

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl) (Vice-Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), PC Gregor Mackintosh (GM) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team) and 4 Members of the public.</p> <p>Speakers: Sharron Connolly (SC) (HSCP), Stewart Forsyth (SF) (Coriolis Energy)</p> <p><i>In the absence of AR, the Chair was taken by KMcl.</i></p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Ann Robertson (AR) (Chair)	
2	Speakers: Sharron Connolly, South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Role of Community Engagement Officer	
	<p>KMcl introduced Sharron, who was pleased to be given the opportunity to introduce herself to the CC. She informed that she had been in post since January and is the Community Engagement Officer for both the South Carrick and North Carrick Locality Planning Groups within the Health and Social Care Partnership and is the link between the communities and the Healthcare Services. Her role is to support the development and implementation of planning throughout the communities and involves numerous services e.g. Dementia Awareness; Alcohol & Drug Awareness; Young Peoples Services etc. Locality Planning can help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and can bring influence to bear for the communities' benefit. She referred to the large amount of information in the recently published Locality Planning newsletter, which had been circulated to all, with copies widely available. ACK then concurred with her sentiments and stressed that communities have the chance to influence the way services are delivered and that feed-in from residents is welcomed, which would be forwarded to the Integrated Joint Board.</p> <p><i>KMcl thanked SC for her input and she then left the meeting.</i></p>	
	Stewart Forsyth, Coriolis Energy Update: Chirmorie Windfarm	
	<p>KMcl then invited SF, who has addressed the CC on previous occasions, to give his presentation. SF informed that he first appeared at a CC meeting back in 2007, with his most recent visit being in March 2017. He confirmed that consent for the windfarm, within the red line boundary, had been given in March 2018, for 21 turbines. It will, however, be 2021 before there is a grid connection to take electricity from the site. It is anticipated that construction will commence in late 2019/early 2020 and assured that he will return to the CC, hopefully in October/November this year, once there is more definite information.</p> <p>Access Update SF informed that the discussions with Forest Enterprise Scotland had been ongoing for four and a half years but no paperwork had yet been signed, although an agreement in principle had been reached and should be confirmed by the autumn. In response to a query from AS regarding transport, SF informed that it was a condition of the planning consent that no development should commence until a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was submitted and approved by SAC/ARA and that construction traffic should by-pass Barrhill village. AS enquired if this applied to all traffic or just abnormal loads. Coriolis has submitted a request for screening to the Scottish Office, to use the forestry roads, and he assured that he will return to update the CC on the Traffic Management Plan later in the year and to set up a Construction and Access Liaison Group. Discussions will be held with both SAC and ARA. SF then invited questions and a member of the public referred to previous events with windfarm traffic, which had resulted in blocked access to properties and great inconvenience all round. She hoped there would be no repetition of these events. All agreed it is important to educate drivers to be considerate. Mention was made of numerous vehicles carrying only the driver and SF informed in answer to a query that a 'crew bus' would be included in the TMP. SF assured that Coriolis will work closely with the community to manage</p>	

	<p>concerns and reduce potential disturbance as much as possible. The 21 turbines will be 149.5m high and should provide Community Benefit of £5,000 per MW per annum. AS enquired as to the effect on Community Benefit of the company ESB's involvement, but was assured by SF that any agreement between the CC and Coriolis would be honoured by ESB, a company with experience in Ireland. The route for the grid connection is under review. <i>KMcL thanked SF for his update and he then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	Police	
	<i>Delayed until arrival of PC Mackintosh, who had notified of his late arrival.</i>	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 27th February, 2019	
