

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**  
**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), Sarah Redman (SR), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). <b>In Attendance:</b> SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer). Gary Parker (GP) (SPR Project Manager), Daniel Ferrier (DF) (SPR Assistant Project Manager), Patrick Murray (PM) (Farrans Construction). PCs Gordon Thomson (GT) &amp; David Painter (DP) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team). 8 Members of the public. <i>DR welcomed the return of Councillor Alec Clark, who will now attend during 2016.</i></p>	
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	None	
2	<b>Police</b>	
	<p>DR welcomed PCs Painter and Thomson to the meeting. DT informed there had been 27 incidents of note since the last CC meeting, ranging from those related to severe weather, including fallen trees; a motor vehicle in a ditch (no injuries) and a lorry on its side in a ditch. Again, no person was hurt.</p> <p>7 crimes were recorded, including a housebreaking. GT again stressed the need for vigilance in regard to security of properties, especially those on the village outskirts. 2 persons have also been reported to the Fiscal for 2 separate assaults.</p> <p>With regard to the query raised at the last CC meeting attended by the Police (October 2015) about extending the 20mph limits, this is the remit of Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA). Should it be adopted the Police would of course be able to enforce this.</p> <p>Speed checks will continue to be monitored as operational demands allow and that will also include the southern approach. Assistance has been sought from the road policing unit, which has added the A714 to their list of problematic roads and they will monitor this, again when operational demands allow. It was also reiterated that there is not the expertise or training to deal with speeding outwith the 40mph areas but that incidents of careless/dangerous driving, when either observed by, or reported to, the Police can be dealt with. It is important to report incidents when they occur. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>The use of the speed activated signs as evidence was queried—they can be used.</p> <p>AS raised the possibility of ‘dash’ cameras being used. These would be looked at if presented to the Police &amp; the driver will then be spoken to.</p> <p>A member of the public highlighted a recent incident of a wide load on a narrow road and asked if there was a rule on the use of escort vehicles. He was informed that this is not legally binding, though would be advised in some cases.</p> <p>GT and DT were then thanked for their report.</p> <p>CS reminded that Sergeant McKeown, after mistaking the date of the previous CC meeting in November, which resulted in no Police presence, had immediately sent an apology. Noted <i>GT and DT then left the meeting at approx. 7.50pm.</i></p>	
3	<b>Presentation: Daniel Ferrier (Scottish Power Renewables)</b> <b>Update on issues raised re-Kilgallioch Windfarm construction</b>	
	<p>DR welcomed DF and his colleagues involved in the construction of Kilgallioch. DF then introduced his Project Manager Gary Parker and Farrans’ Project Manager, Patrick Murray. He was most concerned at the disquiet expressed regarding employees using the Knowe Road instead of the official entrance at the Wheeb Bridge compound. He stressed that all workers were given a Drivers’ Pre-Induction Course and there were clear instructions that all had to check in at the Wheeb Bridge entrance, where a security man is stationed. Vehicles are monitored as they enter and leave the compound. On a number of occasions, out of 20% vehicles reported as using the Knowe Road, half of these turned out to be residents living on Knowe Road. It is recognised that general delivery vehicles, en route to Knowe Road properties, have been mistakenly believed to be construction vehicles.</p>	

	<p>Despite this, PM recognised that some drivers are using Knowe Road in breach of instructions and SPR and Farrans will do all they can to prevent this occurring, but so far have failed to catch out any HGVs. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>JT queried the weight limit on the bridge on the forestry road, adjacent to Wheeb Bridge, as he understood this was the reason some HGVs were compelled to use Knowe Road. He was informed there was no such weight limit and cited the use of the bridge by heavy forestry lorries.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested the use of trail cameras—SPR had considered this.</p> <p><b>Litter Problem</b> AC pointed out that there had been a marked increase in litter on the grass verges of Knowe Road since construction of Kilgallioch commenced. He regularly cycled up to 10 miles on the road and also litter-picked on a 2 mile stretch. There were no doubts about the increase in the amount of litter.</p> <p>This was confirmed by AS, who also pointed out the destruction of road surfaces in places, as well as the grass verges.