

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**  
**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), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc) (Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), PCs Phil Porter (PP) &amp; Craig McLachan (McL) (Girvan &amp; South Carrick Community Policing Team). 2 Members of the public.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	None received.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police</b>	
	<p>DR welcomed the Police to the meeting and invited them to give their report. They gave a summary of the crimes and offences since the last report on 25<sup>th</sup> January. There had been one road accident south of Barrhill—no injuries and no action required; an incident of anti-social behaviour at Kildonan House—no action taken but advice given: and a theft of bins on Main Street. Enquiries were carried out for this but no offenders were traced.</p> <p>Questions were then invited. CS enquired re-Sergeant McKeown's findings following the last meeting. PP reported the results of enquiries regarding speeding in the village and confirmed that KMcl had liaised with PC Murray from Traffic Planning, who had provided a comprehensive reply.</p> <p>This outlined their considerations when assessing requests for speed calming measures, which included vertical measures, speed bumps, chicanes etc. After consideration it had concluded that the A714 through Barrhill was not suitable to have any of these measures installed. A road has to meet certain criteria for this e.g. sufficient road width.</p> <p><b>20mph Zone:</b> Traffic Planning had stipulated that a 20mph zone could not be supported without the means to reduce speed, unless outside a school. This is the only place allowed at present and a 20mph limit is already imposed outside Barrhill Primary. It was then pointed out by JD that the 20mph section on the A77 at Maybole consists of a lengthy section which does not pass a school.</p> <p>AR enquired about installing speed cameras but this is apparently hard to justify.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion on speeding in the village then ensued, with DR in conclusion expressing the CC's disappointment that the Police could not support a 20mph zone in Barrhill.</p> <p><i>DR thanked PCs Porter and McLachan for their attendance and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 25th January 2017</b>	
	These were approved: proposed by JT, seconded by AR.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>Timber Lorries on B7027:</b> CS had contacted both the Timber Transport Officer and the Forestry Commission, who had both replied expressing disappointment in the offending hauliers. A message has been sent out to all hauliers highlighting the issues. They requested that any future events be reported, preferably with identification. AC and JT confirmed more occurrences and AC took details of one lorry, which he will pass on to CS to be reported.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Playgroup:</b> The T &amp; C form has now been returned.</p> <p><b>New Cemetery Building:</b> No further information – ACK will make further enquiries.</p> <p><b>Item 8: Small Grants: Barr Burns Club:</b> CS had received an e-letter of thanks from the Club.</p> <p><b>Item 9: Barrhill Memorial Hall:</b> ACK informed that BMHCA had now received the settlement money from SAC.</p> <p><b>Joint Meeting:</b> This is still to be arranged.</p> <p><b>Item 10: Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>MSP's Office:</b> CS emailed CC meeting dates to the office but no reply has yet been received.</p> <p><b>Skip Provision:</b> ACK is still awaiting information regarding this.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>DR</p> <p>ACK</p>

	<p><b>Item 11: AOB: Link Officer:</b> CS informed that she had received a phone call followed by an email after enquiring re-this. It transpired that SAC are currently reviewing Link Officer support to Community Councils – details forwarded to all. It is proposed that a Link Officer would support two or three Community Councils within a geographical cluster. Once the new model of Link Officer support has been established, SAC hope to be able to provide contact details of a Link Officer. Noted</p> <p><b>Aftermath of SPEN Works:</b> CS had sent an e-letter of complaint to the SPEN District General Manager and the Community Liaison Officer. The former was absent on annual leave but the latter, Colin Wylie, had sent an interim reply, which had been circulated. This confirmed that the roadway in question will be resurfaced along with any necessary re-instatement work. He apologised for the delays in the overall completion, which had resulted in a knock-on effect and delays to re-surfacing, and also enquired of the project’s overseer as to the present timescale. The Project Manager for the Kilgallioch Connection Project will visit Barrhill on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, and would like to meet with some CC members. CS to reply confirming this date at 10.30am is suitable. A few members indicated they would attend, to look at the issues reported to SPEN.</p> <p><i>(All other items on the agenda)</i></p>	CS
5	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p>	
	<p>ASc referred to the email he had previously circulated regarding the latest developments. He reported that all is now cleared with the bank and he now has complete access to the account He is also at last receiving bank statements, so has an overview of the history of the account for the 2016 to 2017 financial year. He will now prepare the accounts retrospectively from 1/04/17, not only for the BCC’s edification, but also for the eventual audit for the SAC. He initially found it somewhat confusing as to which grants belong to the admin side of the BCC business account and those relevant to Carrick Futures.</p> <p>ASc can, however, report what the balance of the account is showing at the moment, minus cheques yet to be presented, but is unable to declare what is still available for grants. He requested assistance from AR, which was agreed for the end of the meeting, and assured there would be a full report next time. DR then thanked ASc for his update.</p>	
