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**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b> Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Robert Houston (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Ann Robertson (AR) (Chair & Acting Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker). <b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons (IF) (SAC), PCs Sam Briggs (SB) & R. Drummond (RD) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Peter Linton (PL) (South Carrick Community Leisure – The Quay Zone). 3 Members of the public.	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Johnnie Thomson (JT)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police</b> AR welcomed PCs Sam Briggs and R. Drummond to the meeting. SB apologised for some duplication as the 10 incidents reported, between 30 <sup>th</sup> May and 29 <sup>th</sup> August, included 3 from the previous meeting. Incidents as follows; found property; a horse stuck in mud; cows on the road; a planned shoot; and a car down an embankment. Four crimes were recorded for the same period: vandalism at Kildonan; inappropriate behaviour (ongoing enquiries); no vehicle insurance and Police assault, resulting in an arrest; and a case of domestic vandalism. The continued presence of the abandoned car at the station was raised by CC members. CS had forwarded a photo to ScotRail's John Wilson some weeks ago as requested, who had promised to look into the matter, but the car remains. CS to forward email correspondence to SB who will investigate. <i>SB and RD were thanked for their report and then left the meeting.</i>	CS
<b>3</b>	<b>Speaker: Peter Linton (General Manager)</b> <b>The Quay Zone – an update</b> AR introduced Peter Linton, an old friend of the CC, who is now General Manager of the Quay Zone, to give an update following its first year. PL commenced his presentation by informing that the erection of the building took 62 weeks from start to finish (March 2017), with the official opening last July. PL then gave a summary of the Quay Zone's operation in numbers e.g. open for 89 hours per week and there are currently 560 members, with a total of 90,000 customers in the first year. All Primary 5 pupils (180 children) have received a 10 week block of swimming lessons. Local people are employed and local groups are encouraged to work alongside e.g. Harbour Gala and organisations supporting local activities. Running costs and income were explained, together with a desire to improve the health of residents. Barrhill can participate in lifesaving and exercise as part of Health Week. Looking to the future it is hoped to make more links, including access to the SAC Leisure Scheme for locals. The 9 members of the Board of Trustees will investigate how things can be improved. PL thanked the CC for its support and then invited questions. AR then thanked PL for his interesting presentation. He then left the meeting.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018</b> These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by KMcl.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>Item 4: Matters Arising:</b> <b>Street Drains:</b> IF had not pursued this—he will now investigate. Ongoing <b>Litter on Verges:</b> Signs still not received but SAC's Waste Management team had, however, carried out the promised litter-pick and a member of the public had informed that the layby near Kildonan had thankfully been cleared. <b>Treasurer's report:</b> AR reported the accounts had now been returned by SAC after auditing. The SAC administration grant has not yet been received. The previous Treasurer, Alistair Scott, had informed that he had been sent invoices for the audit fees, which matter CS had taken up with SAC. Ongoing <b>Martyrs' Tomb:</b> The repair work had commenced on 30 <sup>th</sup> July, but halted temporarily to await further supplies of lime mortar. CS informed that Alistair Candlish, of Walter Brown Builders, expected to receive the rest of this by the middle of this week and will return to get pointing	IF

	<p>finished as soon after. Worse damage at the coping stones than expected would require extra funding if repaired in a certain way. CS had suggested contacting the Scottish Covenanter Memorials' Association to see if they would supply the extra funding needed. AIC has sent photos through to Jim Faulds of the Association. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Path:</b> CS had ascertained that the landowner would be willing to clear the path on the east side of the Cross Water if the stone dyke was cemented at the top to deter vandalism, while AR had contacted SAC's Outdoor Access Officer in response to BCIC's complaint. (Access to the monument is still available from the west side of the Cross Water.)</p> <p>AR informed that the Access Officer (Rachel Shipley) had come down to Barrhill that day and walked the path accompanied by her, JT (BCIC Chair) and another BCIC director. Rachel will examine SAC's records to see what is discovered - AR will await developments.</p> <p>The BCIC Secretary, present as a member of the public, reported that BCIC had received information that the path, for which SAC had erected a fingerpost, may be classed as a 'core path.' Ongoing</p> <p><b>Artnoch Woodland:</b> Still ongoing</p> <p><b>Constitution Review:</b> CS informed she had not received any follow up after submitting the documentation. Marie Welsh to be contacted again.</p> <p><b>AOB: Speed Activated Sign:</b> IF had no further information on this. Still ongoing</p> <p><b>Item 5: Treasurer's Report:</b> AR and AC had discussed matters now that the accounts etc had been returned by SAC following auditing. No recent bank statement had been received. See below at Item 6: Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>AR reported that she still has the report to complete for Foundation Scotland, regarding the Small Grants awarded during the last financial year.</p> <p><b>Item 9: South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership:</b> CS had attended the open meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July in Kilmarnock. The AGM, which preceded this, had been inquorate. The meeting was of interest, particularly as efforts to provide parking at Barrhill Station is to be given priority by the new Project Officer. Copies of the CRP newsletter were available. Barrhill's application for membership, along with the fee, had been delivered. Noted</p> <p><b>Item 11: AOB: Flower Tubs:</b> The Primary School had unfortunately not had time to plant out all the bedding plants, due to the late delivery from SAC. The response to the request for volunteers to help with planting out the remainder was extremely disheartening. The plants were on the point of being returned to SAC when KMcl and his wife came to the rescue, which was much appreciated. (Other items on the agenda)</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AC</p> <p>CS IF</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Incl. Receipt of Bank Statements</b></p>	