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b> DR again raised this matter, with vehicles still jumping the forestry crossroads junction on the B7027. Any lines on the road surface were constantly obscured by the dirty road surfaces and he asked if the road could be swept regularly to prevent this. DF affirmed he would arrange this on both the B7027 and the A714 at Wheeb Bridge. DR enquired if they had any proposals in mind to help reduce traffic on the B7027. None at present.</p> <p>Several CC members raised the question of insufficient signage for the entrance to Kilgallioch, with HGVs missing this when approaching from Newton Stewart and ending up in the village. This matter will be looked at but DF felt there was, however, sufficient signage on minor roads regarding unauthorised traffic. With regard to policing issues about incorrect use of the B7027, in reply to a question concerning the use of road cameras, DF informed that this had been considered but apparently cameras on a public road are not allowed. It was suggested to him that information e.g. number identification, could be put on vehicles.</p> <p>AS also suggested that the induction packs be re-distributed to drivers.</p> <p>JD brought up the speed of works traffic in the early evening and also enquired as to SPR's policy on alcohol intake of heavy machinery drivers.</p> <p>CS informed of cars parked long hours from early morning to evening in front of residents' houses in Main Street, when car sharing from the village to the compound occurs. She reminded that the car park is available for use.</p> <p>DR asked if SPR had a litter programme for roads. SR suggested a litter bin for the compound car park at Wheeb Bridge as there was also a litter problem on that part of the A714. She also advocated a large sign at the entrance, as living within sight, had observed vehicles missing the entrance.</p> <p>DF assured that he would pass on the concerns of the community and take on board the matters raised. CC members would continue to monitor construction traffic and report back at the next CC meeting.</p> <p>Finally, it was suggested that the Kilgallioch Newsletter, which had been distributed to some, be available to all. DF will look into this possibility.</p> <p><i>DF, GP and PM were thanked by DR for their attendance and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved; proposed by AC, seconded AS.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Broken Manhole:</b> This had finally been repaired, just before New Year, after constant complaints to SAC since last August.</p> <p><b>Drains:</b> AO had passed on outstanding matters to ACK. A number had still not been remedied, including the problem of <b>drainage water running onto Hall property</b> from Gowlands Terrace.</p> <p><b>Hall Repairs:</b> AR confirmed the condition survey had finally been undertaken and this was verified the previous Friday. DR clarified this was just a visual survey—the hall roof space still had to be examined by Tommy Tait. The problem regarding the run-off of water onto the hall grounds was noted and ACK had also been informed of this problem following the site visit to the Memorial Hall by the SAC Officers (<i>See item 7a, Updates</i>). He will enquire about this.</p> <p><b>SPEN Reinforcement Scheme:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Item 10: Correspondence: Barrhill Action Plan:</b> DR reported that on the Open Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 122 questionnaires had been completed and returned to McKenzie Wilson. The online</p>	<p>ACK DR</p>

	<p>form will remain open for another week. McKenzie Wilson had given out book tokens to the Primary School winners of the poster competition.</p> <p><b>Item 11: AOB: Defibrillator:</b> CS reported that she had received no answers to her emails to the Scottish Ambulance Service regarding the digicode being given out to 999 emergency callers, which is very disappointing.</p> <p>(All other items on the agenda)</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	AR circulated the latest accounts and informed that the grants agreed had been paid out. There was £2,041 remaining of the CF money. Of the CC money, £565.55 still remained. The money for McKenzie Wilson's work so far on the Barrhill Action Plan, and SAYLSA's subscription had both been paid. DR then thanked AR for her report.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> JT and DR reported on the last monthly BCIC meeting.</p> <p><b>Winter Fuel Payment</b> The cheques for this had now been sent out.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Payment</b> The first tranche of community benefit (£41,000) had now been received.</p> <p><b>Car Park</b> Still waiting for the electricity to be connected – no lighting in place yet. DR also informed that at the meeting BCIC and BMHCA representatives attended with Tom Burns and Martin McCabe from SAC regarding the wall between the car park and the school, they were informed that work on the wall will commence at the beginning of February but that the path is not suitable and will be re-installed.