

APPROVED

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019, in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 7.30pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Rod Ekern (RE), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL) (Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker). <b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PC Gregor Mackintosh (GM) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team) 5 Members of the public (3 more than the AGM).	
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Johnnie Thomson (JT), 1 Member of the public.	
2	<b>Police</b>	
	<i>(This item was taken earlier, during a break in the AGM)</i> KMcL welcomed PC Gregor Mackintosh, who then gave his Police Report. There had been no crime reports since the previous meeting of 26 <sup>th</sup> April. Of various calls to Police, none was of note. GM then gave the latest information on the ongoing search for the missing person, of which all were aware. There continues to be a large Police presence in the area, which will be stepped up – it is a murder inquiry. He appealed to all to phone 101 if anyone has any information whatsoever that might help. KMcL assured that all residents would assist if at all possible. GM has passed on the request for information to the local windfarm personnel. RH reminded that there are two Civil Defence bunkers hidden in the Galloway Forest Park. GM will pass this on to ensure Police are aware of them. CS informed that she had received a response from Forestry and Land (formerly Forest Enterprise) thanking the CC for bringing the matter of speeding vans to its attention. They confirmed that all personnel driving Forestry vehicles had been instructed to drive according to road conditions. The Police had also spoken to Forestry officials on this subject. <i>GM was thanked for his report and he then left the meeting.</i>	GM
3	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019</b>	
	These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by RH.	
4	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<b>Item 3: Speaker re-Consultation on route of 359 Bus Service:</b> CS confirmed she had placed survey forms in the village shop and the Surgery. Forms were also passed on to Pinwherry. Altogether, 12 completed paper forms were posted out to Katie Nairn. <b>Item 2: Police: 20mph Scheme Proposals:</b> ACk had not yet contacted the resident on this - facts are still to be determined. He informed that the Regulatory Panel has control over any amendments to the speed limits and a lengthy discussion then ensued on the subject. CS referred to the January 2019 approved minutes, which stated that “---all that is required at present are speed activated signs at the approaches to the village, together with a reducing speed approach system (i.e. painted signs on the road) for a suitable distance before these.” ACk had then relayed these thoughts to Kevin Braidwood at ARA. RE queried if this was what the residents had expected and it was pointed out that the matter of speed limits had been a CC agenda item on several occasions and only once did a large number of residents attend. The residents attending made it clear that the complicated engineering system was not what was wanted and ARA had been informed accordingly. It was noted, however, that ARA are yet to come back to the CC with definitive plans. Ongoing <b>Item 5: Matters Arising:</b> <b>Damaged Sign on Knowe Road:</b> ACk had reported this to ARA. As JT was not present, it is not known if he had found the sign. RH will investigate. <b>Martyrs’ Tomb Path:</b> The landowner had discussed this with the contractor and following this SAC’s Access Officer had given the go-ahead for the work to be carried out to remove the brushings etc in order to clear the path CS spoke to the contractor 2 days after the last CC meeting, who hoped to do the work within the next 2 weeks but it has yet to be done. Ongoing <b>Fly Tipping near Loch Nahinnie:</b> RH informed that this rubbish had still not been cleared--- ACk will chase this up.	RH  ACK

