

APPROVED

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

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Rod Ekern (RE), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl) (Chair), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair)..</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), PC Steve Woodley (SW) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Brendan Tinney (BT) & Colin Wylie (CW) (SP Energy Networks), Marta Menchi (SP Project Manager). Catherine Mackenzie (CMac) & Bob Bainsfair (Ramboll). 7 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG)	
2	Police	
	PC Woodley was welcomed to the meeting and gave his report. The figures were from the period between 19 th September and 17 th October only and were as follows: Concern for person 1; Planned shoots 6; Road Traffic Incidents 2; and Fraud 1. No crimes were recorded. There were no questions for SW and he was thanked for his report and then left the meeting.	
3	Presentation: SP Energy Networks Proposed Stranoch & Chirmorie Windfarms OHL Connections	
	<p>KMcL welcomed the team from SP Energy Networks (SPEN) and Ramboll. Brendan Tinney then introduced his colleagues to the meeting. BT commenced the presentation on the routing study of the proposed grid connection by stating that SPEN is obliged under Section 9 of the Electricity Act 1989 'to develop and maintain an efficient and economic supply of electricity transmission ' etc. Mark Hill substation was selected as the best location for connection, rather than construct a new sub-station. The aim was to identify a proposed alignment that was economically viable and technically feasible, causing the least disturbance to the environment. BT went through the Methodology, with the application of the 'Holford Rules' to inform routing, and the Study Area, which was defined by 'high amenity' constraints.</p> <p>Alternative Routes BT and CMac went through the various stages (commencing March 2017) in the consultation process, with Stage 4, Confirmation of Proposed Alignment, now ongoing. Indicative visualisations were shown.</p> <p>The rejection of the route through Arcleoch Forest was queried, which was due to objections from Forestry & Land Scotland, leading to comments that while the objections of Government bodies are listened to, those from the general public are ignored.</p> <p>ACk asked when the plans would be submitted –June/July 2020. BT confirmed that SPEN will consult as to where the poles will be placed, with comments made that SPEN should pay for the line to be placed underground.</p> <p>Questions were invited from all and a robust discussion then ensued. Costs of an overhead line versus underground were raised. It was noted that permission has yet to be given for the proposed Mark Hill sub-station extension.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that its views should be made known to the firm and to OFGEN and MSPs. ACk will contact Jeane Freeman regarding this. It was recognised that until the plans have been submitted objections will be on hold.</p> <p><i>The officials from SPEN and Ramboll were then thanked for their presentation and left the meeting at approx. 8.15pm</i></p> <p>ACk then informed the meeting of his preliminary discussions with SAC Planning Department, the advice from this being noted.</p>	ACK
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 28th August, 2019 Incl. Survey Letter-drop	
	These were approved: proposed by RH, seconded by KMcl,	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Item 4: Matters Arising: Litter: ACk informed that anti-litter signs will soon be sent to Barrhill.	

