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BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday 28th March 2018 in
Barrhill Primary School Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

| No | Item | Action |
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| | <p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR) (Vice-Chair & Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Johnnie Thomson (JT). AR in the Chair.</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons (IF) (SAC), Alan Grindlay (AG), Lesley Grindlay (LG) & Andy McNab (AMcN), (All GNPA), PCs Thomas West (TW) & Michael Dickie (MD) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team)</p> | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| | Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minutes (via audio tape)) | |
| 2 | Police | |
| | <p><i>(This item took place after the start of Item 3, which was suspended temporarily)</i></p> <p>PC Dickie introduced himself and PC West, and informed there had been 44 calls altogether to Police overall, not just for Barrhill. Most were non-urgent calls, and there were no crimes in the Barrhill area. Calls included a Road Traffic accident and 3 Fires, but most involved Controlled Shoots. There were no questions asked.</p> <p><i>AR thanked PCs Dickie & West, who then left the meeting.</i></p> | |
| 3 | Speakers: Trustees from GNPA Proposed Galloway National Park | |
| | <p>AR introduced Lesley and Alan Grindlay and Andy McNab, all from the Galloway National Park Association (GNPA). They distributed information leaflets etc and AG, who is a trustee along with LG, proceeded to outline the background to the establishment of the GPNA, which is a Registered Scottish Charity set up to investigate the feasibility of a National Park in Galloway. It will also include parts of Ayrshire. The costs and benefits of such status were discussed and the options under discussion were explained. What is a National Park? What criteria are involved? What do people think? These are some of the questions debated. A brief history of National Parks was given and regarding Scotland, the act enabling legislation only came in with the establishment of the Scottish Parliament in 2000. There are only 2 NPs in Scotland at present. The aims of a National Park were indicated and there were 4 alternative areas under discussion for the proposed GNP. These options had been determined after extensive surveys were carried out.</p> <p>A general discussion on the pros and cons of NPs followed, with questions asked. The Trustees stressed that opinions are sought from all, with questionnaires available.</p> <p><i>AR then thanked the 3 GNPA representatives for attending and giving their presentation.</i></p> | |
| 4 | Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th February 2018 | |
| | These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by AS. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| | <p>Item 3: Speaker, Peter Linton: Update on Quay Zone: CS had contacted PL, who will hopefully attend the April meeting unless it clashes with a hospital appointment. Noted</p> <p>Item 5: Matters Arising:</p> <p>Street Drains: IF had been informed that the ARA manager would visit the Knowe Road site. (AC confirmed that he had done so.) Ongoing</p> <p>Planning Application: IF informed that after his initial enquiry he had received a copy of the Planning minutes and was informed that the application had been passed but would not go forward until the applicant/landowner had met the required criteria. IF had met with the Planning Manger on Monday, who explained there was a backlog of items. The information given to IF was not in the minutes – not known what is actually happening. The Planning Manager will get back to him. Ongoing</p> <p>Road Repairs/Closures: IF reported he had attended a meeting at Pinwherry with ARA's Kevin Braidwood, who had preferred to close the road all day as opposed to traffic control measures. AR reported recent works at Corwar had left a very bumpy surface and was of the view that permanent repairs are now required. Other members reported broken vehicle</p> | <p>IF</p> <p>IF</p> |

