

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th March 2017
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR) (Vice-Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), Inspector Alister Kelly (AK) & PC Gordon Thomson (GT) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Stewart Forsyth (SF) Coriolis Energy, Fionnadh Ratchford (FR).</p> <p>2 Members of the public.</p> <p><i>In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair AR chaired the meeting.</i></p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	James Duffie (JD), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc) (Treasurer).	
2	Police	
	<p>AR welcomed the Police to the meeting and invited them to give their report. Inspector Kelly informed that little crime had occurred since the last report on 22nd February. There had been 18 controlled shoots, however, and 4 incidents of assistance to members of the public. A fallen tree required temporary traffic lights to be installed while roadworks were carried out. There were 3 neighbour disputes/cases of vandalism, which are ongoing, with AK attending meetings in this regard. He is currently involved in meeting residents in their Barrhill homes to discuss various matters. Police attendance was also required at a sudden death in the area and there was also a hit and run accident. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>AR and KMCL reported an incident of loitering in the village. This had not been reported to Police, who informed it is advisable to do so.</p> <p>A member of the public referred to the recent tragic death at the Kilgallioch Windfarm and the fire at Arecleoch before Christmas. She enquired if the Police could inform the community about such incidents in light of Scottish Power's reluctance to give out information. This is not possible and in fact the Police are not necessarily informed about events such as fires and were not aware of the Arecleoch incident.</p> <p><i>AR thanked Inspector Kelly and PC Thomson for their attendance and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	Speaker: Stewart Forsyth, Coriolis Energy Update: Proposed Chirmorie Windfarm	
	<p>SF commenced by stating Coriolis' condolences on the death of the worker at the Kilgallioch Windfarm construction site. With regard to the progress of the proposed Chirmorie Windfarm, as yet there is no determination, although the financial aspect has been sorted out. Further Environmental Information is now with the Scottish Government and positive steps have been taken. Further to a site visit by SAC and SG the developer agreed to remove one of the planned 22 turbines.</p> <p>Regarding the haul route, further discussions are to take place on 12th April with SPR and although progress is taking place there is, as yet, no formal agreement.</p> <p>A Draft Access Management Plan has been sent to SPR and the FC for agreement should the forestry haul road be used. As part of the plan a Construction Liaison Group would be formed, involving local residents, which would deal with all information and queries. Another meeting has been held with BMHCA, to discuss the financial implication should part of the Hall grounds require to be used. In addition, Windfarm Benefit structure will be put in place.</p> <p>If this route is used, in the event of there being no agreement with the FC, every effort will be made to deal with residents' concerns.</p> <p>Chirmorie Windfarm has accepted a grid offer to connect to the Mark Hill substation, sharing infrastructure with the planned Stranoch Windfarm.</p> <p>Determination is expected in summer 2017 and a further update will be provided when it becomes known. Questions were then invited.</p>	

	<p>A member of the public, whose property is surrounded by turbines to detrimental effect, queried why Coriolis had made no attempts to communicate with those most affected by the proposals, showing no consideration to these residents, who are not even mentioned in the Further Environment Information. If alternative access is requested from these properties, this would be denied. She informed that her own property is affected by noise and vibration from the windfarms already in operation. SF replied that noise calculations had been carried out, which met required standards. An exchange of views took place prior to the Chair bringing this to an end.</p> <p>AS enquired about shared ownership—it appears that Coriolis have assessed this but are not committed to it. The windfarm benefit funds would be paid into a Community Trust. There are no stipulations as to how the money is spent, barring the obvious exclusions.</p> <p>Another member of the public wondered why the grid connection could not come directly from Chirmorrie—why it had to go via the Stranoch one.</p> <p>AR thanked SF for his update.