

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th August 2019, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Rod Ekern (RE), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair).. In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), 7 Members of the public.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Pearl McGibbon (PMcG)	
2	Police	
	<i>(This item was taken later)</i>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 26th June, 2019	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcl, seconded by AC.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Fly Tipping near Loch Nahinnie: This had now been removed.</p> <p>Litter: AS had once again had to chase up Paul Dougall, of SAC's Waste Management, requesting an update on progress regarding the supply of mobile Anti-Litter signs for the village and enquiring when they would be sent to Barrhill. He finally received a reply, with a link to view online the signs on offer. Members agreed these are not suitable and ACk will take the matter up with Waste Management.</p> <p>Skip Provision: AC had held further discussions with Amy, the BCIC/BDT Community Development Worker, and the extra skips should now be provided. <i>(See Item 9ii Small Grant Applications)</i></p> <p>KMcl informed the meeting of correspondence received on behalf of the driver who removed the skip. Items found on delivery to the yard included 19 tyres plus oil cans. It was not the first time prohibited items had been found. All were reminded that if this continues SAC could discontinue skip provision and all were asked to be vigilant and try to identify the culprit. Prior to the next skip delivery notices will be placed regarding this. ACk informed that new legislation is on its way regarding waste disposal.</p> <p>A member of the public referred to the disappearance of a litter bin at the car park, with only the lid remaining. ACk will investigate.</p> <p>Item 6a: Updates: BCIC: Planters: ACk had raised the question of the extremely late delivery of the bedding plants this year and it transpired that SAC was also unhappy with this and a change of suppliers is being considered for the future. Noted</p> <p>Item 7: Consultation on Preferred Route for Stranoch & Chirmorie Windfarms Grid Connection: RE had attended the meeting held by SPEN with the landowner who has refused permission to cross her land, to discuss objections to the OHL. Chris Andrews had also attended. A further meeting had been held but permission has still not been given. There had been mistakes in the visual information given to SPEN by SAC under the Electricity Works Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (e.g. whether the development would be visible to many people) and some opinions had now been downgraded. Residents with objections are urged to submit these, as the more objections the better. Another resident referred to his objections to the original proposed route over the A714 to the north of Barrhill and informed that Jeane Freeman had been supportive. He anticipated further developments as more windfarms are constructed requiring connections.</p> <p>ACk will discuss matters regarding the OHL with Austin Cooke of the Planning Department.</p> <p>CS was contacted by SPEN to arrange a meeting between Knowe Road residents and the CC to explain the rationale behind the current preferred route and discuss the visual aspects of the project. The offer to attend this CC meeting, or a separate one next month, was declined and the date now fixed is for the CC meeting of 30th October, when SPEN will present a summary of the routing process and visual assessment process. Noted</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Toby Cover outside No. 53, Main Street: This is still a trip hazard - ACk will</p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>

	<p>chase this up.</p> <p>View line at Duisik Bridge: KMcl had spoken again with the landowner, who has not had time to trim the foliage, but is willing for this to be done. ACK will inform ARA.</p> <p>Sign for WCs: This matter had been discussed at the BCIC meeting but the facts had been misunderstood. The matter will be revisited.</p> <p>Item 9: Correspondence: Ballochmorrie New Woodland Creation: A response had been received (circulated to members) from RDS Forestry, who informed that the 'small broadleaf planting element of the 'Conifer' option in proportion to the extent of conifer planting abides to the Conifer Option rules for a commitment to broadleaf planting,' The e-letter also confirmed that there are no issues or restrictions with public access as the New Woodland Creation will abide to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. A resident informed that he had submitted a comment requesting consideration be given to the provision of a roadside footpath from the caravan parks, where the trees border the A714.</p> <p>SAC's Christmas Lights Funds: No decision received from BCIC on this matter.</p> <p>Item 10: AOB: ATM: RE reported that he had investigated this matter and it transpired that the only suitable place to install one was at the Memorial Hall, which location was not acceptable to the BCIC. It was agreed that realistically, as ATMs are being removed at an alarming rate, there would have been little chance of one being installed in Barrhill.</p> <p>Road Sweeper: Although this had been reported KMcl informed that the road sweeper had still not been to the village. ACK will again contact ARA. He will also raise the matter of the drains surrounding Barrhill, which had still not been cleaned out.</p> <p>As ACK had to leave the meeting early, he reported now on the Ayrshire Rural Forum meeting, held in Ballantrae on Monday. He felt the meeting had been successful, with various topics covered. These included Rural Housing and the Local Development Plan 2, which is due out for consultation in September. There will then be a 6 week period to submit comments. <i>ACK was thanked for his attendance and he then left the meeting at 8pm.</i></p> <p><i>Other items on the agenda</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>JT</p> <p>ACK</p>