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| | <p>components resulting from Knowe Road defects and problems experienced with claim forms. A lengthy discussion then took place. AR quoted from CS's email to Kevin Braidwood regarding the exposed mesh on Knowe Road and The Avenue flooding. No reply had been received. IF suggested emailing ARA itself, rather than KB, as an Under Manager is now in place to deal with complaints. IF had raised the matter of the A714 with KB, whose answer was derisory. AS reported defects already on the new surface near Sixpence, and AR queried if a warranty period was in place—apparently not. JT stressed the importance of preventing water building up and ensuring drains are not blocked – he reported there was still a problem on the Knowe Road, with the only action being the placing of cones.</p> <p>Extreme dissatisfaction and frustration was expressed with ARA and its officials' responses to complaints, with complete disregard for acknowledgement of Community Empowerment, which is sadly lacking. IF suggested inviting KB to attend a CC meeting.</p> <p>Litter on Verges: AS reported that Paul McDowall had finally emailed through a specimen sign, which he had circulated to all. He had then requested Paul to go ahead with this sign but had no indication as to when it would be in place. He had heard nothing further so will chase this up after Easter.</p> <p>Treasurer's report: AR apologised as this had been forgotten. She will attend to this and arrange the extra signatory.</p> <p>Item 7d Updates: Martyrs' Tomb: CS had received a phone call from the Criminal Justice team the day after the last meeting. Someone came and viewed the work required and took photos to show the supervisor. The work was approved and the team came on Friday to remove branches. CS had enquired about construction of paths but only clearing work is done. She will contact Lindy Renwick of the Forestry Commission to see what can be done. The landowner is willing to see a new path created along the side of the Cross Water.</p> <p>At present the access to the Tomb is not adequate for Walter Brown Builders to access the Tomb with equipment. It is not known if the Community Payback team will return.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Heartstart course: The BCIC newsletter indicates they intend arranging the course. (Circulation of the newsletter was queried as some residents had not received theirs.)</p> <p>B7027: See above at Road Repairs.</p> <p>Artnoch Woodland: William Burfitt's reply had been circulated to all. AC and AR felt a walk would be beneficial and AC referred to the interesting flora in the area, including Feoch Meadows. It was agreed that a walk was desirable and that the CC would welcome discussions on the matter. AC offered to take this up with William Burfitt.</p> <p>Food Bins: IF enquired if these had been delivered up the Knowe Road—AC affirmed he had received one.</p> <p>Constitution Review: It was agreed to leave this for the AGM in May, rather than the April meeting. There are 3 changes needed, which AC had already done. CS had confirmed the procedure with SAC and 28 days' notice is required, with amendments to be changed being published 14 days before the meeting.</p> <p><i>(Other items on the agenda)</i></p> | <p>AS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC/CS</p> |
| 6 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> | |
| | <p>AR reported no payments had been made from the account since the previous meeting. The grant approved for the Barrhill Craft Club's proposed outing to the SECC Exhibition was not needed in the end, when members realised it clashed with Mothers' Day. The CC was thanked and informed the grant was not now required. AR has cancelled the cheque.</p> <p>There is currently £8,294.13 in the bank, of which £3,348 is the CF grant for the Martyrs' Tomb. The balance is £4946.13, of which £3756.13 is CF funding and the actual CC balance is £1190. AR stressed that any expenses claims should be submitted urgently as the accounts should be completed by the 31st. AC informed that payment of £49.99 for the website renewal is due before the next meeting.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Updates</p> | |
| | <p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the recent meeting;</p> <p>Vice-Chair: Gavin Hughes is now Vice-Chair</p> <p>Memorial Hall JT reported this has been the main work recently and invited KMcL to give further information on the current state of the Hall. KMcL informed that there is still a problem with the roof. He met with the architect last week to discuss the number of things that are still wrong. The Snooker Room and the BCIC office can be used. A decision will be known within 2 weeks as to when the builder is coming back to repair the roof, so</p> | |