</p> <p>Speaker: Fionnadh Ratchford Aspiring Communities Bid</p> <p>AR introduced FR, the speaker for this late agenda item, and welcomed her to the meeting. FR gave an outline of her previous community involvement, as a former Community Councillor, member of the Barrhill Development Association, (the forerunner of the BCIC), and also a BCIC director. After a gap of some years, she had now rejoined the BCIC and informed the meeting of her ideas for the future, which involved a bid to the new Scottish Government Fund ‘Aspiring Communities’. The BCIC wished to enlist the support of the CC as a partner as the project would include identifying projects of mutual benefit. Aspirations for Barrhill would involve projects to sustain the population, with the development of facilities for residents and to encourage tourism. It is hoped to develop low cost, affordable housing. FR has held discussions with Councillor Clark and Stewart Lindsay, former Ailsa Horizons CEO.</p> <p>The funding is in two stages, the second being ring-fenced to the tune of £50K. It is an opportunity for local people to get together and help with the bid and become partners e.g. local businesses like Solway Precast, whose Partner, John Barr, has given his support to the idea.. FR explained that the assets would be separate from windfarm benefits. The project would determine where the local opportunities lie. New houses could be built/social landlords created. At this point SF, who was still in attendance, informed that he had only recently been involved in similar discussions in Inverness and the idea was being looked into.</p> <p>FR concluded by asking that the CC consider becoming a partner and stressed that this was only for the preliminary investigations at this stage.</p> <p>AR then asked for the members views and it was unanimously approved that at this stage the CC is happy to support the BCIC bid to the Aspirations for Communities fund. JD and DR had already emailed their support for the project.</p> <p>FR thanked the CC members for their time and then left the meeting. SF also left at this point.</p>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 22nd February 2017	
	These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by KMCL.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Timber Lorries on B7027: CS had reported the registration number noted by AC to James England, Timber Transport Officer, who contacted the haulier to identify the driver. He was firmly instructed not to use that route again and a reminder about this was sent to all haulage contractors. The TTO was unaware why the Knowe Road was being used. Noted</p> <p>New Cemetery Building: ACk had enquired about this and Lizzie Linton had contacted CS. Only a few CC members had replied to CS’s email re-the waiting room. It was now agreed that the main aim is to paint the exterior. Regarding the interior, Lizzie awaits an estimate but it is appreciated this will be a large sum. CS had been advised that 2x10 litre cans of e.g. Dulux Weathershield in magnolia will be required for the external paint, with perhaps a 1x1 litre can each of white undercoat and gloss for the windows. These will need considerable preparatory work. DR had received several offers from volunteers to carry out the work. CS will inform Lizzie of the situation.</p> <p>Joint Meeting: This will be arranged when the time is right. ACk enquired about the cost of hiring the Primary School hall when the Memorial Hall is closed for repairs. There was hope of this being at a reasonable rate but the hire charge is not known yet. Ongoing</p>	CS

	<p>Item 10: Correspondence: Skip Provision: ACK has not yet been able to discuss this with the section. Ongoing Aftermath of SPEN Works: Several members had met on Wednesday, 1st March, with Colin Wylie, SPEN's Community Relations Manager, who was accompanied by both IEC's Project and Construction Managers, to look at the issues reported to SPEN. This involved a walk the length of The Avenue and then up Gowlands Terrace, continuing up the station road beyond the cattle grid and the works compound above the station. Notes were taken of the works required, which was forwarded to the CC, together with a condition survey – available to all - taken prior to the works commencing. A promised update was circulated a few days ago and it was noted that some matters had been attended to. These include the removal of the Heras fencing near to Waulk Mill Bridge and a dyke had been rebuilt. Work had not proceeded at the field adjacent to the Bowling Green as further examination confirmed the ground remains soft and further drainage will have to be considered / installed. IEC Project Manager Graham Fielden is progressing the tender process for the resurfacing of Gowlands Terrace and will provide a further update in due course. With regard to the damage to the Community Car Park wall – the SPEN programme Manager has requested that a quote for repair be obtained and he will then consider if possible. The CC hopes the remaining work will be