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BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2019 in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

| No | Item | Action |
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| | <p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Rod Ekern (RE), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl) (Vice-Chair), Ann Robertson (AR) (Chair & Acting Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), PC Gregor Mackintosh (GMac) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Iain Buchanan (IB) & David Boyd (DB) (Scottish Power Renewables) and 3 Members of the public.</p> | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| | None received. | |
| 2 | Police | |
| | <i>See below</i> | |
| 3 | Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th November, 2018 | |
| | These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by KMcl, following amendments as follows. Item 6e – AS informed ‘ Kilgallioch Windfarm’ should now read ‘Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company’ and at Item 6a – JT informed that ‘2 further co-options’ should read ‘one further co-option’. Minutes to be amended. | CS |
| 4 | Speaker: Iain Buchanan, Scottish Power Renewables Update: Proposed Arecleoch Windfarm Extension | |
| | <p>AR welcomed Iain Buchanan, SPR’s Assistant Project Manager. IB referred to the Public Information Day (PID) held on 14th November and introduced his colleague David Boyd, Arecleoch Windfarm’s Project Manager, who then updated the meeting on the current situation. DB confirmed there will be a further PID on 28th February. Arecleoch Windfarm has been operational since 2011 and the site is on Forest Enterprise Scotland’s land. The area is a good wind resource and SAC recognises there is now scope for larger turbines. DB circulated maps of the proposed extension, which was originally for 15 turbines, but this has now been reduced to 13 following consultations. The scoping documents depicted 15 turbines and all the reports itemised have now been done. Expert technologists are involved in all aspects of the planning. DB then invited questions.</p> <p>AS queried the proposed turbine height, with members surprised that all are to be 200 metres, higher than expected. An application will be made shortly for a grid connection. Various other questions were asked, ranging from the lack of top-up payments from Arecleoch over the last 2 years to constraints payments; storage facilities for electricity and the ongoing developments in battery storage technology. There is the potential for storage of electricity with IB referring to the latest ‘flow storage’ technology. Monitoring of noise levels is taking place at several properties.</p> <p>DB then discussed the construction route—using the Kilgallioch entry point at Wheeb Bridge for delivery. Surveys are ongoing regarding peat/hydrology etc. After the end of June a Section 36 application will be lodged with the Scottish Government. Benefit funds were discussed and reference made to Forest Enterprise Scotland’s scheme for community shares, to invest in a project. Hope was expressed that Barrhill would benefit directly, in contrast to the present situation with Arecleoch, with no payments currently being received.</p> <p><i>AR thanked IB and DB for their presentation and they then left the meeting.</i></p> | |
| 2 | Police | |
| | <p><i>PC Gregor Mackintosh, who had entered at 7.40pm as IB and DB were concluding, was then invited to give his report.</i></p> <p>GM informed that following the last report on 28th November, 2 crimes had been reported between 9th December and 13th January, with enquiries ongoing. On 28th January there was an incident under Section 3, Dangerous Dogs Act. Other matters involved the usual planned shoots and a Road Traffic Accident.</p> | |

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| | GM then informed that he is based at Girvan Academy as the Community Officer and is also involved with Primary pupils in Carrick, including Barrhill, working on a Road Safety campaign and engaging with pupils on ways to improve their community. He can be contacted at any time and informed the secretary of his email address. <i>GM was thanked by AR and then left the meeting. He was unfortunately unable to remain for Item 6.</i> | |
| 5 | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| | <p><i>AR welcomed Rod Ekern, the newly co-opted member of the CC, to the meeting.</i></p> <p>CC Items allotted to ACK for action: ACK apologised that he had not been able to deal with these items due to the lengthy Christmas recess of SAC and only officially taking over from Cllr Fitzsimmons earlier this month. Items included: Street Drains, Speed Activated Signs (<i>ACK did inform that Barrhill's sign was not the only one requiring repair</i>), Martyrs' Tomb Path, Dirty Pavements and Road Bridge painting. Noted</p> <p>Item 2: Police: CS had emailed through the engineering plans for the proposed 20mph speed restrictions to Sgt McDowall but to date there had been no response.</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Constitution: Ongoing</p> <p>SCCL Leisure Cards: JT informed that this should be in the next newsletter.</p> <p>Community Broadband Initiative: AC informed that BCIC funding would depend on if it was deemed worthwhile. ACK read out an email recently received from Economic Development, in answer to his query on the Broadband situation in Barrhill. A pcp or green cabinet has recently been installed near the telephone exchange at Gowlands Terrace, resulting in improvements. This went live last year and services the village centre, with resulting speeds of around and upwards of 60mbps now available to Main Street and Wallace Terrace, but not in the surrounding area. This should be upgraded through Scottish Government's Reaching 100% Programme (" R100") which aims to deliver superfast broadband access to 100% of premises in Scotland by the end of 2021, which is currently being planned. The Community Broadband subsidy scheme is currently closed and is being replaced.