	<p><b>Duisk Bridge Parapet:</b> Following the awarding of the contract for this work, it will not commence until 10<sup>th</sup> June, but the Main Street bridge is to be attended to first. Due to further damage done it was agreed to request that the Duisk Bridge is given priority. CS will reply to Scott Greig and communicate the CC's concerns.</p> <p><b>Litter:</b> ACk had emailed Waste Management twice, to no avail, regarding the provision of the signs promised last year and wonders if AS's contact (Paul Dougall) has left SAC. He will continue to chase this up.</p> <p><b>Item 11: AOB: Cattle Grid at Barjarg:</b> CS had been contacted by the landowner whose land boundaries are with the open forestry, marked by 2 cattle grids, who was dismayed to discover ARA about to fill these in. He objected and contacted ARA who ceased the work and later informed that the plans to remove the grids had been cancelled. He was informed that the CC had not objected to SAC's removal of the grids but that he himself had not been consulted by either the CC or ARA. The CC had assumed ARA would contact all the landowners affected and referred the landowner to the April CC minutes (now approved). He was of the opinion that the reference to Barjarg grids should be corrected as that property is a mile further up the road. Noted</p> <p><b>Public Toilets:</b> RE had contacted BCIC regarding this to be informed that there is some query concerning the ownership of the Public Toilets. This will have to be resolved prior to any repairs being undertaken. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Skip Provision:</b> ACk had spoken to Tommy Howieson (TH) of SAC's Waste Management, who will cost the provision of an extra skip and report back. Noted</p> <p>AC informed that he had looked into aspects of this, to see if SPR would object to windfarm funds being used for this purpose. He concluded that the CC and BCIC jointly should be able to share costs and provide an extra skip, without SPR objecting.</p> <p>ACk will await costings from TH.</p> <p><i>Other items on the agenda</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>BCIC</p> <p>ACK</p>
5	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	
	<p>AC gave his report and informed that the CC's bank balance is the same as last time i.e. just over £720. <i>(This includes the remaining £50 of the BOS compensation and £140.40 left from the War Memorial Grant)</i> He reported that this year's administration grant had not yet been received. As a new CC commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April for three years the full grant is to be paid this financial year.</p> <p>The balance of the CF grant money is currently £3,806.93. In reply to a query, AC informed that CF would always pay out grant money each year unless the balance becomes greater than £10,000. AC was thanked for his report</p>	
6	<p><b>Updates</b></p>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> In JT's absence KMcl reported on the latest meeting:</p> <p><b>Trout Inn:</b> This is the main focus at present and KMcl re-iterated that the first stage of the application for funding for this project, for the community to purchase and manage the pub, has been successful. The second stage is now proceeding, although it transpired that additional information is required for this to go ahead.</p> <p><b>Planters:</b> CS enquired as to the situation with the village planters, as Barrhill Primary is keen to help as usual with the bedding plants supplied by SAC and it is understood that BCIC have ordered plants for the new planters. The BCIC directors present could not confirm the current situation – CS to contact SAC regarding the plants to see when delivery will be made.</p> <p>b) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC informed no meeting had taken place since the previous report.</p> <p>c) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Partnership Locality Planning:</b> CS could not attend the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May and no minutes had yet been received. ACk had also been absent. There is an extra meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss the following: Purpose of LGP; Action plan; Group membership; and the way forward.</p> <p>d) <b>Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company:</b> AC had attended the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May, on behalf of the CC, which was held in Barrhill. Cree Valley CC had given a presentation on why it should be considered one of the 'core communities'. At the present time, however, this cannot be considered due to the procedures currently agreed with SPR. AC is willing to attend the meetings for the next year.</p>	<p>CS</p>
7	<p><b>Consultation on Preferred Route for Stranoch &amp; Chirmorie Windfarms Grid Connection</b></p>	
	<p><b>SP Energy Networks:</b> The Public Information Day was held in the Memorial Hall on</p>	