	<p>AR circulated copies and went through her report. The paperwork necessary for the change of name to the new Treasurer and for the addition of the 2 cheque signatories has now been carried out. Balance in the bank is £4,140.74, including £50 from an uncashed donation cheque to Barrhill Playgroup. No updated Carrick Futures balance is available due to lack of the latest bank statement. A former Treasurer, who resigned from his post more than a year ago, has expressed concern that he is still receiving statements. It is anticipated that this will now cease. 3 cheques for approved small grant applications had been paid out and a balance of £2,096 noted from the last financial year. The report detailing how the £5,000 was awarded will be submitted shortly to Carrick Futures, as previously stated.</p> <p>This year's admin grant from SAC should arrive shortly. AR was then thanked for her report.</p>	<p>AR</p>
7	<p><b>Updates</b></p>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> KMcl and PMcG, with input from the BCIC Secretary, reported on the last meeting:</p> <p><b>General Maintenance Worker:</b> Interviews for this post had been carried out the previous day. There had been eleven applicants for the post, with some excellent candidates. A short list will be prepared prior to the appointment being confirmed.</p> <p><b>Grass cutting:</b> AC enquired about the criteria required for this, as his elderly neighbour doesn't get her grass cut at present. He was informed these are about to change and residents should apply to BCIC. With regard to funding projects, AC informed that other villages regularly submit applications to CF but Barrhill does not. This is regretted as the fund now includes all the money from Arecleoch Windfarm. He pointed out that BCIC is not precluded from applying to CF for match funding, should a suitable project arise.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures (CF):</b> AC informed that the last meeting had been a funding round. A large number of grants were approved, amongst these being ones from Girvan</p>	

	<p>Entertainments Committee (for Fireworks), a total of 3 from Ballantrae, including for the Ballantrae Trust's MUGA; and Ayrshire Rivers' Trust.</p> <p>c) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Partnership Locality Planning:</b> CS and PMcG had attended on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The following matters were on the agenda:  <b>Election of Chair:</b> Following the resignation of Peter Walker, this post was vacant and no-one at present had come forward. The matter was carried over until the next meeting.  <b>South Carrick Newsletter:</b> It is hoped to provide a 4 page newsletter, which could also be used, for example, in the Stinchar Valley magazine. Anyone having an article for this should submit it by 7<sup>th</sup> September to the Communications sub-group. The Girvan Town Team will collaborate on this project.  <b>Democracy Matters–Local Governance Review:</b> An update was given on this.  <b>Participatory Budgeting:</b> An update informed of the provisions for the next year. £9,000 per locality (6) will be provided. An evaluation report of PB money from 2016/17 will soon be available for groups and the public.  <b>South Carrick First Responders:</b> The team had attended most summer galas. There are now 12 fully trained personnel and 4 more waiting for training. Kit bags have been purchased and monthly training occurs.  <b>Colmonell Transport:</b> Only 37 responses were received to the letter sent out to 150 households. Of these, 16 requested the use of transport between Colmonell and Ballantrae, to access the Ballantrae Surgery.  <b>Action Groups:</b> Discussions by 2 action groups then took place: Work with Young People and Work with Older People. CS and PMcG joined the latter group.</p> <p>d) <b>Martyrs' Tomb:</b> Already covered. <i>See above at Item 4, Matters Arising.</i></p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Windfarm:</b> AS informed that no further Board meeting had taken place since the funding round. Noted</p>	
8	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p>	
	<p>CS reported an omission from the minutes of the CC meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> May, which had gone unnoticed by all. This was the application in the list of 25<sup>th</sup> May for Arnsheen Church: alterations and extension to listed building, and for a change of use. This had been noted at the time. There were no Barrhill properties on the decisions lists of June and July, although the approval in the former for the siting of a caravan near Sixpence, just outside the Barrhill area, was noted. This was approved, but for 3 years only.</p> <p>The planning list of 10<sup>th</sup> August included an application for the erection of holiday accommodation – a 'shepherd's hut' - at Creeside Farm. Noted.</p> <p>Further to the above item on the land near Sixpence, PMcG informed that on 1<sup>st</sup> September she is to take over the lease on the land there, due to the owner's illness, with a view to it becoming a community farm. Noted</p>	
9	<p><b>Small Grant Applications</b></p>	
