

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th June 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), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer), PCs Amy Hendry (AH) & R Graham (RG) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 1 Member of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence Andrew Sinclair (AS), Johnnie Thomson (JT).	
2	Police DR welcomed PCs Hendry and Graham, who reported two incidents of note since the previous meeting. One concerned the manner of driving in which private vehicles were involved and the other was a crime report in relation to a fraud. Questions were then invited. The issue of speeding vehicles was again raised, with KMcl referring to persistent offenders between 6-7am and 4-7pm. These are thought to be windfarm workers. A general discussion followed on this issue, with JD informing that he had consulted Inspector Ramsay privately on this matter, who was dealing with it. ACK then informed the meeting that Inspector Ramsay had been moved on, his post having been deleted, with the Troon Inspector covering the area. Concern was expressed at this perceived reduction in police manpower in this area, but AH and RG assured there was no reduction in the lower ranks. ACK, however, referred to the Locality Policing Model, being of the opinion that a reduction in numbers was probable, and advised CCs to keep a close eye on developments as no doubt changes are afoot in Police Scotland. ASc reported excessive speed by a FEDEX van and JD felt the time had come for the public to carry out its own speed checks. He referred to a public pilot currently occurring in Fife and enquired as to the CC using a camera for this purpose. RG confirmed that there was no legal or Police objection to this activity. Noted. <i>DR thanked AH and RG for their report, who then left the meeting at approx. 8pm</i>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25th May 2016 JD requested the minutes be amended at <i>Item 2: Police</i> , with the following addition: <i>"KMcl also informed that he liaises with colleagues in the Traffic Section, who monitor speeding in Barrhill. He will ascertain their views and report back."</i> The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved, proposed by KMcl, seconded AC, subject to the above amendment.	CS
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes Eldrick drainage: ACK had contacted Kevin Braidwood regarding ARA's five year plan for the A714 and had forwarded the reply. The plan is still in place but as always, the key phrase is 'as funds allow'. ASc informed that the Forestry Commission is also to carry out drainage in the area. AR confirmed that this application had previously been noted in a weekly planning list. Barrhill Playgroup: AR had contacted the Playgroup's Secretary and reminded her to return the Terms & Conditions form/acknowledgement of the cheque and was informed this would be done; to date it is still awaited. AR will again remind her. Ongoing Petitions Meeting: With reference to the possible use of interest money from SAC's reserves of £14.5 million, PL informed that he had spoken with SAC's Head of Finance. Apparently the interest is already taken into account when the budget is finalised. ACK informed that the reserves now sit at £18 million. Item 11: AOB: Service Bus: No information as yet. Flower Tubs: CS had been contacted by the Girvan foreman and after liaising with the Primary School Secretary had arranged for the plants to be delivered to the school, as early as possible before the end of term. They had been delivered earlier than last year and the pupils had been	AR ACK

	<p>able to plant them, for which the community was most grateful. JD enquired if delivery could be even sooner next year but ACK confirmed that SAC has to wait for the plants to be available before they can deliver. CS had already requested as early a delivery as possible.</p> <p>A view was expressed that more tubs would help the appearance of the village.</p> <p>Item 8: Correspondence: Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS informed that Stewart Forsyth had initially asked to give an update to the CC but had later postponed this, as there were still no further developments regarding the access route. He hopes to have information in time for the August meeting. Noted.</p> <p>Item 9: AOB:Kilgallioch: DR had again spoken to SPR but no sign had appeared as yet. He was informed that all drivers are given detailed instructions how to find the site entrance, but as a large number of drivers have little English these instructions are not always understood. DR will again contact SPR. Ongoing</p> <p>Memorial Hall: JD had ascertained from the BMHCA Chair that other than confirmation about the November termination of the lease, she has had no communication from SAC. Noted (All other items on the agenda)</p>	DR
5	Treasurer's Report Incl: Approval of Accounts	