	<p>He, too, had found Paul Dougall of SAC's Waste Management, difficult to track down.</p> <p>Car Park Litter Bin: This had now been replaced, although the old lid had been left in situ. CS had received information from two residents that there are now two dog waste bins at the entrance to Arnsheen Park and requesting that one be moved up The Avenue to the crossroads at the Bowling Green. ACK will contact Waste Management.</p> <p>Toby Cover outside No. 53, Main Street: Still outstanding- ACK will again chase this up.</p> <p>View line at Duisk Bridge: Noted that this has finally been done by someone.</p> <p>Sign for WCs: BCIC have revisited this matter.</p> <p>Road Sweeper: This finally arrived in the village on 9th October but the results were questioned as debris was left at the roadside. ACK informed that ARA still await their new machine, which would be more efficient, and once it has arrived the full road sweeping service will be resumed. It was noted that the Drains have still to be cleared. A resident reported that when the grass verges are cut the clippings get into the drains and cause blockage.</p> <p>Item 5: Proposed Arcleoch Windfarm Extension: The neutral letter to the Energy Consents Unit had been sent as discussed, after the CC had approved the contents. Regarding the availability of access to the information in the Memorial Hall when the hall is not open when expected, JT informed that the BDT/BCIC's arrangement with Creetown Initiative is such that a replacement need not be sent to Barrhill when Amy has to cancel. Noted</p> <p>Survey: AC and CS had confirmed, as expected, that any survey carried out had to be done by the CC without external help. The survey had now been undertaken, after the letter to be sent was approved by email, to ascertain present views on further windfarm expansions and on the proposed OHL. The closing date for returns is 2nd November. It had been sent to 160 households in total, with more than half hand delivered. CS thanked those members who had assisted with this. So far 57 households (74 residents) had responded and there are still a few days left before the deadline on Saturday. Of these, so far 45 households are opposed to all future windfarm developments and want the OHL to be placed underground.</p> <p>In view of the clear results to date it was agreed that a letter of objection should now be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit, as the notice for the proposed Arcleoch windfarm Extension stated that 'Ministers may consider' late representations. Letter to be circulated to members before submitting,</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Quay Zone Leisure Passes: JT informed that only one resident had contacted Amy regarding this. No further action will be taken at this time. Noted.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Path: It was noted that the overgrown grass had now been cut. While the landowner had agreed to allow a small machine onto the land, in order to eliminate the boggy areas, a local resident, Martin Rennie, was willing to undertake alternative work himself to solve the problem without resorting to machinery. He informed the meeting that he had received funding from the BCIC to purchase wood, which had now been delivered, and he hoped to carry out the work next month to restore the path, digging out drains and creating boardwalks to cover the boggy areas. His offer was much appreciated by all.</p>	<p>ACK ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>Copies of AC's report were circulated, which CS ran through in AC's absence at the Carrick Futures AGM. The current CC balance in the bank remains at £721.12. After payment of the small grants awarded at the CC'S August meeting, and if tonight's grant applications are all approved, the CF balance would be £5428.84.</p>	
7	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the latest meeting, which included the following items:</p> <p>Trout Inn: The second stage application results have been announced, with the BDT successful in its application for this funding, which was welcomed.</p> <p>Fireworks: The display will be held at 6pm on Saturday 2nd November, at Arnsheen Park, with the Memorial Hall open afterwards for soup/pies etc. There will also be a Guy competition.</p> <p>Ceilidh: The Bowling Club is holding a Ceilidh on Saturday 30th November.</p> <p>Defibrillator: One is to be purchased for the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Hearing Loop: This system will soon be installed in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>1st Aid Course: This course, which includes CPR training, will be held soon.</p> <p>Barrhill Bowling Club Clubhouse: There is a consultation shortly on the plans for this.</p> <p>Ownership of Public Toilets – RE enquired if this had been settled—still to be finalised.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC was unable to attend the recent meeting, but had informed that it was</p>	

