowlands Terrace to install an electricity cable to Mark Hill Windfarm. This will involve traffic lights but not till after the first train has passed in the morning--between 9.30am and 3.30pm. AR noted at present there is no school run on the terrace. It was also noted that it is the only route to the station.</p> <p><b>Service Bus:</b> CS referred to the item in the local paper regarding the axing of the Newton Stewart to Girvan bus service on a Sunday. Others were not aware of this and ACk had previously been given an assurance that there would be no service cuts. He will pass on the information to Councillor Bill Grant who has been investigating bus service subsidies to SPT.</p> <p><b>Flower Tubs:</b> CS enquired if the undertaking given by SAC to provide the same number of plants as last year would still be honoured, in light of the financial state of SAC. ACk will ask Fiona Ross, Thea Petticrew's replacement, to contact CS.</p> <p><b>Barrhill PAD</b> The Ballantrae Surgery now had the digicode visible on all staff phone lists for use if needed during the Practice opening hours.</p> <p><b>SCCL:</b> PL reported the current stage of the erection of the new swimming pool/leisure centre in Girvan. Work is progressing to plan and 85 underground piles are being sunk to a depth of up to 18m. Pile-capping will be finished next week. Work has commenced on digging out the swimming pool, with the lining at the shallow end 300mm thick. Completion is expected in mid March 2017. SCCL are being given a 40 year lease to operate the centre and there is a minute of agreement for SAC to provide annual funding to support the running costs. Recruitment of staff and other HR procedures are being worked on. It is expected that this recruitment will begin towards the end of this year. Target opening date is Easter next year.</p> <p>Additional funds of up to £300,000 are required to purchase equipment items for the gym and</p>	<p>ACk</p> <p>ACk</p>

	<p>soft play areas and funding will be sought.</p> <p><b>Memorial Hall:</b> ACk referred to the present situation and informed that SAC's legal section has advised Donald Gillies, SAC's Head of Properties &amp; Risk, and laid out the terms of the lease. SAC's responsibilities have been also been assessed. It is realised mistakes have been made.</p> <p><b>Public Toilets:</b> A member of the public asked PL if the new leisure centre would have public toilets for access by all, not just the centre's customers. PL said this was doubtful and ACk referred to the 4 Unisex toilets already available, these being totally inadequate when bus trips arrive in Girvan.</p> <p><b>Community Bus:</b> Another member of the public raised the matter of the bus sitting unused at the station and 'rotting away'. DR explained that the bus is within SAYLSA's remit but that the BCIC had considered running it. This, however, is not possible as a Section 19 licence is required and an organisation has to be a charity or non-profit making - the BCIC is neither.. Colin Love of SAC had suggested taking it on and it would be kept in the area but it was felt this would result in the bus being kept in the north of South Ayrshire. There could be an alternative community use. Ongoing</p> <p><b>CC's Agreed Response to Altercannoch Windfarm Planning Application:</b> JD withdrew this item as the agreed response had already been submitted to SAC.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting</b>  <b><u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm (AGM followed by the ordinary May meeting)</u></b></p> <p><b>Other meetings in 2016</b>  <b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b>  <b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b><i>Please note there are no meetings in July, September &amp; December.</i></b></p>	