	<p><b>Barrhill Bowling Club:</b> The sum of £220 was awarded to pay for new mats and jacks. AR and KMcl each declared an interest and took no part in the decision. The application was then approved unanimously by the remaining members.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Badminton Club:</b> AC declared an interest in this application, which was for the payment of hall fees. The sum of £400 for a period of 40 weeks was also approved.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Arnsheen Gardening Society:</b> PMcG, who submitted the application, expressed an interest. AR and CS both expressed reservations regarding the number of people able to assist. This related to the lack of response from the Society for planting the bedding plants in June. It was appreciated that PMcG herself was unable to help due to a fall, but no other member had responded. Noted that some members had been on holiday at the time. After discussion it was agreed to award £251 for spring bulbs and also more roses.  <i>(At this point a discussion ensued on grant funding being available for SCCL Leisure Cards. It was generally agreed this was a good idea but preferable to ascertain first the number of residents who would be interested in this.)</i></p> <p><b>Barrhill Playgroup:</b> A grant was requested for £420 to fund the hire of the Memorial Hall for 42 weeks This was approved unanimously.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Fallen:</b> This agenda item had not been received, but the following one had.</p> <p><b>Heather Shuckburgh:</b> Funding of £269.40 requested to purchase 30 metal poppy statues for 'planting' in the grounds of the Memorial Hall to honour the 30 Barrhill Fallen, as part of the World War 1 Centenary. Opinions on Facebook showed over 30 in favour of the project.</p>	AR

	Sufficient funds were sought for a further 30 poppies to be made available for residents to buy. After discussion, it was agreed by all to fund the purchase of 30 poppies, but not the additional 30. It was felt that this was covered by the project being carried out by the Craft Club itself, whose painting of poppies on stones had given rise to the idea of the metal poppies.	CS
<b>10</b>	<b>First World War Centenary</b>	
	(See immediately above) The BCIC is collaborating with Barrhill Craft Club in this project.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>20mph Rural Villages:</b> AR had received word from Kevin Braidwood of ARA confirming that the design for Barrhill is almost complete and will be ready for a second consultation by late September. It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 26th September, if possible. CS to book the hall and confirm date with KB.</p> <p><b>Walkers' Group:</b> AR informed of a letter from a Colin Clark, regarding walking and cycling events in the area. She will email this out to all.</p> <p><b>HAGS:</b> Play equipment leaflet. <b>Parker's Dutch Bulbs</b> catalogue.</p> <p><b>SAC: Remembrance 100 Years Project:</b> Poppies knitting and crochet patterns.</p> <p><b>NHS: Information on Mental Health Conversations</b></p> <p><b>Alzheimer Scotland; Cooking with Confidence</b></p> <p><b>SAC Trading Standards:</b> Protecting older, vulnerable adults from financial harm.</p> <p><i>Reminders re-emailed correspondence previously circulated:</i></p> <p><b>SAC Licensing Policy:</b> Comments required by 31<sup>st</sup> August; <b>Effective Conversations Workshop</b> 6<sup>th</sup> September; <b>Review of Local Landscape Designations</b> 14<sup>th</sup> September; <b>Scottish Community Alliance – Community Learning Exchange; Trusted Trader Exchange</b> (will visit CCs); <b>Footway Programme</b> (repairs of pavements); <b>and Community Resilience Event 11<sup>th</sup> October, Troon.</b></p> <p><b>Police Scotland:</b> Letter from new Community Safety Officer, PC Mark Wason—awareness sessions being held. (Will be present at Troon on 11<sup>th</sup> October.)</p> <p><b>A77 Action Group:</b> Conference 11<sup>th</sup> October, Stranraer – 2 delegates invited. It was felt that Barrhill should be represented.</p> <p><b>Card:</b> Following the letter of condolence sent to James Duffie, a thank you note had been received, which was appreciated by the CC.</p>	CS AR
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<p><b>Whithorn Way:</b> CS had attended a meeting in New Luce on 8<sup>th</sup> August, called by Neale McQuiston, attended also by representatives from Glenluce and Whithorn, regarding the 'Whithorn Way', to explore the possibilities for working together to benefit each community. Julia Muir Watt handed over a stamp designed by a Barrhill Primary pupil, for franking stage cards for walkers. Where this could be placed for access was discussed --- to be decided. KMcL and PMcG will raise at the BCIC meeting for its thoughts.</p> <p>Lack of accommodation for walkers is a problem. Julia has applied for grants to provide bunkhouses. All agreed good marketing is required--- D &amp; G will now consider grants for this. Julia giving a talk at the Wigtown Book Festival, which should raise awareness of the walk.</p> <p><b>Community Broadband Initiative:</b> AC informed he had discussed this matter with JT, Chair of BCIC. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Former Robertson Plant Hire Premises:</b> KMcL reported he had received a number of complaints regarding the sightings of rats in the vicinity of these premises, with the yard lying dormant since last June and the scrap cars still in situ. AR informed that nothing could be moved without the permission of the liquidator. CS to contact her. AR will send contact details.</p> <p><b>Community Farm:</b> See above at Item 8, Planning Applications</p> <p><b>Overgrowth on Station Road:</b> CS had received a complaint regarding the blocking of the footpath up to the station by overgrowth – she will report to KB at ARA.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</i></p>	KMcL, PMcG  AC  CS  CS
	<b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7.00pm</u></b></p> <p><b>Other meetings in 2018:</b></p> <p><b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>NB: There are no meetings in July, September &amp; December.</b></p>	