

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th April 2017
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) (Vice-Chair), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc) (Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), PC Gordon Thomson (GT) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), 4 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	None received.	
2	Police	
	<p>DR welcomed the Police to the meeting and invited PC Thomson (GT) to give his report. He informed there had been a total of 10 calls to the Police since the previous meeting. These consisted of 1 Authorised Shoot; 1 Fire Call; 1 RTC; and 2 Road Traffic incidents. In addition, there was 1 Breach of Bail; 3 incidents of sheep on the road; and 1 case of vandalism. 2 Crime reports were raised: one for bail offences and one for vandalism. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>JD once again questioned the Police on the policy towards speeding offenders. He informed that a member of the public was present at an official speed check in the village when a commercial vehicle was recorded at 38mph. Although the driver was spoken to, he was not charged. GT recalled this incident due to an email sent by JD to Inspector Kelly. The latter had visited JD at home to discuss the issue, but when asked the trigger for charging an offender, declined to answer. GT stated that guidance issued from the Lord Advocate's office was that 39mph should be the upper limit in a 30mph zone before a prosecution would follow. JD expressed disbelief at this, 30mph signs being mandatory rather than advisory, and queried if this was a Girvan Police office interpretation of the guidance or was followed Scotland wide. GT understood it was the latter. JD again expressed disbelief that a Government Department apparently condones wilful law-breaking and was therefore of the opinion that Police Scotland had been less than honest for many years with all those who sought to control speed in South Carrick. He then thanked GT for his clarity.</p> <p>DR, in summing up the exchange, commented that "if true, this is disgraceful".</p> <p>CS queried the use of cameras on traffic lights as the current presence of traffic lights on Main Street had resulted in high numbers of motorists ignoring the red light. GT informed that no cameras are present on road work signals.</p> <p>JD referred to the benefits of covert surveillance, currently not allowed under present guidelines. A discussion followed on this state of affairs, which appears illogical to many. GT informed that guidelines have to be followed.</p> <p>A member of the public queried if average speed cameras could be used, but this is not a viable option in Barrhill. DR stressed to GT that the issue of speeding continued to be of great concern to the residents of Barrhill, which issue GT acknowledged.</p> <p><i>DR thanked PC Thomson for his attendance and he then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 29th March 2017	
	These were approved: proposed by KMCL, seconded by AS, after amendments at Item 2: Police. <i>'DR' to be amended to 'AR' at the beginning and end of the item.</i>	CS
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising: New Cemetery Building: CS had replied and informed Lizzie Linton of the situation and details of paint required etc. An email had been received that day from Lizzie with a very detailed estimate of costs to refurbish the building at a cost of over £9,000. It gave the impression that this work would be funded by SAC and the CC members have been asked to decide if both interior and exterior of the building should be repaired. After discussion it was</p>	

	<p>agreed that if the building is repaired and unlocked for funerals, it would most likely be used. If SAC are willing to pay the costs, the repair to the whole building would be most welcome. CS to inform Lizzie accordingly and suggest a meeting on site to discuss.</p> <p>Skip Provision: ACk informed that discussions with SAC officials are ongoing</p> <p>Aftermath of SPEN Works: Colin Wylie, SPEN's Community Relations Manager, had emailed an update two days ago, which had been circulated to all. It was noted some drainage work had now been done and the ramp down The Avenue is to be removed this week. He regrets the work is progressing slowly, due to an ongoing dispute. The CC hopes this will soon be resolved and the works completed ASAP. Residents had expressed concern at the poor state of the grass verges, with one informing that after completion of a nearby windfarm in D & G remedial work had been carried out to all the verges and roads. A discussion then ensued on damage caused to roads/verges by windfarm traffic, with JT citing the poor state of the road at Glendrissaig on the A714. He felt it was shameful that SAC had allowed it to be left this way. It was noted that the surrounding area was not Council property. Ongoing</p> <p>Community First Responder Scheme: CS has requested a contact telephone number, but has yet to receive it so will send a reminder. It was agreed to request a talk at the June meeting, if possible. It was also agreed that the digicode be given to KMCL in view of his close proximity to the PAD. Noted that anyone phoning 999 will now be given this.