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>Although PC Woodley had expected to attend, he was absent due to an incident in Girvan, which ACK had reported. CS had been sent a copy of the report, however, which she then read out. Between 26/06/19 and 28/08/19 there had been 18 incidents in the Barrhill area, which were as follows: 6 Assist member of the public; 4 Road Traffic incidents (this includes multiple reports of the same incident); 1 Breach of the peace/Disturbance; 1 Youths causing-; 1 Domestic Incident; and 5 Miscellaneous.</p>	<p>JT</p>
5	<p>Proposed Arecleoch Windfarm Extension</p>	
	<p>This item was placed on the agenda as the closing date for submissions under the consultation process is 31st August. The information had been placed in the Memorial Hall some weeks ago for residents to access when the hall is open, but there had been difficulties with this arrangement. The hall was found to be closed some Tuesdays when it should have been open. In addition, the books were moved and could not be found to view by some when the hall was open for the Clauchrie PID. A member of the public was of the view that when the Development worker had to cancel her presence on a Tuesday it was up to her employers, Creetown Initiative, to provide a replacement. BCIC/Barrhill Development Trust will look into this.</p> <p>With regard to the application, a discussion then took place with concerns expressed at the height—200m—of the proposed turbines, with the ensuing detrimental effect on visual aspects and possible noise issues. Some felt that saturation point had been reached in this area and AS reminded of the bigger picture looking at the years ahead. The visual effects for the next generation should be considered.</p> <p>(The CC was also reminded of the effects of forestry and the proposed Overhead Power Line.)</p> <p>The CC took the view that as all residents would have to be consulted to obtain views the CC could not object or support the Arecleoch Extension application and would have to remain neutral. CS acknowledged this but proposed the CC submitted a letter stating this but expressing the above concerns. This was rejected by other members who felt that the letter should be balanced with the pros as well as cons documented. CS will draft a letter and circulate for approval prior to submitting.</p> <p>It was agreed that a survey should be undertaken of all residents to ascertain present views on further windfarm expansions, particularly Clauchrie. RE, supported from the floor, enquired</p>	<p>JT/ KMcl</p> <p>CS</p>

	if external help could be provided for the Secretary. The use of CF grant money to fund a survey was queried, with doubts expressed that this would be allowed. AC will investigate to confirm. CS will contact a former Pinwherry & Pinmore C Councillor to see if they received help, as they had previously carried out a similar survey.	AC/ CS
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AC gave his report (circulated) and informed that the current CC balance is £721.12. The CF balance is currently £7308.34, allowing for a £500 payment towards hiring an extra skip for the village (<i>see below at Item 9ii</i>), with BCIC having agreed to fund the balance. AC was thanked for his report.	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the latest meeting, which included the following items: Trout Inn – the second stage result expected on 30th August; Youth Club & Friday Coffee Mornings – good attendance reported at both events; 1st Aid Training has been carried out; Review of Action Plan is being undertaken; Handyman Liam's Work has included work on Annie's Garden, tidying of the skip area and painting the Public Toilets; Barrhill Bowling Club was awarded a grant towards a new clubhouse; Driving Test grant awarded; and Transfer of Assets from BCIC to Barrhill Development Trust (BDT) completed.</p> <p>This last item led to a request from a member of the public for clarification of membership. It transpired that all BCIC members will still have to renew their membership of this when their term expires and residents will also have to apply for separate membership of the newly formed Barrhill Development Trust. Noted by all.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC informed there had been no further meeting. AS reminded that as he is resigning at the end of this meeting, another CF representative is now required in his place. It was noted it is not necessary for a CF director to be a C Councillor.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS had not attended on 12th July, when the meeting was specifically for Place Planning and the LPG Review Report, but was present on 14th August. Included on the agenda were presentations on the Draft Older Peoples Strategy – new models of care for older people and on Seascape's Hope project. Budget Update – It is hoped to extend the Listening Service to Girvan; Primary Care Redirection – the leaflet is now out and will soon be available in doctors' surgeries; Carers' Day – 1st November in the Carrick Community Centre; and a public defibrillator is now in place at Girvan Fire Station.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC had no new information to report, though it was noted from a previous KCBC meeting that a large grant had been awarded to BRICC in Ballantrae, towards the costs of a residential care home.