

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday 30th August 2017 in the
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR) (Vice-Chair), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Peter Henderson (PH), PCs McGurk (McG) & Liz Hunter (LH) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team) and 5 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Johnnie Thomson (JT)	
2	Police	
	<i>The meeting progressed to Item 3, while awaiting the arrival of the Police.</i>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th June 2017	
	These were approved: proposed by KMCL, seconded by AC.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising</p> <p>New Cemetery Building: CS had contacted Lizzie Linton to enquire about the current situation as there had been no further communication from her. The reply, which had been circulated to all, was read out. It transpired that due to low staffing rates there was no possibility at present of any further progress. Noted.</p> <p>Litter on verges: AS had contacted Paul Dougall of SAC's Waste Management team as he had not heard anything further. It transpires that there was no further information from 'Keep Scotland Beautiful'. Litter continues to be present on verges etc and it is hoped the new signs, when they finally appear, will act as a deterrent. Ongoing</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order: Although JD has resigned from the CC, he is willing to pursue this matter as no reply has yet been received from Zena Clark.</p> <p>Salt Bins: DR will investigate with ARA before the winter sets in. Ongoing</p> <p><i>The Police then entered the meeting.</i></p>	AS JD DR
2	Police	
	<p>PC McGurk commenced by informing there had been recent changes within the local Police, with the appointments of a new Inspector, John Hamilton, and a new Sergeant, Ann Marshall. He informed that there had only been 4 incidents since the last CC meeting on 28th June: 1 Breach of the peace; 1 Offence under the Telecommunications Act; 1 Attempted housebreaking; and 1 Housebreaking. PC McGurk was asked if the Police had any advice regarding housebreakings and he replied that householders should be vigilant at all times. He informed that PC Dunlop is available to hold security meetings with people/groups to offer advice on the subject. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>AS enquired about an incident that took place on the B7027 on 7th August and if a police number had been allocated to it. McG and LH were not aware of this incident. There is no obligation to contact the Police about a minor 'bump' unless there are injuries.</p> <p>JD asked if Police Scotland had any input into the forthcoming closure of the A77. Apparently there is no consultation with SAC regarding this. PH informed that although a night time closure is indicated for the weekdays it is hoped not to close the road but work with vehicle convoys. <i>DR thanked PC McGurk and LH for their report and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	
4	Matters Arising (continued)	
	<p>Litter up Mark Hill Road: AR had contacted SPR's Iain Madden, who inspected the area complained of but did not find litter. Action would be taken if vehicle registration numbers could be obtained. Non SPR vehicles also use the road. PH reiterated that it would be possible to receive assistance with litter-picking from the Community Payback Scheme if necessary and will send details to CS for future reference. The situation will be monitored. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 10: SW Scotland Community Rail Partnership (formerly SAYLSA)</p> <p>PH informed that he is now on the board of the new CRP and that he would be attending the</p>	

	official launch at Kilmarnock on 11 th September. The CC Office-bearers had received a letter regarding this from Belle Doyle, the new Co-ordinator, introducing herself and offering to come to speak to the CC. This would be welcomed. (Other items on the agenda)	
5	Proposed Altercannoch Windfarm: Letter of Intent	
	The 'Letter of Intent' re-Altercannoch Community Benefit Distribution had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. It concerned the intention of Brookfield to enter into an agreement with BCIC, setting out the contribution it intends to make for the benefit of residents within the vicinity of Altercannoch Windfarm, in the event of obtaining planning consent. DR informed that BCIC had taken legal advice on the matter, specifically in regard to the separate allocation of 20% of the monies. Questions arose as to omissions in the letter and who would administer this share—a third party? Some members queried the need for this letter of intent to be signed when the application has yet to be determined. Following discussion it was agreed by all to take no action at present and to wait to see how things developed. CS will inform Brookfield accordingly.	CS
6	Resignations/Vacancies & Appointment of Treasurer	
	Resignations: DR referred to the two resignations from the CC during the summer, those of James Duffie and Alistair Scott (Treasurer). It is regrettable that after a period of full membership the CC is now two members short. CS to put up a notice inviting applications. Appointment of Treasurer: AR was prevailed upon to take up the mantle of Treasurer once more and this was unanimously agreed. CS will inform SAC.	CS CS
7	Treasurer's Report	