</p> <p>Scottish Government Consultation re-Proposed Chirmorie Windfarm: The consultee letter has now been submitted to the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Turbine Fire: ACk has not received any information yet. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 7: Updates</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Windfarm: CS had contacted the three C Councillors who were absent last meeting to ascertain if they wished to become members of the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company. JD, ASc and DR all declined at present. CS had emailed a list of the six members to Cara. It was agreed not to seek further members at present, as it is not necessary.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB</p> <p>Blocked drain adjacent to the old cemetery/Duisk Bridge & 43 Main Street: ACk had reported these blockages and action lines are out for them to be repaired. Noted</p> <p>Road Improvement Plan: ACk referred to the published programme of road repairs for this financial year, and to those affecting the A714 in particular. Very little re-surfacing work is scheduled for the A714, with only one stretch included: that between Shalloch Park and Glendrissaig. The sum of £245K has been allocated for road repairs but this does not include the overdue repairs through Ballochmorrie Wood, from Bents to Sixpence. There is a new bid in from ARA for Timber Transport money for 2017/18 to enable this stretch to be done. The outcome is awaited but hopefully this section will finally receive a full repair. As AS pointed out, this section was intended for repair in February. ACk re-iterated the reasons for this delay. It was noted that a section of the A77 between the Byne Hill and Glendoune roundabouts is to be closed on 8th May for four days for resurfacing.</p> <p><i>(All other items on the agenda)</i></p>	<p>CS ACK</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>ASc circulated the latest accounts and was pleased to report that he was now familiar with the system of writing the accounts. Regarding the Carrick Futures fund, there is an available grant balance of £2,128. Two cheques have been paid since the previous meeting, one for the domain name renewal and the other in relation to the Stinchar Valley magazine expenses, but there are still outstanding admin expenses to be paid for the year ending 31st March. The accounts will then be sent for auditing to SAC.</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC: No meeting since the previous report.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF): No meeting held.</p> <p>c) CCCF/South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership No further CCCF meeting had been held.</p> <p>Locality Planning CS attended the 5th April meeting. The main items were:</p> <p>Health in the Community A presentation by young people from Girvan Academy.</p> <p>Transport The Transport Development Office took part in a discussion on this subject. 73 people had completed the transport questionnaire. The lack of transport between Colmonell and Ballantrae, meaning no access to the GPs' surgery, was highlighted. Hopefully this will soon be addressed. All were pleased to learn that a bus service to Barr</p>	

	<p>will commence on 1st May. This will be three days per week, four times per day.</p> <p>First Responders 25 people (4 from Barrhill) had shown interest in this, which is an excellent response.</p> <p>Boundary Changes It appears that the ward boundary changes after the new SAC is elected on 4th May affects the Locality Planning Groups—to be investigated.</p> <p>d) War Memorial: AC understood that his application on behalf of the CC had been discussed and a decision made, but that it will take eight weeks for the decision to be notified by the War Memorials' Trust Scotland. Ongoing</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR and AS had attended the recent meeting, at which the set-up of the new Community Benefit Company was clarified. The Chair has been appointed—Neil McQuiston from New Luce—and AS is the company Secretary for the time being. Another Director representing Barrhill will be required in the future as well as one from elsewhere in South Ayrshire. The question of where the funds would be lodged was discussed, with disquiet felt with regard to SPR's preference for all monies to go to the Kilgallioch Benefit Company, which is not the preferred choice of AS and DR. This would result in all monies being managed by Foundation Scotland, as they would also receive the funds going into the Regional fund. This fund, for South Ayrshire, covers the region of Ward 8.</p> <p>f) SAYLSA AS reported on the recent AGM of SAYLSA, which he and CS had attended. He informed that at last the accounts for 2015/16 had been approved by OSCR after recent troubles. There is a new Board in place and the new Chair was to be appointed at the ordinary meeting held after the AGM. AS has declined to become a board member. It is anticipated that there will be a name change, as the name 'SAYLSA' has become somewhat toxic. The area covered by the company is expected to be enlarged to take in an extended range of services, including Kilmarnock, and Dumfries.</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	CS reported there had been no applications for Barrhill and no decisions list received.	