</p> <p><b>Planters</b> The bulb planting had been carried out on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AC had no meeting to report, the next one being due in March.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF</b> CS and AR reported that the meeting due to be held in January had been postponed, now to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February following the AGM.</p> <p>d) <b>War Memorial:</b> DR informed of the meeting held on site in December with Allana Hughes, the War Memorials Trust (Scotland) Conservation Officer. Four CC members had attended and all agreed it had been a fruitful and positive meeting. It transpired that a grant can be applied for to have estimates prepared and a funding application is required. A schedule of works would be put out to tender and a grant, if approved, would provide 75% of the expected £2,000 cost of this.</p> <p>DR enquired if someone would be prepared to be lead on this matter and AC obliged.</p> <p>e) <b>AWCLG:</b> AS reported on the most recent meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, the first since June 2015. Although not yet on the weekly planning list, it appears that the planning application for the proposed Altermannoch Windfarm has now gone 'live'. Concern was expressed that misleading information had been given to the AWCLG regarding the proposed access route, and AS questioned the point of future meetings. The group were informed a bridge over the river near Blair was being looked at. No mention was made of the route in the planning document, between the A714 at Challoch and the B7027.</p> <p>ACK said the Planning Officer dealing with the application should be made aware of this.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>ACK</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Consultee Response to Section 36 Application for the proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm</b>	
	CS reminded that the CC had received documentation (previously circulated) as a consultee and that the response was due by the 29 <sup>th</sup> January. It would be remiss of the CC not to reply formally to this. A lengthy discussion then followed, with members of the public taking part, which included all aspects of CC involvement in planning applications for windfarms in general, amongst them planning guidance and declarations of interest. It was felt by all that this particular application, being to the Scottish Government, was beyond the CC's influence and that it filled in a gap between Arecleoch and the in-construction Kilgallioch Windfarms. All CC members and all but one of the members of the public, however, were vehemently opposed to the proposed traffic route through Barrhill's Main Street, literally within inches of properties according to the plans on display in the hall. It was agreed that CS would draft the CC's consultee response, to state that the traffic route should be altered, and email to all CC members for approval prior to submission on Friday. ACK also suggested a copy be sent to ARA so it is aware of the community's strong feelings against the proposed route.	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Barrhill Community Bus/SAYLSA</b>	
	AS reported on the recent activities in SAYLSA. It is now commonly known that there have been considerable tensions and schisms in the organisation, involving one individual, which has	

	<p>all been most unfortunate. Matters were still being straightened out. One result was that the SAYLSA/Barrhill Community Bus is presently off the road as under the Articles of Association covering registration and insurance, it is no longer covered by insurance since the departure of the former Development Manager. This is being looked into but if the bus cannot be re-instated it is possible it will return to Ayrshire Leader, who originally provided funding, for re-distribution. Various options are being considered and DR informed that BCIC had discussed the matter.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Small Grant Application</b> <b>Barr &amp; District Burns Club (Barrhill Primary School Prizes)</b></p>	
	<p>This application had previously been circulated to all. After clarification that the grant requested, £100 for the Burns competition school prize fund, will only be used for the Barrhill element of the prizes, it was unanimously approved. CS will inform the Club and AR deliver the cheque.</p>	CS/ AR
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p>	
	<p>AR informed that since the previous meeting in November, planning applicants included the Forestry Commission with a prior notification of formation of a private access for timber operations in Arecleoch Forest; Mr &amp; Mrs G McCarthy at Laigh Altercannoch for the erection of a house on the plot of land to the rear of Laigh Altercannoch and; the application from Coriolis Energy for 22 turbines on the proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm. In January there were 2 applications, both from Scottish Power, for overhead/ underground lines to connect Glen App Windfarm to Arecleoch Sub-station and the other is a re-build/new overhead line from Barrhill to Drumhastie Burn, which is south of Chirmorrie. Both applications are made to the Scottish Government, as is the Chirmorrie Windfarm application. The Decisions Lists for November/December included the Arecleoch Substation and the Forestry Commissions one re-access (see above), both granted. AR was thanked for her report.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	