carried out ASAP. Item 6e: Updates: Kilgallioch: See below at Item 7e. Item 8: Community First Responder Scheme: CS hoped to get further information on this at next week's Locality Planning meeting. Item 9: Correspondence: Scottish Government Consultation re-Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: CS had re-circulated the letter to all as a reply had to be sent by 2nd April. After discussion, it was agreed that as the forestry haul route was still not confirmed as the means of access, the points communicated previously were still valid. CS will respond accordingly - to be seen by DR prior to submitting. Item 10: AOB: Barrhill Angling Club: CS had received a letter of thanks from the Club. Turbine Fire: ACK had no information on this yet. Ongoing Potholes/Road Closures: ACK informed that he had discussed road matters with Kevin Braidwood, some of which had been pursued by the CC's meeting with SPEN officials. Further repairs will be carried out at the cattle grid above the rail station. Regarding the non-repairs through Ballochmorrie Wood, KB had reported that due to the necessary fast spend before the end of February it had not been possible to complete this section . There will be a new bid from ARA for Timber Transport money for 2017/18. Hopefully this section will finally receive a full repair. Stones in Cross Water: ACK re-iterated that dredging will be carried out once SEPA sanction this after May, when fish will not be affected. Road Improvement Plan: Very little re-surfacing work is mentioned for the A714—<i>noted.</i> <i>(All other items on the agenda)</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>Due to ASC's absence, he had circulated accounts to all prior to the meeting. The only change from the previous meeting was the payment of the £500 grant to Barrhill Angling Club. AR informed that BOS is still sending the monthly statement to her address – the latest will be passed on to ASC.</p>	
7	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC JT reported the following from the last meeting: Aspirations for Communities Fund: BCIC is seeking partners for this, including the CC. <i>(See above, at Item 3: Speaker; Fionnadh Ratchford.)</i> Development Officer: This is still being looked into. . Money Investment: This is being investigated to ensure money is invested wisely for continuation of funds after the life span of Community Benefit funds. Estimates for Memorial Hall: Cost of preliminary refurbishment being looked into. Intention of BMHCA is to carry out the refurbishment in stages. b) Carrick Futures (CF): AS and AC informed there is a meeting next week. c) CCCF/South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership No further CCCF meeting had been held. Locality Planning AR and CS attended the 1st March meeting held in Colmonell. The main items were: Presentation on the Quay Zone by Ken Johnstone:</p>	

	<p>First Responder Scheme: A number of members of the public, who are interested in becoming First Responders, attended for this item, including 4 from Barrhill: Presentation on the Colmonell Development Plan by Eileen McCutcheon: Learning Disabilities Consultation: and the Listening Project.</p> <p>d) War Memorial AC informed that all necessary paperwork had now been submitted to the War Memorials' Trust Scotland and a decision on the success or otherwise of the grant application for 75% funding should be known in 8 weeks time. He has applied to CF for the remaining 25% of the funds required (£9K). Ongoing</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Windfarm: CS had contacted Cara Gillespie of Foundation Scotland, who advised to hold off advertising as all that was required at present was a 'founding skeleton Board'. All CC members present agreed to become Members of the new company. AS agreed to become a Director, but only for a short spell. CS will contact the three absent C Councillors for their views and then inform Cara accordingly.</p> <p>f) AWCLG: AS, AC and CS had attended the Liaison Group meeting on 13th March. Other than the fact that determination is now set for September 2017, there was little to report as the access route has still not been determined. They queried information received through a landowner in contact with the Forestry Commission, that the FC had apparently not had any approach from Brookfield since first refusing access to the haul road back in 2013. It was also noted that members of the public, affected by the proposed windfarm and who wished to attend, were refused entry to the meeting.</p>	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	CS reported one relevant application in the list for week ending 24 th February, for a change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling at Tarfessock. There were no relevant properties in the February Decisions list. It was noted, however, that approval had been given for a met mast north-east of Pinwherry.	