	<p>a funding round, with a large number of awards being made. These included £10K towards costs for a Development Officer for Barr Parish Development Company; £5K of £10K requested from the SWSCRIP for a Development Officer; and £7k for Ballantrae Trust towards the Food Festival expenses.</p> <p>Re-Barrhill Station Car Park – it was mentioned that Network Rail, which owns the land, has only given the SWSCRIP a 15 year lease.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS had not attended the September or October meetings. Included in the minutes for 11th September were the following: Participatory Budgeting – an initial sum of £10K had been agreed, which may increase with use of the Integrated Car Fund. Maximum per application is £1K and will be decided at a Market Place event in Girvan in early December (now fixed for Saturday 7th); Power of Attorney Day to be held on 20th November; Girvan Fire Station have agreed to the defibrillator being placed outside of their building; Carers' Day on 8th November; Boots Chemist have levied a £5 Community Prescription Charge for delivery in the area—this is being contested.</p> <p>To date, no minutes of the 9th October meeting have been received, but the agenda contained the various usual updates.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC had been unable to attend the last KCBC meeting, which was a funding round, but forwarded the information that a £20,000 grant application from the SWS Community Rail Partnership had been approved to a 2nd stage application, conditional on it passing the next stage, towards the creation of a Car Park at Barrhill Station. There were no other applications in South Ayrshire.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>W/e 4/10: Laigh Drumlamford: Application for change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 4 glamping pods, ancillary works including car park and footpaths.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: August – Application to modify the minute of agreement (Section 75) planning permission for Sunnyside. This was refused. September – Chirmorie Windfarm Ltd: Application 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. This was permitted.</p> <p>It was noted there were no comments from the circulation of SAC's Local Development Plan 2 (PLDP2). There appeared to be nothing specific to Barrhill but ACK informed that PLDP2 is more flexible than the original, with the aim of encouraging families to settle in the areas.</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Short Mat Bowls Mrs E. McLaren had submitted this application for £280 for the hire of the Memorial Hall for weekly short-mat bowls. This was unanimously approved.</p> <p>ii) Barrhill Christmas Craft Show Linda Wild submitted this for funding costs of £305.50 to hold a Christmas Craft Show on 7th December. Costs included hire of the Memorial Hall, administration and catering costs. CS had clarified points with the applicant after queries were received regarding the application. A discussion ensued regarding the items budgeted for with some members expressing concerns that it would not be possible to obtain a full set of receipts. A vote was taken resulting in 3 in favour of approving the application and 2 against. The grant was therefore approved, with CS to inform the applicant that all available receipts must be obtained to satisfy Carrick Futures criteria.</p> <p>iii) Barrhill Keep Fit Class (SCCD) CS declared an interest in this item, being an SCCD committee member. The sum of £230 was requested for the hall hire costs between July 2019 and May 2020. This was unanimously approved by the other members.</p>	CS
10	Correspondence	
	<p>VE Day 75: Preliminary notice of celebrations next year, between 8th-10th May 2020. Noted</p> <p>SAC: Consultation on the Local Development Plan 2 (PLDP2)—comments to be received by 15th November. Noted</p> <p>Ayrshire & Arran NHS: Conference on Community and Dementia: Thursday 28th Nov.</p> <p>Ayrshire Roads Alliance: Community Resilience: Notification of the re-running of the course. This time there is to be additional guidance to cope with flooding. Noted</p> <p>Barrhill Flower Show: E-letter of thanks received from Linda Wild, with a report on the success of the Flower Show in September. Noted</p> <p>SAC: Housing to 2040: Consultation document.</p> <p>Resignation: Following the resignation of Andy Sinclair, due to him moving away from the</p>	ALL

	<p>area, CS had emailed a thank you letter for his contribution to the community over his years as a CC member.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated</i></p>	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>SAC: Phase 2 of Community Council Consultation: It is hoped all members will read this document prior to the next CC meeting, which is before the deadline of 18th December.</p> <p>Kildonan Gates: CS had been contacted by 2 residents following reports that the owner of Kildonan intended locking entrance gates at both ends of the estate. New gates had been installed at the north end but so far remain unlocked, as do the south gates. SAC's Access Officer had also been in contact after receiving a resident's complaint. Should the gates be locked, Rachel Shipley will contact the owner but at present no action can be taken.</p> <p>Meeting on 30th September: KMCL, CS and RE had attended a meeting at Barrhill called by a resident of the Barrhill CC area, which was also attended by representatives of several neighbouring CCs and Straiton. Concerns had been expressed at the proliferation of so many planned windfarm extensions/new windfarms in the Carrick area.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday: ACK confirmed that he will bring wreaths for the service at the War Memorial on 10th November.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: ACK informed that the plan for the 4G all-weather pitch at Girvan had received approval and a petition will be put to the Sheriff for permission to install this.</p> <p>CF Director: RE expressed his willingness to become a director of Carrick Futures to fill the vacant post. CS will inform Foundation Scotland</p> <p>U28 Dornal Road: RH reported pooling of water on sections of this road, which is hazardous in icy weather. It is the result of forestry drainage being carried out, with water running onto the road adjacent to the Carrick Mill roadend. ACK will inform ARA.</p> <p>Village Events: Concern was expressed by a member of the public regarding insufficient notice sometimes being given of forthcoming events. JT informed of the open meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th November, asking for volunteers to attend who are interested in assisting with events and forming a committee. This would hopefully solve the problem and he hoped as many residents as possible would attend.</p> <p>Horse Riders' Signage: A resident enquired about the possibility of signage for vehicular Traffic regarding Horse Riders using the road and general area in the vicinity of the A714 Markhill entrance and Blair Farm, over the Duisk Bridge. ACK will inform ARA.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.30pm</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CS/RE</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>
	Date & Time of next meetings:	
	<p><u>Wednesday, 27th November 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>NB: There is no meeting in December.</u></p>	