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>The list for w/e 28/6 included one under Section 36c of Electricity Act 1989 from Chirmorie Windfarm Ltd, requesting Scottish ministers vary the existing Section 36 consent to construct and operate Chirmorie wind generating station. W/e 19/7: Application from SPR (UK) Ltd, again under Section 36 Act, for permission to erect and operate 13 wind turbines and associated infrastructure at Arecleoch Windfarm. (<i>See above at Item 5: Proposed Arecleoch Windfarm Extension</i>) (<i>Both applications come under the Energy Consents Unit.</i>) W/e 9/8: Sunnyside, Knowe Road: application to modify the minute of agreement (Section 75) planning permission.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: June, July and August – nothing relevant.</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Badminton Club AC submitted this application and declared an interest as a club member. Funding was sought for the hall hire costs of £480 for 48 weeks, from September 2019 to July 2020. This was unanimously approved.</p> <p>ii) Barrhill Community Council AC submitted this on behalf of the CC for funding of £500 for the provision of extra skips, BCIC to fund the balance. This was unanimously approved.</p> <p>iii) Barrhill Bowling Club Application for £290 to provide onsite signs (£165) together with solar powered floodlights to illuminate the signs during darkness. A discussion led to the first part being approved unanimously but a vote was required for the second, with 3</p>	

	<p>members for and 2 against, with 1 abstention. KMcLaren declared an interest as a member of the Bowling Club and took no part. The application for the full £290 was approved.</p> <p>iv) Stinchar Valley Photographic Group Application for £293.88 towards the cost of holding an exhibition in Colmonell Kirk Hall. (Barrhill residents are members.) Costs include purchase of mount boards and hall insurance. After discussion, this was approved in principal but members posed questions re-applications to other sources and the insurance costs. CS to contact Harriet Ellis for confirmation regarding these matters.</p>	CS
10	Correspondence	
	<p>SAC: Day Services for Older People Consultation SAC: Review of Polling Districts and Places Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Development SCIO: Invitation to enter a team for an Inter village Walking Football Challenge: This information was widely circulated but only one positive response had emerged. The event was cancelled due to lack of response. Whitespace Technology Ltd. –Broadband connections to rural communities. No action necessary as this is being covered by BCIC. LPG: Draft Adult & Older Peoples Service Improvement Plan consultation; responses by 30th August. Creative Play leaflet. SAC: Consultation on Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues. Relaxed Golf: to be held next in Girvan on 12th September. <i>Other items circulated.</i></p>	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Inc. Proposed Litter Signs	
	<p>Proposed Litter Signs: <i>Already covered at Item 4: Matters Arising.</i> SWSCRIP: 3 C Councillors had attended the meeting at Barrhill Station with Mhairi McKenna and Lynn Wilson from the CRP on 6th August, regarding the construction of a car park. Plans had now been drawn up by ARA for the provision of 10 spaces on the road into the station. CS had written a letter of support to the CRP for the project, as requested, and the CRP would appreciate support from other sources to aid its search for funding for the project. SPR: The Public Information Day (PID) for the proposed Kilgallioch Extension had taken place at Kirkcowan that day. Noted. AS reminded the meeting that thought must be given to plans for the use of future Community Benefits as it is vital to invest for the future of the community after funding has ceased. SPR: The PID for the proposed Clauchrie Windfarm took place in the Memorial Hall on 19th August. Station Road Footpath: The annual complaint regarding the overgrowth had been forwarded to ARA. Works to be issued to Grounds Contractor. Quay Zone Leisure Passes: Enquiry received regarding these—no information as to how many residents expressed an interest. JT will consult with Amy of BDT to confirm numbers Rural Forum, Ballantrae: CS had attended on behalf of Barrhill CC. (See above at Item 4) Martyrs’ Tomb Path: A member of the public raised the matter of overgrown grass on the path where it is still otherwise accessible. In the past, the BCIC had cut the grass but had not done so for 3 years. A discussion ensued regarding the restoration of the path. JT was of the opinion a small digger would be needed in order to eliminate the boggy areas, as the drainage had been damaged by the tree felling. A resident felt there was an easier way, using boarding etc to cover these areas. The landowner to be asked if he will allow a machine onto the land. Duisk Bridge Parapet: The CC was informed that the newly painted and repaired bridge had been damaged slightly and reported to ARA. Resignation: As expected, AS announced his resignation from the CC as he is moving from the area. All were sorry to see him depart but thanked him for his work for the community and his input and commitment to the CC. He will be sorely missed and all wished him well for the future. The previous CC Chair, David Russell, who was present at the meeting, also paid a glowing tribute, having worked with AS on the set-up of the Kilgallioch fund. <i>The meeting closed at 9.15pm</i></p>	JT CS
	Date & Time of next meetings:	
	<p><u>Wednesday, 30th October 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> 27th November. NB: There are no meetings in September and December.</p>	