	<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, with some CC members able to attend prior to the opening time. There was considerable disquiet from a number of residents, particularly those with properties on the Knowe Road, about the overhead lines, and one resident then addressed the meeting. He voiced a number of concerns, including the detrimental visual impact of the overhead lines across the Duisk Valley. In view of the planned expansion of windfarms in the area, it is likely that additional overhead lines will be required in the future. It was also felt that insufficient information was given on the exact location of the line. A discussion ensued, following which the CC members unanimously agreed to write to SPEN indicating the CC's objection to the overhead powerlines and urging consideration of the cabling being placed underground to cross the valley. AS referred to the fact that on the previous recent occasion a cable had been brought from a windfarm to the Mark Hill substation, it had been put underground and below the Duisk riverbed.</p> <p>It is understood that one of the reasons for the preferred route was the objection of Forest Enterprise, whose land is the site of the proposed Arecleoch Extension, as other possible routes were on that land. ACK was of the opinion that SAC's Planning section should be informed, and he also intends contacting Colin Wylie, SPEN's Community Liaison Manager. It is hoped as many residents as possible make their objections known to SPEN. Comments are to be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> June. CS to write to Colin Wylie of SPEN.</p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p>There had been no Planning Applications relevant to Barrhill since the previous meeting. <b>Decisions Lists: March:</b> Further application for renewal of planning permission at Laigh Altercannoch was permitted. <b>April:</b> Application for extension and alterations at Mayberry was permitted, as was the Proposal of Application for extension to Mark Hill substation. Noted</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Barrhill Primary School</b> The application for funding of £500 towards the Primary School's summer outing to Cream o' Galloway was unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Community Council</b> AC had applied, on behalf of the CC, for funding of £198 in order to purchase signs indicating the presence of the new <b>Feoch Meadows Path</b>, and he circulated illustrations of the proposed signs. He had recently met onsite with a Scottish Wildlife Trust representative, who own Feoch Meadows. The Trust is willing to pay for the installation of the signs and posts. At present the walk is still somewhat boggy in places, in spite of the boarding put down by Tilhill. This application was also unanimously approved.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AC</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>SAC: Community Council Boundary Review: (Previously circulated)</b> The deadline for the CC Review Consultation on the first part of this review is 26<sup>th</sup> June. This relates to the composition and boundaries of CCs. All recommended to view the proposed amendments.</p> <p><b>Coriolis Energy:</b> Stewart Forsyth emailed to inform of a variation in planning, to take account of the access route now confirmed as the forestry road. Also included is a slight move in the location of the sub-station and a borrow pit is to be constructed. The full details will soon be available to view in the Memorial Hall. Noted</p> <p><b>Dementia Awareness:</b> Girvan Town Team is holding an Afternoon Tea on 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Town House. All welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>EDF: Stranoch 2 Windfarm Environmental Impact Assessment:</b> Letter received re-supplementary information, which will soon be available to view in the Memorial Hall (Tuesdays only, between 10am-4pm). A disc containing this information was also received – currently in AC's possession should anyone wish to view it.</p> <p>Deadline for comments is 17<sup>th</sup> June. Noted</p> <p><b>Relaxed Golf Event in Girvan:</b> The next session is on the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> June at Girvan Golf Club- all welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>SPR Kilgallioch Extension:</b> The PID will be held in Kirkcowan on 4<sup>th</sup> June, between 3-7pm.</p> <p><b>Ferter:</b> A letter had been received from the residents of Ferter, which property will be badly affected should the proposed Clauchrie Windfarm go ahead. They wished to draw the recent scoping report to the CC's attention and expressed concerns about a number of aspects regarding this, in particular the potential detrimental effect upon wildlife and general amenity of the area. They had sent detailed notes and asked that the CC consider these in any comments the CC makes as a consultee. A discussion ensued on aspects of the notes, with AC, who also was sceptical of consultants' reports, agreeing that inaccuracies occur regarding wildlife species present on-site e.g. great crested newts. These seem to go unrecorded in</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

	scoping and some consultants appear to work on desk top studies. CS had replied to the Ferter residents informing them that the deadline for consultees to reply with comments on the scoping expired on 16 <sup>th</sup> April, with the CC agreeing not to submit any comments at that stage. The CC will not now be able to make comments until the planning application is submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit. The residents were reminded of the PID at Barrhill and they did attend and made SPR aware of their feelings. Noted	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>	
	<p><b>Domain address:</b> AC informed that the annual fee for the CC's website had not been taken out of the bank account yet, in spite of the payment being made some time ago.</p> <p><b>A714 Pothole:</b> PMcG reported a large pothole opposite the old Scott's Garage, adjacent to the kerb. KMcL and a member of the public also reported what appears to be a '<b>sinkhole</b>' outside the Bank House - <b>10 Main Street</b>. ACk will inform ARA.</p> <p>Also raised was the subsidence of a section of pavement near the old Cemetery. This area has been the subject of many complaints over the years of overflowing drains etc.</p> <p><b>Rural Forum:</b> ACk reported on this meeting, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May in Annbank. It had been a successful meeting, well-attended, with problems encountered common to many communities. The next meeting will be held in Ballantrae.</p> <p><b>View line at Duisk Bridge:</b> RH referred to the lack of vision at the Duisk Bridge due to overgrown vegetation. This is a recurring problem and as it involves privately owned land ARA's hands are tied. KMcL will speak to the landowner to see if anything can be done.</p> <p><b>Sign for WCs:</b> A member of the public enquired if a sign could be placed in, for example, the car park, directing people to the location of the Public Toilets, as he and another householder in The Avenue are frequently asked where they are situated. It was noted that there is a sign at the crossroads but the matter will be taken to the BCIC to see if an additional sign can be installed in the vicinity of the car park.</p> <p><b>Proposed Clauchrie Windfarm:</b> The Public Information Day was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Most CC members had attended. A member of the public expressed concern at the planned height of the proposed turbines: 200m as opposed to the 115m of the present Arecleoch turbines. These will be prominently visible in the area, which is also of concern to others. The CC will receive further information when the application is submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit. Noted</p> <p><b>New Athletics Stadium:</b> A copy of the plans for this had been received – CS will forward in case anyone is interested.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>KMcL</p> <p>KMcL/ PMcG</p> <p>CS</p>
	<b>Date &amp; Time of next meetings:</b>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>28<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> October, and 27<sup>th</sup> November.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NB: There are no meetings in July, September and December.</u></b></p>	