8	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Bowling Club: AR, who had submitted the application, and KMCL, declared an interest as both are members, and took no part in this item. The application for £500 to fund costs of maintaining the bowling green was unanimously approved in full.</p> <p>Barrhill Community Council: This application for £257, to purchase replacement consumables (2 sets of defibrillator pads) for the community defibrillator, was also unanimously approved.</p>	
9	Correspondence	
	<p>HAGS: Brochure playground equipment</p> <p>Barrhill Angling Club: Receipt and report received regarding the grant money. Noted that the Club's Secretary is retiring.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Volunteering in South Ayrshire/Memory Workshop.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Memorial: Previously circulated - see below at Item 10.</p> <p><i>Other items already circulated or below at AOB.</i></p>	
10	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>South Carrick Club Diamonds: CS regretted to inform that the Barrhill class of SCCD had been suspended for the time being, due to a reduction in numbers to only one. Should renewed interest be shown, the class would be re-instated immediately. JD suggested that a time change to 6 or 6.30pm might be conducive to more people attending. CS will raise this with SCCD. Noted</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Memorial: CS had received a copy of a detailed estimate of costs for repairing the memorial from the Scottish Covenanter Memorial Association. These were more than the Association was willing to fund, but it would contribute should the CC be able to raise a significant part of the costs. If the community is able to raise funds, it is anticipated the Association would be glad to help with the balance. After discussion it was agreed it would be feasible to match fund whatever the Association will contribute.</p> <p>CS has enquired as to how much would be forthcoming from the Association but its next meeting is not until June. Ongoing</p> <p>Email addresses: Chris Little (Brookfield) had requested addresses for CC members for whom he presently has no contact details. This was agreed---CS to pass these on.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>

<p>Litter on verges: Further to AS's comments on the increased litter problem at the previous meeting, ACK had contacted SAC's John Morrison (JM) of Neighbourhood Services, with a view to getting signage placed in the area. There had been a positive response, with JM forwarding information on the Roadside Litter Campaign. A discussion followed, which resulted in AS being nominated as the lead contact to liaise with JM in order to establish anti-litter signage in the Barrhill area.</p> <p>AS will forward suggestions on where fixed anti-litter signage should be erected e.g. at all road access points entering the area, and how portable folding signs could be moved around the area by the CC members to highlight the anti-litter message at various litter "hotspots".</p> <p>Litter bin at Arnsheen Park—It was suggested that this should be moved from inside the Park to the entrance to encourage use. DR will raise this at next BCIC meeting</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order: JD had requested an update from SAC regarding the proposed Tree Preservation Order on The Avenue trees and had passed on the replies to all for comment. It transpires that during the course of the assessment of the trees and in seeking information on land ownership, SAC has learned that the land on which the trees are growing is under the management of the Council's Neighbourhood Services (grounds maintenance). <i>'Planning Service would not make a tree preservation order in respect of trees which the Council manages or maintains, as in the event of a contravention of the TPO, this could lead to the Council taking legal action against itself.'</i> '----- no tree preservation order will be made in respect of them, because they are growing on land managed by the Council, for the reason set out above.' The CC found the matter contradictory in view of the fact that SAC no longer maintains the grass verges along The Avenue since confirming that it was a private road and yet <i>'whilst it is considered the trees would merit protection through a TPO had the land been in private occupation.'</i> ACK will investigate and JD will reply to Zena's email and keep this under discussion.</p> <p>Time of Meetings: JD asked if meetings could commence at 7pm. It was agreed to give this a trial starting next month.</p> <p>Housing List: JT enquired if ACK knew how many people were on the waiting list for Council houses in Barrhill. ACK will make enquiries.</p> <p>Salt Bins: KMcl enquired re-the supply of salt given over the winter months. At the meeting held in December the CC members present were told the supply would be checked and further equipment sent. This had not occurred and it was thought that the official (James Jamieson) was to leave his post shortly after the meeting. DR will inform ARA.</p> <p>Quay Zone: ACK informed that the new leisure centre is finally completed and opens next day. He feels it is a great asset to Girvan and South Carrick</p> <p>Elections: ACK referred to the 3rd May elections and thanked all on the CC for their contributions to the community over the last 5 years he had been in post. DR reciprocated and all wished him well for the elections.</p> <p>BCIC: DR informed that there is a vacancy for a Director.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm.</i></p>	<p>AS</p> <p>DR</p> <p>ACK/JD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>DR</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 31st May 2017 at approx. 7.30pm, preceded by the AGM at 7.00pm</u></p> <p><u>Other meetings in 2017:</u></p> <p><u>28th June</u></p> <p><u>30th August</u></p> <p><u>25th October</u></p> <p><u>29th November</u></p> <p><u>NB: There are no meetings in July, September & December.</u></p>	