9	Feedback from A77/A714 meeting of 13th March	
	Neither JD nor AS _C , who were Barrhill CC's representatives at this meeting, were present but ACK gave an update. He reported that it was a very good meeting with those present, including AS _C , speaking with passion on the appalling state of the roads. Also discussed were the road closures with HGVs being transferred to highly unsuitable country roads. There was a distinct lack of investment in the roads south of Kilmarnock and Jeane Freeman MSP, wants a response from Transerve on these matters and is determined to pursue the matter.	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	CS informed that the two expected applications had not materialised. DR had also not yet submitted one for the defibrillator pads. CS requested that the 2 week prior notification period for submission of applications be reduced to 1 week. This was agreed.	
11	Correspondence	
	<p>SAC: Community Council Conference Report: Reminder sent for comments on this by 10th April. It was agreed to accept the proposals for the Link Officer Role Support. CS to inform.</p> <p>Scottish Local Government Elections: Poster reminder to register to vote.</p> <p>Community Council Insurance: The renewal documentation has been received.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Diabetes Conference: 13th May, Crosshouse Hospital.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Independent Advice on Living with a Disability.</p> <p>Survey of Community Councillors' information literacy: Reminder to complete the survey.</p> <p>A77 Action Group: Letter requesting support for this. Agreed—CS to reply to this effect.</p> <p><i>Other items already circulated.</i></p>	CS ALL CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Registration of PAD: CS informed that JD had undertaken this task and anyone phoning 999 will now be told the code number to access the PAD. KM_{CL} felt that all households should receive this number but the situation regarding security was then explained. Contact details for anyone requiring to use the defibrillator are clearly displayed on site and were also published in a BCIC newsletter.</p> <p>SPEN Overhead Line Routeing Consultation: This was in the Hall on 1st/2nd March.</p> <p>Blocked drain adjacent to the old cemetery/Duisk Bridge: ACK will report.</p> <p>CS reported a concern expressed by members of the public regarding the boggy area of field at the end of The Avenue, following SPEN's work. This could increase the midge population. Noted that SPEN are looking again at the drainage here.</p>	ACK

<p>AC reported a blocked drain at 43 Main Street. KMcL concurred. ACk will report this.</p> <p>Renewal of Website Hosting: AC had paid the invoice for this. Noted. He suggested that a young resident may be interested in learning about this for the future—enquiries to be made.</p> <p>Litter on verges: AS commented on an increased litter problem lately. Others had also noticed this, in all parts of the SAC area.</p> <p>Graffiti: KMcL expressed his outrage at graffiti that had been painted on the wall of a nearby property and spoke of his concern for the resident. All agreed and the CC wishes to be completely dissociated with such appalling anti-social behaviour, which cannot be condoned. It is fervently hoped that the culprit will recognise the error of his/her ways and there will be no repeats of such actions.</p> <p>Quay Zone: ACk informed that he had been to the new leisure centre that evening for its assessment. All looks good for the opening on 24th April and staff have now been appointed.</p> <p>Gala Days ACk also informed of a proposed new body formed from the Community Associations for the purpose of funding Gala Days. Once this body is constituted it will apply to LEADER, and elsewhere for match funding, with a long term strategy in mind.</p> <p>SAC Councillors had expressed concern over the closure of so many branches of RBS, including the Girvan branch. Representations are being made.</p> <p>Elections: ACk referred to these, which will be held on 3rd May . He is standing again amongst a total of 6 candidates for the 3 seats. All wished him well for the elections.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.50pm.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p><i>Other meetings in 2017:</i></p> <p><i>31st May (AGM)</i></p> <p><i>28th June</i></p> <p><i>30th August</i></p> <p><i>25th October</i></p> <p><i>29th November</i></p> <p><i>NB: There are no meetings in July, September & December.</i></p>	