	ASc, whose resignation came into force on 29 th August, had submitted his last Treasurer's report and account sheets to CS for this meeting. All paperwork is ready to hand over to the new Treasurer and ASc will assist with the transition if required. AR expressed surprise at the higher than anticipated amount in the accounts that had resulted in only £246.02 being received from SAC as the balance for the 2017/8 administration grant.	AR
8	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: DR reported on the recent AGM meeting, on 23rd August, the main items being: AGM The Board is now back to its full complement of directors, with two retiring ones, David Russell and Johnnie Thomson being re-elected and three new ones appointed: Pearl McGibbon, Pauline Hewitt and Fionnadh Ratchford, the latter being co-opted earlier in the year. There was a general discussion on plans for the future, which included: Memorial Hall A grant of c£200,000 was given to BMHCA for the Memorial Hall refurbishment and it is hoped that a Development Officer will soon be appointed.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF): AC reported on the last meeting, which was a funding round. Grants awarded were as follows: Carleton Bay Association (£19,056.00 Beach renovation); Dailly Primary Parent Council (£4,350.00 ACE days); Girvan Christmas Street Party (£4,100, only 50% of sum requested); and Glendoune Community Association (£7,776.00 for sports activities in the evenings). The matter of Development Officers was also discussed, as a query was made as to the costs being funded by Carrick Futures. A grant from CF can be applied for and PH referred to the Big Lottery Fund, to which communities could also apply for funding for projects. With regard to current memberships of CF, ASc does not wish to continue membership following his resignation from the CC. JD, however, indicated he does wish to continue. Noted that one vacancy remains unfilled for now.</p> <p>c) CCCF/South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning AR had attended the 12th July meeting, when the main items were: Care of Scotland Act: It is hoped to have this in place in 2018. Private Carer Centre: There are plans to create a carers' respite centre in Girvan. Participatory Budget The next round will take place on 28th October and will be split into two parts. There will be £20K for the rural villages, with £10k for Youth Projects. The idea is to have 'market pitches' rather than public presentations. In addition there is £22.5K for any other local group for a large project, conditional on finding at least 10% match funding. This will be a 'bidding' presentation. Open Doors: Drop-in sessions to talk over problems are being arranged.</p>	

	<p>South Carrick First Responders: A revised number of eighteen people registered to become First Responders. Flyers have been posted with information and the new constitution sent out. It is proposed to obtain funding from Windfarm Community Benefit for the kit bags required. CS reminded of the forthcoming meeting at Colmonell on 5th Sept.</p> <p>Stagecoach Bus Services: Concern was expressed over a lack of consultation but decisions re-Culzean service are now reversed.</p> <p>Kirk Care: Concern voiced over perceived lack of no overnight support, with no warden present. The building is now Trust Housing, requiring referral by a Doctor. PH then explained the category of care at 'Trust Care' residences and understood that the matter had been rectified.</p> <p>Hillcrest: The new build for Hillcrest is now confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting Dates: AR reminded that due to the change to the second Wednesday of the month, she cannot attend in winter. DR agreed to attend with CS when available.</p> <p>d) War Memorial AC reported, as all had noticed, that William Waugh & Son had now commenced work.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb CS had contacted Jim Faulds again and was informed that the Covenanter Association is only prepared to give £600 towards the renovation at present which was disappointing.</p> <p>CS informed that she had contacted the firm working at the War Memorial to request an estimate, while they are in Barrhill. A site meeting took place last week and the estimate is awaited. AC has advised to seek all but the £600 from CF.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR informed that the Steering Group had now ended. So far five directors for the new Board are in place. AS stressed the importance of Barrhill filling its quota of 2 directors and after discussion AR agreed to join AS on the Board. Foundation Scotland to be informed.</p>	CS CS
9	Planning Applications	
	CS reported there had been no planning applications or decisions for Barrhill since the last CC meeting. Noted	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Memorial Hall Community Association A grant for costs of the Flower Show this coming Saturday was unanimously approved. The amount of over £400 has to be finalised prior to writing the cheque.</p> <p>AR referred to a query from Arnsheen congregation with regard to a grant towards the costs of hiring the School Hall for service while the Memorial Hall is closed for refurbishment. It was agreed that this would be considered. CS to inform Claire Pirrie accordingly.</p>	CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Newsletters: Community Led Support and Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF Voice and Open Door).</p> <p>Person Centred Care Team: Volunteers required.</p> <p>Annual Review: Postponed until Friday 20th October 2017, at Crosshouse Hospital 2pm.</p> <p>SAC: Community Conference: Friday 15th September 9.30am. County Buildings, Ayr. Noted</p> <p>St. Colmon Session Clerk: E-letter received from Claire Pirrie regarding removal of the font from the Memorial Hall prior to commencement of refurbishment. There had been problems with this but the meeting was informed that these had now been resolved with residents managing to remove the font to the entrance to Solway Precast, where John Barr had kindly transported it into storage in the yard for the duration of the works.</p> <p>Cross Water Burn: Councillor Clark had informed that the dredging would be carried out at the end of July ---confirmed this had been done.</p> <p>Police Scotland: Doorstep Crime Seminar: 3rd October 2017, Town Buildings, Ayr.</p> <p><i>Other items already circulated or below at AOB.</i></p>	