	AR once again apologised for the delay in submitting the accounts to SAC for auditing, but had now located a missing document and completed the paperwork, which she had to hand. PL kindly agreed to deliver the accounts to SAC. There was obviously no change to last month's report. Approval of accounts postponed until the next meeting. DR thanked AR and PL.	PL
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC DR reported the following from the last meeting: Car Park: The poor drainage is hopefully now rectified, as the contractors have constructed a drainage channel, which should prevent flooding. Solar Panels: These have been attached to the electricity supply. Arnshean Park: The grass is now being cut due to the recent purchase of a suitable lawnmower. Newsletter: The latest copy is now out.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed that several grant applications were considered at the last meeting, which was a funding round. Grants were awarded to: Barr Stores: £10,000.00 (towards staffing costs but only if the criteria are met). Ballantrae Bowling Club: £7,000.00 (new mower for the green). Ayrshire Rivers Trust: £7,998.00 (education project and tree planting on riversides to stabilise banks). An application from the Girvan Town Team for £8,190.00 (part time co-ordinator salary) was not awarded. AC also pointed out that conditions have to be met before payment is made.</p> <p>c) CCCF No further meeting held as yet, but one is planned for 12th July.</p> <p>d) War Memorial: AC reported that a provisional description of works required has now been made and quotes for the work are being obtained. Ongoing</p> <p>e) Barrhill Community Action Plan: DR read out a letter just received from Jim Wilson, who again apologised for the delay in producing the Action Plan. There had been further unavoidable delays and he now hopes it will be out on 5th July. <i>The following items were added to the agenda</i></p> <p>f) Petitions Meeting: ACK gave a report on what had transpired at the last meeting of the Community Associations held on 20th June. BMHCA had not been represented this time. ACK again stressed the importance of the communities pulling together on this. He and Councillor Oattes would ensure that the wording on the two petitions for the Public Processes Panel was competent, with Gala funding decided by SAC's budget meeting and the utilities funding by the Leadership Panel. There will be a lead petitioner with two supports. Each CA was to go away and give the matter some thought as clarity on what is wanted is essential. The question of equalities between urban and rural areas was very important, both equally so, though this often does not occur. The next meeting, at which the arguments will be laid down, with four or five salient points, will be held on 1st August.</p> <p>Conservation Area ACK at this point referred to SAC considering the possibility of designating part of Barrhill as a Conservation Area. CS confirmed she had received a</p>	

	<p>communication (scheduled for correspondence) from Catherine Parish to this effect, circulated to all, as CP wishes to consult the CC and local groups in the area to get some initial feedback about their views. She proposed a meeting in mid to late August, either at lunchtime or in the afternoon on a suitable date, to explain the pros and cons of having a Conservation Area in Barrhill. After discussion it was agreed to request an evening meeting. CS to contact CP.</p> <p>g) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Locality Planning Meeting: AR and CS had attended the meeting at Girvan Hospital on 1st June and found it constructive. It was announced that the Chair, Andrew Sinclair from Girvan, had resigned for personal reasons, with a new Chair to be elected at the next meeting. Amongst the items on the agenda was sub-group feedback re-Small Grants, with 27th August (between 11am and 3pm) being the date for 'South Carrick Decides'. Applicants will give a presentation at Girvan Academy, for up to £750 per group, with the public voting on the projects they wish to see funded in their area. 12th August is the deadline for applications. There was a presentation on Health Improvement, and a rundown of all services provided at Girvan Community Hospital. Small group discussion took place on Community Transport, to which Barrhill had a direct input.</p>	CS
7	Planning Applications	
	<p>AR and CS reported on the lists since the previous meeting. Apart from one application, previously mentioned, for the erection of a house and garage at Queensland Holiday Park, there were none for Barrhill. This also applied to the May Decisions List. Noted.</p> <p>JD brought to the attention of the CC, the possibility of one of the mature trees in The Avenue having to be felled during construction of the electricity cable between Kilgallioch and the Mark Hill substation. Some members were most concerned to hear this and during a discussion CS enquired as to the possibility of a Tree Preservation Order being served.</p>	
8	Road Closures	