	<p><i>In addition to other items previously circulated.</i> <b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran:</b> Information on <b>Woodland View Volunteer, Be a Walk Leader</b> (Arthritis Care Scotland) and <b>Healthcare Improvement Scotland</b>. Noted <b>SAC Community Councils Election Timetable:</b> (previously circulated and all members have now received a personal letter.) Posters to be circulated. <b>SAC Skip Agreement Form:</b> The new Community Skip locations sheet for 2016 had been received. It was welcomed that in 2016 the skip will arrive 7 times, an increase of 2 from 2015. CS to return signed agreement form. <b>SAC: Beautiful Scotland:</b> Noted <b>BT Community Webkit:</b> AC had studied this---not suitable for Barrhill CC. <b>Proposed Bargrennan Windfarm:</b> An answer is required to the e-letter received regarding a Formal Scoping Request. Agreed that this was not within the CC's remit. CS to reply. <b>Artnoch Farm Woodland Creation Proposals:</b> CS to invite William Burfitt of Tilhill Forestry to address the CC on this woodland plan.</p>	CS  CS  CS CS
<b>13</b>	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b></p>	
	<p><b>SAC's Budget</b> ACK informed that this would be set at a meeting in March. It is anticipated that there will be drastic cuts in the wake of the upheaval caused by the Cabinet Secretary's stringent cuts to Local Authority grants. This had led to a 'black hole' in SAC's budget and all will be affected. There are difficult times ahead – ACK will keep the CC informed. <b>SCCL</b> ACK informed that the first sod of the new Girvan swimming pool will be cut tomorrow, which is good news for all in Carrick. <b>Tourism</b> The previous shared Ayrshire services have now disbanded – East/North Ayrshire were unhappy with the group. SAC will keep to a 'pan'-Ayrshire approach in name only. <b>Assel Valley/Tralorg Windfarms</b> ACK reported little co-operation between the 2 windfarms under construction regarding the transport of electricity from the sites. <b>Drains</b> AC informed of ongoing problems with inadequate drainage near 19 Wallace Terrace. <b>Stagecoach Bus Service</b> A member of the public had been informed by a bus driver of cuts to the local bus service, leaving only the school bus times on the timetable. ACK will investigate. <b>Proposed Altercannoch Windfarm:</b> Brookfield had now delivered all documentation (Planning Statement, Environmental Statement etc) associated with the planning application, which is now on display in the Hall, although the application has not yet been notified by SAC. <b>Felled Tree at Cemetery</b> SAC had felled a whole tree, which they deemed unsafe. It</p>	AC       ACK

	<p>purportedly had been a danger to road traffic at the Duisk Bridge, but was discovered to be some distance away from the A714, beside the kissing gate entrance to the cemetery. Despite an internal SAC investigation the mystery remains unexplained as to why it was felled.</p> <p><b>Roads</b> DR asked if the present road improvement works would continue, as sections of the A714 are still in a dangerous condition, as all agreed. No further news at present.</p> <p><b>Activated Speed Sign</b> AR reported the northern sign was still not working. ACk will report.</p> <p><b>Pavements</b> A member of the public reported the poor state of the pavement outside No 9B Main Street, and defective drainage. ACk will report this.</p> <p>Another member enquired as to traffic calming effects on Main Street to deter speeding vehicles. This has previously been discussed and answers to a question on the Barrhill Action plan will indicate what action the public wish to pursue as regards speeding. A six month monitoring period would be necessary prior to any work being carried out.</p> <p><b>A714 Drainage</b> A member of the public pointed out that the new drainage work carried out near Blair farm was inefficient in his opinion. Others agreed with this. The current work will shortly see a top coat put on the road to complete the works and there is a worry the surface will again be undermined. ACk will investigate. AR also pointed out inadequate work done to ditch clearance work near Eldrick Farm, which had resulted in the recent flooding there.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement Executive</b> AC and AS informed of a vacant post within Foundation Scotland. The advertisement will be displayed locally.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.35pm.</i></p>	<p>ACk ACk ACk  ACk AC</p>
	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting</b> <b><u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Other meetings in 2016</b>  <b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</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>	