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Station Road verges: A complaint had been received regarding the overgrowth on the footpath up to the rail station. CS had contacted Kevin Braidwood who put the work out to tender. Work is apparently imminent.</p> <p>Flower Tub: Noticed that a tub was missing from the verge opposite the former Kirk. A member of the public was able to inform that this had been beyond repair and disposed of</p>	

<p>when the school planted out the tubs. CS will send usual note of thanks to the school.</p> <p>PAD Checks: JD confirmed he will maintain his checks on the defibrillator despite his resignation from the CC. This was appreciated by all.</p> <p>SPEN Update: Latest update received and circulated from Colin Wylie, SPEN's Community Relations Manager. He is hopeful that dates for the resurfacing works will be firmed up over the next week or so.</p> <p>Stranoch Windfarm: Notification received of a public consultation event in the School Hall on Tuesday, 12th September between 4-7.30pm, regarding revised plans for EDF's consented Stranoch Windfarm. Leaflets being sent to all households. Noted</p> <p>Change of CC Meeting Venue: Due to the forthcoming closure of the Memorial Hall, the venue will be the Primary School Hall until the hall reopens. (CS to make bookings with SAC.)</p> <p>Street Drains: AC reported blocked drains on one side of Main Street, which matter had first been noted a year or two back. Additionally, the ditch is still blocked up the Knowe Road. PH will report these matters.</p> <p>Seminar on Windfarm Noise: AS informed of this event and a member of the public had flyers to be distributed AS is attending, as is PH.</p> <p>Telephone Kiosk: A member of the public informed that the kiosk had been removed, which not all were aware of. She had come into the village to use it after her phone line was damaged by lightning and found the box removed. PH informed boxes had been removed in Girvan as requested, due to damage caused by vandalism—12 months notice of removal, due to lack of use, is given by placing this in the kiosk, which is unsatisfactory as it is not seen.</p> <p>Duisk Bridge on A714: AR reported damage to both side of this bridge and the flattening of the priority sign on the approach from Newton Stewart. In addition the sight lines on approach are obscured by vegetation and grass verges not cut, including those down The Avenue. PH will report these matters.</p> <p>Barrhill Public Toilets: The BMHCA Chair, Sarah Malone (SM), raised this matter, reporting that the toilets are currently closed due to a blocked drain. Scottish Water is awaiting a digger on site to dig up the road. She reminded that Gowlands Terrace is to be resurfaced before too long and hoped this is borne in mind when work is carried out. PH will investigate. SM also informed that the contract for the Memorial refurbishment has been awarded to Adam McLaughlin from Ayr and that the hall will close after the Flower Show on Saturday.</p> <p>Activated Speed Sign A member of the public referred to the sign at the northern approach to Barrhill not working. This had previously been reported but PH will enquire as to the current situation regarding repairs. He also informed that the consultation regarding the introduction of a 20mph limit within SAC villages will commence shortly.</p> <p>JD was asked if he still wished to attend the speed course at Maybole on 5th September, but declined.</p> <p>Gala Day Funding: PH informed that this has been restored with the sum of £20K confirmed.</p> <p>New Legislation: Council Tax Rates will be levied in full on empty properties in order to encourage occupation of these - 100% for the first 6 months then 200% if left empty. There will be no discount for second homes from 1st April.</p> <p>The strategy of SAC is to help the whole population, with the poor being the priority. A recent get-together of all groups/organisations in the Town House was very well-attended, with about 70 people present, being timed to eliminate a clash with other events.</p> <p>SAC Archivist: JD reported, for those who weren't already aware, that the Archivist's department is being moved from Auchincruive. In future there will be exhibitions in communities, which is welcomed. All records/documents etc are now logged.</p> <p>Place Names: PH informed there will be new place name signage installed next spring.</p> <p>Electrical Vehicle Charging Points: More of these will be provided: possibly 2 to 4 in Car Parks and at railway stations, to encourage tourism.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 25th October 2017 at 7.00pm in Barrhill Primary School Hall</u> Other meetings in 2017: 29th November NB: There are no meetings in July, September & December.</p>	