	These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by RH.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p><i>CC Items allotted to ACk for action</i> Item 4: Matters Arising: 20mph Scheme Proposals: ACk informed that the signs for this had now been ordered. Street Drains: As stated last month, these had now been cleaned by ARA. Blocked Drain near Old Cemetery: A team from ARA will check this. Ongoing Damaged Sign on Knowe Road: ARA team will check this. Road Bridge Painting: ACk had raised this with ARA - they will paint the bridge. Martyrs' Tomb Path: ACk has yet to discuss this with Rachel Shipley. Ongoing Blocked Gully on A714: ACk informed that this work is now logged to be carried out. Item 10: AOB: Knowe Road: AS informed there is still a deep pothole between the village and Drumlamford, near Knockycoid, which is dangerous to traffic. ACk will report this to ARA (potholes on the A714 passed Artnoch, heading south will also be reported). Fly Tipping near Loch Nahinnie: It was noted the rubbish in the layby has been removed. Item 4: Matters Arising: Constitution: SAC now required yet more changes - to the signed copy that had previously been approved. Ongoing Martyrs' Tomb Renovations: SCMA Secretary and Treasurer had both assured that the matter will be rectified in the next newsletter and CF's funding will be acknowledged. Noted Item 6: Updates: Winter Fuel Payments: Both AC and CS had raised this matter, as JT had suggested, with SPR staff at the Arecleoch Extension PID. They were informed that SPR did not have a problem with winter fuel payments being made by BCIC. JT clarified that he understood there would be a problem if the amount given to each household was raised excessively, but SPR have no objections to an increase matching the rate of inflation. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AR had asked for the matter of a second director on the KWCBF to be raised again. She also sought clarity on the director being a C Councillor. AS informed although this was desirable, it was not compulsory. JT was not aware of any BCIC director who would apply. Item 9: Correspondence: Carrick Walking & Cycling Group: RE had not been able to attend this meeting. SAC Rural Forum: Neither PMcG nor RE were able to attend this. <i>(See below at Item 7)</i> <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>ACK ACK</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC gave his report and informed that the CC's bank balance is now £665, with the balance of the CF grant money at £4,506. AC referred to those CF grants given to non-constituted groups, when the money is held by the CC. He felt that it was more efficient for the CC to pay the invoice directly to the issuer of the bill i.e. to BCIC if the grant was to cover hall rental. This was agreed. AC was thanked for his report. SAC: Zurich Insurance: CS informed that the renewal cheque had been sent to Zurich and the receipt forwarded to SAC for reimbursement.</p>	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the latest meeting: he informed there was nothing of particular note to report but matters continue as usual. For those who did not know, the draw for the prize for completing the survey form regarding the purchase of the pub was won by AR. SCCL Leisure Cards: AR had informed that she had seen Amy about this and the item will definitely be in the next BCIC newsletter, in order to ascertain numbers. b) Carrick Futures: AC informed that the next meeting is due shortly.</p>	

	<p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS attended the meeting on 13th March, when the following matters were included: South Carrick First Responders: Update on actions, including a talk to be given at BRICC, Ballantrae on 18th March; HSCP Chairs' Meeting: David Girvan had attended this – it had been proposed that the LPG's administration budget of £1,500 be cut to £500 due to the current overspend; Physiotherapy: Additional physiotherapist to be appointed; SAC Rural Forum: ACK had reported on the first meeting of the newly formed Forum, which was held in Crosshill on 11th March, and now did so to the CC members. The Forum consists solely of rural members. It will meet four times per annum externally in the community, with two internal meetings in County Buildings. The meeting was well-run and well attended and matters discussed including Rural Housing/Transport needs, IT communications and the Growth Deal. The Forum will take priorities forward, with the next meeting to be held in Annbank in May; Colmonell Consultation: Update given on this, regarding transport to Ballantrae Surgery – information awaited from a further survey; Participatory Budgeting: 16 groups took part on the day, with 14 being fully funded and 1 part-funded;</p>	
3	Police	
	<p><i>PC Mackintosh entered the meeting at 8.05pm.</i> He informed there had been no crime reports since the previous meeting. The only points noted were 2 planned shoots and a call for assistance to a member of the public. <i>KMcL thanked GM, who then left the meeting.</i></p>	
7	Updates (continued)	