	<p>Gowlands Terrace: DR reported on the problems encountered regarding the promised transport between the station and the car park during the road closures at Gowlands Terrace. This had not materialised due to problems with insurance cover. DR had been contacted by a commuter who had ended up missing the train and as a result, an appointment in Glasgow. This person had lodged a complaint and received an apology. The meeting queried if an escort could be provided for vehicles. AR will contact the main contractor to discover what is happening with this as the lack of the transport is viewed as most unsatisfactory.</p> <p>CS had contacted SPEN requesting clarification on some points raised by the letter drop to residents, the distribution of which had not been widespread. It was regrettable that some points raised had not been satisfactorily explained.</p> <p>A714: Several members had noted that the cones had been placed to close the A714 long before the stipulated time of 9.30am, at 7.45am in one instance. This was also the case at the Challoch end. ACK will pass on these concerns to ARA.</p> <p>In addition, there had been complaints that the closure sign did not indicate just where the closure was, thereby depriving Glentroll of trade. It was noted that following a complaint from the Forestry Commission some change had been made to the Challoch sign.</p> <p>CS queried why neither the A714 nor Gowlands Terrace closures were mentioned on the weekly SW Unit Programme of Works for Week 25, beginning Monday 20th June, when other lesser works, with no closure of roads, were detailed.</p> <p>It was also noted that work continued near Killantringan, with some members querying if closure would be extended for white lining. ACK will enquire re-future road closures.</p>	AR ACK ACK
9	Correspondence	
	<p>Small Grant Application: BMHCA: DR informed of this application, only received by CS late that afternoon, for £500 funding towards the cost of the Fun Day. Despite the lateness, it was agreed to consider this, and the grant to pay for a live band, bouncy castle, generator etc was approved. However, in future any application must be on time, as this was the second time a late application had been submitted by BMHCA. There are currently no funds available to pay out, until the next instalment is received from Carrick Futures. A cheque will be paid out once funds are replenished. CS to inform BMHCA. AR informed she had just submitted the required paperwork to CF for the previous financial year's grants.</p> <p>Compost: JD had been asked by the resident who helps the pupils to plant out, to request further supplies of compost; about 5 bags if possible. ACK will pass this on to see what can be done. Failing this, AC suggested applying to the Small Grants Scheme.</p>	CS ACK

	<p>SPEN: Gowlands Terrace Road Closure: Timed road closures from 20th June required for the cable installation works---see above at Item 8. Several communications received re-this.</p> <p>Girvan Town Team: Letter received from Tricia Watts requesting details and information re-number of clubs/organisations in Barrhill. CS to send a list after receiving permission from Office-bearers of the Clubs etc.</p> <p>Conservation Area Status: See above at Item 6.</p> <p>SAC Communities Fun Day: Ayr, Saturday 10th September 2016 from 11.00am until 3.00pm.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	CS
10	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Register of Interest Forms CS requested members complete these forms for the current CC term—forms given out.</p> <p>Carrick Futures Members: CS informed that Mark Bradshaw is willing to remain as a CF Member, but Sarah Redman does not wish to. Agreed to continue with 9 members only.</p> <p>Whithorn Way Pilgrim: CS informed that Derek Stewart, a modern day pilgrim from the Borders, had passed through Barrhill on Sunday 26th June, walking on the path through the Martyrs' Tomb wood then onwards to New Luce and Whithorn.</p> <p>Manse sold: JD understood that the former Barrhill Manse had been sold, to be used in connection with the Pilgrims' Way walk (see above).</p> <p>Rural Forum: ASc reported on the first meeting of the Rural Forum, held the previous day in Maybole. He expressed disappointment with the meeting and its organisation, with virtually no progress made. There was no information as to how the new Forum would be taken forward or how it would engage with other bodies. In addition, it was intended there would be only two meetings per annum. ASc, who had also attended, concurred with ASc's disappointment regarding the meeting. ASc then referred to the Leader funding body, with its EU funding of £5.8 million by 2020, and queried what would happen to this post 'BREXIT'. The rural deprivation of the Carrick area was also discussed and attendees participated in Workshops.</p> <p>SCCL: PL updated the CC on current progress and also referred to the resignation of the Chair. He reported that the steelwork is now erected.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</i></p>	ALL
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: <u>Wednesday 31st August 2016 at 7.30pm</u> Other meetings in 2016 26th October, 30th November Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December.</p>	