</p> <p>Item 8: Small Grant Application: Emailed thanks received from Barrhill Primary School.</p> <p>Item 9: Correspondence: Ayrshire Roads Alliance: The outstanding equipment had finally been received, together with the new salt bin, which was placed in Main Street rather than substituting the one at the car park. A resident had asked if it was possible for ARA to salt Wallace Terrace, as older residents are currently doing this.</p> <p>Item 10: AOB: Letter to Stewart Turner: CS had e-lettered Stewart Turner regarding the A714 Road Closures. An acknowledgement was received, followed by a letter from Kevin Braidwood that included an apology for the significant impact caused to residents and local businesses. The CC appreciated that the A714 is finally much improved, although correspondence from another party pointed out there were already defective areas of work appearing, including at Pinmore Viaduct. Surfaces near Artnoch are also deteriorating. It transpires that the contractor has to remedy any faults appearing within the first two years at their own expense. Noted</p> <p><i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p> | <p>ACK</p> <p>CS JT</p> |
| 6 | 20mph Scheme Proposals for Barrhill | |
| | <p>Kevin Braidwood had emailed a letter to AR, (previously circulated to members) following his investigations into the traffic light system at Springholm, and discussions with other bodies, which AR read out. Basically, it was not a positive report. A discussion then took place, with the 2 remaining members of the public involved. A number of suggestions were made, (rumble strips, painting the road etc) with reference made to the forthcoming proposed nationwide 20mph restrictions. RE pointed out that despite the perceived attitude of officials, we all want what is best for the community. AR reminded that the A714 is used as the relief road when the A77 is closed and CS informed of suggestions from Solway Products as to what could be done. Loss of car parking spaces was a big concern, as well as excessive noise resulting from engineering works. ACK stressed that any system would have to comply with Police Scotland's criteria.</p> <p>It was concluded that in view of the Scottish Government's plans to introduce 20 mph limits in future, 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 will relay these thoughts to KB.</p> <p>A Scaurhead resident had informed that Speed Radar was installed for a period, to monitor speed of traffic leaving the village, following complaints. The outcome was not yet known.</p> | ACK |

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| 7 | Treasurer's Report | |
| | <p>AR apologised for the lack of a report. There are still some outstanding matters re-the transfer to AC. He informed that the annual £5K from Carrick Futures for the Small Grants payments will shortly be received. The administration grant from SAC for the current financial year had now been received, but not yet deposited (<i>less this year --£367.20--due to underspend the previous year</i>). AC informed that to date no invoice had been received from Tilhill Forestry, for the costs of the way markers in Artnoch Woodland.</p> <p>AR will email out the Treasurer's report to all and finalise matters for AC.</p> | AR |
| 8 | Updates | |
| | <p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the latest meeting: Director Vacancies: Laura Brown had been co-opted onto the Board, giving a full complement of Directors. Open Day re-Purchase of Trout Inn: This will take place on Saturday 9th February in the Memorial Hall, between 10am and 1pm, to ask for the community's views on plans to purchase the Trout Inn. The purchase would be a charitable concern and funding has been applied for. New Planters: These have been purchased and will be distributed round the village. ACk will investigate if SAC can provide the material for filling the containers, as had been done previously, and liaise with JT. Film Night: The first of these has been arranged for tomorrow.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC informed there is a meeting next week. The AGM scheduled for last week was cancelled due to the weather and will be re-scheduled.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: AR informed of a request by the new Engagement Officer, Sharron Connolly, to visit the CC to introduce herself. All welcomed this—CS to arrange. Neither CS nor PMcG could attend the December or January meetings but minutes showed matters discussed were: Newsletter: now in place but there are doubts about funding, which it is hoped will be overcome – ACk informed of the review of the HSCP taking place due to budget overspend. Suggestions wanted for a name for the newsletter. Withdrawal of Maternity Services: Reply from John Burns, NHS CEO, informing that during a 6 month period there were no ante-natal clinics held in Ballantrae and that 2 patients in Barrhill requested to be seen in Girvan. A further letter will be sent re-the lack of consultation. Carrick Listening Service: this was supported; Letterbox Youth Service: suspension is temporary, for 6 months – a review and consultations are being carried out; Dementia Activities: Girvan Town Team is pursuing action areas; Carrick First Responders: Update given-- 82 call-outs (13 fully