	<p>Invergarven School Hydrotherapy Pool; SAC has approved the use of the hydrotherapy pool and sensory room by relevant community members/groups between 3pm and 6 pm Mon- Fri. Booking is required.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: The funding round was now completed and grants awarded, with the next meeting due to be held in Barrhill on 9th May. AC has undertaken to represent the CC at this next meeting in Barrhill, but doesn't wish for any further commitment. A permanent director is still sought.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>There was nothing pertaining to Barrhill on the lists w/e 8/3 and 15/3, and no February Decisions List had been received. Shortage of lists due to 'upgrading of eplanning and ebuilding standards back office systems'.</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>There were no applications this month. The Terms & Conditions form has now been amended to reflect the agreed changes. The grant awarded to the Craft Club had been promptly acknowledged, with an invoice submitted along with the T & C form.</p>	
10	Community Council Elections	
	<p>All CC members except AR, who had not submitted a nomination form, had been re-elected to the new CC, which commences on 1st April, and no poll had been necessary. Unfortunately as there had been no other applications, the new CC will only have seven C Councillors. As stated last month, it could be possible to appoint a Specialist Co-optee, which can be discussed by the new CC.</p>	
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Scottish Power Renewables: Letter previously circulated regarding the Kilgallioch extension (located in Dumfries & Galloway) and the proposed Clauchrie Windfarm. Met masts have been installed at both sites and a second for the Clauchrie site is now being installed east of Pindonnan Craigs. PIDs will be held later in the year. The possibility of locating solar panels at Kilgallioch and battery storage systems at both sites is being considered. Noted</p> <p>LUC: On behalf of SPR, a request has been submitted to the Energy Consents Unit for an EIA Scoping Opinion for the proposed Clauchrie Windfarm. Comments to be received by 16th April. It was agreed not to submit any comments at this stage.</p> <p>G & SCHSCP: Survey regarding the Future of Primary Care: This is now open for comments until 30th April.</p> <p>SAC: Draft Revised Guidance for Licensing Boards</p> <p>SAC: Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places.</p> <p>359 Bus Service: E-letter received from Katie Nairn, an independent consultant, who has been commissioned by the Public Social Partnership to undertake a Community Engagement</p>	

	<p>Exercise on the needs and wants of the current and potential users of the 359 bus service, the contract for which ends in August 2020. After consulting fellow CC members, CS arranged for Katie to attend the April meeting. Notices to be put in the bus shelters to encourage bus users to attend the CC meeting on 24th April.</p> <p><i>Other items emailed out.</i></p>	CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Dog Fouling: Further complaints had been received but it was agreed that this is a difficult problem to deal with.</p> <p>Flower Show: AR had forwarded a query regarding a non-constituted group applying for funding. This is not a problem with the Small Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Gritter: Following an enquiry from the member of the public currently storing the gritter, it was confirmed that this equipment can be stored in the shed at the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Letter published in Wigtownshire Free Press: Concerns were expressed over inaccurate comments regarding Barrhill CC, made by a correspondent objecting to the Cree Valley CC's exclusion from the 'core communities' benefitting from the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund. He erroneously translated the phrase in the CC minutes "JT referred to the current controversy regarding the exclusion of Cree Valley CC as a 'core community', which had been well-publicised." into '---in response to an enquiry from a Council member as to why the CVCC were not included as a core community in the Kilgallioch set-up---'. Other comments were equally puzzling and it was not the first time this particular correspondent had issued incorrect statements. However, after discussion it was agreed the best action was to ignore it. ACk read out the email from ARA's Kevin Braidwood regarding the bridge in the centre of Main Street, which informed that a contract is being issued for the pointing and painting of the bridge parapet. The accident damaged stonework at the Duisk Bridge parapet will also be repaired and the black and white stripes repainted..</p> <p>New Sacred Heart Primary School: AC informed that a new school is to be built and that arrangements are being made regarding the decanting of pupils during construction.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</i></p>	
	Date & Time of next meetings:	
	<p><u>Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> 29th May (plus AGM), 26th June, 28th August, 30th October, and 27th November. NB: There are no meetings in July, September and December.</p>	