6	<p><b>Updates</b></p>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC</b> JT reported the following from the last meeting:</p> <p><b>Garden Maintenance:</b> BCIC have advertised for a Garden Maintenance person. A contract for this is up for tender and includes general grass cutting/maintenance and the Garden Maintenance Scheme. The separate contract for Arnsheen Park had been given to Gary Scott, from Girvan.</p> <p><b>Bursary:</b> One bursary had been awarded.</p> <p><b>Tree Planting:</b> The plans for this project, with the Ayrshire Rivers’ Trust, are proceeding.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF)</b> AS and AC informed that several grants were awarded at the last meeting. Successful applicants included the Girvan Youth Trust (£11K); Colmonell &amp; Ballantrae Primary Schools (£1900 and £4K respectively for pupils’ Sailing Expedition); and Ballantrae Community Council (£10K for the appointment of a Development Officer). It was also agreed that CF needs to carry out a review of procedures to ensure best use of funds to benefit communities. The practice of awarding numerous small grants as opposed to a large grant to be discussed.</p> <p>c) <b>CCCF/South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Partnership</b> AR and CS attended the 14<sup>th</sup> February meeting of the <b>CCCF</b>, postponed from 10<sup>th</sup> January. The main items were:</p> <p><b>Update on potential CCCF projects:</b> More funding is required.</p> <p><b>South Ayrshire Rural Forum:</b> The CCCF Chair referred this new body, which had replaced the Rural Panel abolished by SAC and felt a better format could be arranged. Its first meeting last June had been most unsatisfactory. ACh felt this had left a void, with Community engagement practically non-existent and rural communities in particular affected. This situation should not be allowed to continue. The CCCF is to write to all CCs to gauge opinion on setting up a more suitable arrangement.</p> <p><b>Community Issues:</b> The demise of Ballantrae Gala was discussed and ACh gave up-to-date information following the Gala Equipment Petition to the Public Processes Panel meeting the previous day. The petition had been rejected, although SAC are willing to provide equipment free of charge, but this would have to be collected/erected/returned etc by organisers. The logistics of this are not practical. LEADER would give funding in the</p>	

	<p>form of 'gala in a box', which is currently being trialled in D &amp; G. From 2018 a solution needs to be found to go forward and this will be looked into by all affected. 2017 events will have to be managed as best they can. CCCF will write to SAC leaders, the MP and MSP on this issue.</p> <p><b>Locality Planning</b> AR had attended the 1<sup>st</sup> February meeting and reported the following:  <b>External Fundraising Officer:</b> Andy Lee informed on his role, which includes working with organisations across the SAC area to find external funding. He is a link to the Big Lottery and will be happy to meet up with groups. (AR has informed BMHCA)  <b>First Responder Update:</b> A Community Service for this is being developed across South Carrick and the next Locality Planning meeting is to be held in Colmonell on 1<sup>st</sup> March, when Ambulance Service personnel will be present. It is hoped all interested parties will attend.  <b>Hillcrest Update:</b> ACK informed that this will not close and that funding can be applied for as the new building will be built on housing lines rather than residential care, which cannot access funding.  <b>Rural Transport:</b> To be on a future agenda.  AR stressed that the next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March is open to all.  She concluded by reporting on the Participatory Budget event '<b>South Carrick Decides</b>' which was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. AR found it an interesting day and reported that BMHCA, which she had been there to support, had been successful in their bid for £1,000, as was South Carrick Club Diamonds - CS attending in support of this group.</p> <p>d) <b>War Memorial</b> AC reported on further discussions with War Memorials' Trust Scotland. It transpired that their rules stipulate that when work costs are in excess of £20K a Project Officer must be appointed. The CC members expressed disappointment at this news but AC will proceed with the application form for a grant to cover 75% of costs. The estimate from William Waugh &amp; Sons though, had been accepted, which was good news. Ongoing</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Windfarm:</b> AS only had attended the latest meeting. He informed that Foundation Scotland had been appointed as the Secretariat and that the set up work plan was confirmed, which had to be in place by this September. The Community Benefit Company will be limited by guarantee. Company membership and Board structure was also determined. Each of the 4 communities can have up to 10 members, not necessarily CC members. From these members 2 directors should be elected. In addition a 3<sup>rd</sup> director -- an 'expert' and not necessarily resident in the area, would be appointed. Discussion took place on means of recruiting interested parties, and it was felt this should be publicised. CS to look into this.</p> <p>AS informed that FS will receive £5,000 plus VAT for setting up the company, to be deducted from the next windfarm benefit payment. This amounts to £1250 plus VAT for each of the 4 communities. Annual costs of administration anticipated to be £20K. With regard to the wider regional fund (40%), FS will look for people to apply for grants.</p>	CS