trained, including one in Barrhill); Place Planning: survey being undertaken; Proposed Carers' Day is being discussed; and Change to Time of meeting: a poll was undertaken and from February, LP meetings will commence at 6.30pm</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AS informed that the first AGM was held on 17th January and he and AR attended, accompanied by one member, AC. The total funding from the first full year of operation had been £1.23 million, with Barrhill receiving full payment of £186K. The next funding round is in February, with 46 applications received. JT referred to the current controversy regarding the exclusion of Cree Valley CC as a 'core community', which had been well-publicised. Apparently the CC had been invited to attend discussions as to the set-up of the funding but had not attended. The request for a revue had been passed over to SPR. A discussion ensued on the allocation of the Kilgallioch windfarm funds, with AS explaining the complexities of its set-up to RE, the new CC member.</p> | <p>ACK JT</p> <p>CS</p> |
| 9 | Planning Applications | |
| | <p>CS reported the following applications: w/e 7th Dec. Prior notification for new forestry track off the B7027 – FIM Services for Scottish Woodlands; w/e 18th Jan: Further application by the owners of Laigh Altercannoch for renewal of planning permission at L. Altercannoch.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: November, Application C/O RDS Forestry, Mark Wilson, for prior notification for a proposed forestry road A714 Barrhill Road Pinwherry--Main Street, Barrhill south from Pinwherry - this was permitted.</p> <p>December: 3 applications were permitted: Mr & Mrs Court for 39 Main Street, Barrhill – 'Alteration and part change of use of dwelling house to mixed use Class 3 Tearoom and</p> | |

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| | residential/Bed& Breakfast letting accommodation; S P Power Systems - Application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for 9.4km long, 33kV wood pole overhead line and ancillary underground cable (~5.2km) between Tralorg Windfarm substation and Mark Hill substation and a section of temporary access track at Proposed Windfarm. (Co-incidentally, the CC as a consultee had received emailed correspondence from the Energy Consents Unit on this, with comments to be received by 22 nd February. It was agreed that the CC would not make a response.) FIM Services for Prior notification for new forestry track: 'Proposed Forestry Road B7027 Main Street Barrhill - Council Boundary South From Barrhill. | |
| 10 | Small Grant Applications | |
| | AR apologised that the intended application from Barrhill Wee Whist Club was not available. | |
| 11 | Correspondence | |
| | SAC: CC Elections 2019: Reminder that the present 3 year term ceases on March 31 st 2019, with a copy of the timetable of events. Notice of election published any day now. Barrhill Craft Club Report: Thanks received from the Club together with an excellent report which was most welcome and an example to all grant recipients. SAC: Social Isolation Strategy: Survey replies needed by 1 st February. Local Place Plan Survey: Support requested. Ayrshire Roads Alliance: Cold Comfort Event: Reminder that this will be held on 28 th February in Girvan Academy. RE expressed an interest in attending. Baltersan Castle: Meeting to be held in Maybole on 5 th February to discuss future plans. SAC: Zurich Insurance/GDPR Data Register —information received on this and legal situation regarding CCs. Noted <i>Other items emailed out.</i> | RE |
| 12 | AOB Council Members/Members of the Public | |
| | RA requested information on the Community Council Scheme---CS will forward. AC reported the Broken Drain near Old Cemetery . This had been reported numerous times but is still not rectified, contrary to expectations. ACK will investigate AS queried if there was any further information re- Chirmorie Windfarm community benefit plans, now that consent has been granted. CS to invite Stewart Forsyth to attend a CC meeting. AS also referred to a discount energy scheme, which can be investigated in future. KMCL sought clarification on the approval of some small grants . JT raised the matter of damaged signs on the Knowe Road near Maberry, which are hazardous to traffic. ACK will investigate but was aware of preparatory work being done. ACK informed of the ongoing review of SAC's finances , with some tough decisions to be made due to the large gap in finances. Final decisions will be taken next month. The Martyrs' Tomb renovations had featured in the latest edition of the Scottish Covenanter Memorials' Association – CS read out a paragraph on the funding, which all felt was misleading and should be corrected. No mention was made of the funding granted by Carrick Futures to the CC. CS to contact SCMA. Cemetery Waiting Room: Lizzie Linton had confirmed that the renovation has been approved for the next financial year, which is good news. Car Park at Barrhill Station: CS informed that the EGM minutes of the SWSCRIP, and the latest edition of its newsletter, referred to plans being mapped out and costed to develop car parking facilities at the station, which all welcomed. Employment Fair: This will be held on 27th February at the Carrick Buildings. A714 Road Closure: Reminder of the forthcoming night time closure to complete white-lining. <i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</i> | CS ACK CS ACK CS |
| | Date & Time of next meetings: | |
| | <u>Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> 27th March, 24th April, May, June, August, October, and November NB: There are no meetings in July, September and December. | |