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| | <p>matters are in hand, much to everyone's relief. All agreed that the situation with the builder was most unsatisfactory and the work carried out had been poor, with considerable damage to be rectified. A large number of 'snagging points' have still to be rectified. Questions were raised re-liability as the architect had signed off the job. It was noted the new caretaker for the hall had been appointed and starts on 19th April.</p> <p>Development Officer This post will be advertised.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF): AC informed there was nothing to report</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning CS was unable to attend the March meeting due to illness. No agenda was received for this meeting, either, which was unusual and no Action Notes received yet. IF had not attended the meeting either. There had been a Participatory Budgeting event in Colmonell on 17th March. No applications from Barrhill were received, ut groups from Colmonell and Ballantrae had received funding.</p> <p>d) War Memorial/Martyrs' Tomb See above at 'Matters Arising'.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm: AS reported that at the last meeting the remaining four directors had been appointed, with the South Ayrshire one being Mhairi McKenna, so the Board was now complete. The successful applicants will soon receive induction training. Funding applications have to be in by 9th April, with decisions on 14th June. AR pointed out that 24 applications had already been received, with more expected by the closing date.</p> | |
| 8 | Planning Applications | |
| | There was one application for Barrhill: week ending 9 th March - BT Openreach's application for prior notification for installation of a telecommunications cabinet on Gowlands Terrace— opposite the telephone exchange. No decisions list for February had been received. | |
| 9 | Small Grant Applications | |
| | <p>Barrhill Angling Club Funding of £500 was applied for, to pay for re-stocking of two lochs in Barrhill – Black Loch and Loch Niven – with Rainbow Trout, for the benefit of all Club members. KMCL queried what funds the Club held and if grants should be given to clubs with a healthy bank balance. A lengthy discussion then ensued on the whole system of the Carrick Futures Small Grant Scheme and about Windfarm Benefit Funds in the area and also how funds have been allocated within the various communities. The situation regarding funding of community halls and funding of groups using them was also discussed. The application from Barrhill Angling Club was approved by all, following the debate.</p> | |
| 10 | Correspondence | |
| | <p>Proludic: Outdoor play opportunities for the community. Broxap: Large brochure on litter and recycling bins. SAC: CC By-Election: Only 2 applications, so no poll necessary. Pearl McGibbon and Robert Houstin are duly appointed as from 1st April and will attend their first meeting as C Councillors on 25th April. CS has informed them accordingly. NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Numerous items received, including on Eyecare Ayrshire; Suicide Prevention Training Calendar & Leaflets; Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS); Ayr Diabetes Patient Conference (Saturday 28th April, Ayr): and Elancity (Special Offer on the Evolis Radar Speed Sign). <i>Other items already circulated or below at AOB.</i></p> | |
| 11 | AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. Barrhill CC Constitution | |
| | <p>SAC Councillor's Report: IF had yesterday attended the introduction to Business Gateway and the South Ayrshire Economic Department. This provides help to new businesses, both for start-ups or expansion. Further meeting to be held in the Quay Zone on 1st May. IF informed of the service to be held at Doone Cemetery, Girvan, on Sunday at 9.50am (to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the RAF) at the graveside of Sir David Henderson, known as the founder of the RAF. Ayr Battalion BBs will parade on 29th April from the Quay Zone to the North Parish Church. Barrhill Website: AC informed that Tog Porter has offered to take over maintenance of the Barrhill Website, which AC has done for over 7 years. Agreed. West of Scotland Regional Resilience Partnership: Volunteers are sought for Scottish Fire & Rescue Community Asset Register. <i>(Previously circulated)</i></p> | |

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| <p>Transerve: Meeting had been held in Ayr on 12th March re-A77 resurfacing. IF had not attended this.</p> <p>Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007: Consultation deadline 6th June.</p> <p>Chirmorie Windfarm: Determination received—approved by Scottish Government.</p> <p>ARA to be contacted by AR re-traffic cones being placed on grass verges. She also suggested that Kevin Braidwood be invited to attend a meeting at Barrhill.</p> <p>Barrhill CC Constitution: See above at Matters Arising.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9pm</i></p> | |
| <p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p> | |
| <p><u>Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.00pm</u></p> <p>Other meetings in 2018:</p> <p>30th May (Plus AGM)</p> <p>27th June</p> <p>29th August</p> <p>31st October</p> <p>28th November</p> <p>NB: There are no meetings in July, September & December.</p> | |