7	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p>CS reported that the January Decisions List contained one for Barrhill, that of permission to renew planning permission for the Memorial Hall. The weekly list of 10<sup>th</sup> February included one for the formation of a forestry access off the A714 east of Barrhill. That of 17<sup>th</sup> February included 3 for Barrhill. Two related to Ballochmorrie House, for alterations and extension to the house, previous applications having been withdrawn. The other was an application from Barrhill Holiday Park for the siting of a shop and erection of a storage shed. Noted</p>	
8	<b>Community First Responder Scheme</b>	
	<p>This was discussed above, at 6c. During further discussions, the CC was delighted to learn that several people in Barrhill have already expressed interest in becoming First Responders. It was suggested that at a future date, information could be given to the community from someone involved in the scheme. AR and CS will make enquiries.</p>	AR/CS
9	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran: New Scottish Social Security Assessment Process:</b> Views sought from members of the public by Scottish Government.  <b>NHS: A &amp; A: Lay Member Opportunity. 'Go Shadow'.</b>  <b>NHS: New Health Information &amp; Support Centre.</b> Opens 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Crosshouse.  <b>Broxap:</b> Litter &amp; Recycling Bin leaflet.  <b>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm:</b> CS had received by post two hard copies and a DVD of the</p>	

	<p><b>Section 36 Application Further Information Report – Documents for consultation.</b> These were now available for any member who wishes to see them. In addition, any resident can access them in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p><b>Scottish Government Consultation</b> In connection with Chirmorrie Windfarm, as above, an e-letter has been received advising on arrangements for consultation on the documents. The CC is a Consultee and a response on the submitted FEI should be sent by <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017</b>. All to read and send their opinions to CS so a response can be submitted by the due date.</p> <p><i>Other items already circulated.</i></p>	ALL
<b>10</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<p><b>Small Grant Application: Barrhill Angling Club:</b> A late application had been received for £500 to re-stock two local lochs with Rainbow Trout. This was unanimously approved. CS to notify and send the cheque.</p> <p><b>SPEN:</b> A consultation is to be held in the Memorial Hall on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March between 2.30pm—7.30pm in connection with the Routeing Strategy Consultation Document on the overhead powerline from Stranoch Windfarm to the Mark Hill substation. CS and KMCL had received a letter addressed to ‘The Householder’ but it was disappointing to learn that not all residents had received this. CS will forward the CC email notification to all on the contacts list.</p> <p><b>McKenzie Wilson:</b> CS referred to the recent tragic death of Jim Wilson, who had only last year completed the updated Barrhill Action Plan. It was a sad loss and AS had represented the CC at the funeral.</p> <p>AS enquired as to who paid the electricity bill for the <b>car park lights</b>. The BCIC pay this.</p> <p><b>Potholes:</b> AS had recently reported several potholes to ARA.</p> <p>CS referred to the recent <b>Road Closures</b> of the A714 and the fact that the worst section, through the Ballochmorrie Wood bends, which it was understood would be repaired first, has not been done. Apparently more preparatory work is needed and there are now financial restraints, coupled with conditions attached to the use of Timber Transport money. A member of the public had received a reply to his complaint about this, stating that it will be done when ‘a proper design is done and no time restrictions for finances are placed’. ACK will enquire when this work is to be done.</p> <p>It was noted that the <b>Duisk Bridge</b> to the south had finally been repaired.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator Pads</b> DR and JD informed that new pads are required. DR will complete a grant application form for these.</p> <p>DR also informed that a further supply of ‘dog poo bags’ is required.</p> <p><b>Stones under Cross Water Bridge:</b> A member of the public had pursued the matter of a recent build-up of stones being washed downstream and posing a risk of flooding at the Cross Water Bridge in the middle of the village. SAC have now agreed that this will be scraped out annually although it cannot be done until the spring, when SEPA permits the work. He was thanked by ACK and CC members.</p> <p><b>Turbine Fire:</b> A member of the public referred to this incident before New Year, which had tied up two Newton Stewart fire engines for approx. 2 hours and queried the possible effects of carcinogenic smoke when the metal materials burn. ACK will ask Corrie Wilson MP about this.</p> <p><b>SAC Budget:</b> ACK informed that the SAC budget will be confirmed at a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Carrick Herald</b> Members welcomed the increase in local news in the Carrick Herald, which made a change from reading about Troon news.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.40pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>DR</p> <p>ACK</p>
	<b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Other meetings in 2017:</b></p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> May (AGM)</b></p> <p><b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p><b>30<sup>th</sup> August</b></p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>NB: There are no meetings in July, September &amp; December.</b></p>	