

## BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May 2019 in  
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm**

No.	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council</b>	
	Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL) (Acting Chair), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker). <b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Alec Clark (AC) (SAC), Rod Ekern (RE) and 2 Members of the public.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies for Absence</b>	
	KMcL welcomed all to the AGM. Apologies were received from Johnnie Thomson (JT) and 1 Member of the public.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting of 30th May 2018</b>	
	These were approved: proposed by AC, seconded by PMcG.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Report from the Chair</b>	
	<p>Report given by the Acting Chair, Kenneth McLaren (<i>in post for only a month</i>).</p> <p><i>"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the work you have accomplished over the past year, with a special thanks to Ann Robertson for taking on the task of 'Chair' for most of that time.</i></p> <p><i>It has been the season of more windfarm activity, with consultations and proposals, which are all ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>At last the roads have been repaired to an acceptable level, with funding from Timber Transport, for which we are all very grateful. However, we must NOT become complacent but continue to be vigilant so that they do NOT become SO BAD again!</i></p> <p><i>The plans towards reducing the speed limit within the village have been discussed but there is still a way to go before it is satisfactory to the residents of the village.</i></p> <p><i>Another consultation, this time involving the bus through the village, a lifeline to some. We are awaiting the next stage which we must engage with forcefully for the good of everyone.</i></p> <p><i>There is some welcome news! The Council has agreed to refurbish the waiting room at the cemetery, which will complement the work already completed to the outside of the building.</i></p> <p><i>There is still much work to be done but to achieve it we must ALL WORK TOGETHER. KMCL was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Secretary's Report</b>	
	<p>Report given by the Secretary, Celia Strain</p> <p><i>"We have once again arrived at another AGM -- the 2018/2019 term has flown by. The CC has had the usual matters to deal with, some of which seem never-ending and appear year after year in this report.</i></p> <p><i>At least there is, as you have already heard, a marked improvement in the A714.</i></p> <p><i>Unfortunately, the same can't be said of the drainage system in the village, or the litter</i></p>	

*on grass verges, which appears to have worsened again recently. The CC is extremely disappointed in SAC's Waste Management team, who refuse to answer correspondence, no matter who contacts it. The promised litter signs are still awaited. The village is fortunate that several dedicated members of the public regularly carry out litter-picks and equipment is still available for volunteers to use.*

*A car abandoned at the rail station on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 caused problems until September, in spite of numerous emails/photos etc to the Police and Scotrail. It was a relief to travellers when the Police finally succeeded in having the car removed. It is fervently hoped the plans for a car park at the station finally come to fruition this year.*

*The matter of amending the CC Constitution continues to be a long drawn out affair and very time consuming - now perhaps unnecessary, due to current events.*

*Also time-consuming recently, have been the numerous emails regarding proposed windfarm extensions etc.*

*Thanks to the annual sum of £5,000 given by Carrick Futures for the Small Grants Scheme, more local groups have benefitted, including Barrhill Primary School, Barrhill Badminton Club, Barrhill Bowling Club, the Playgroup, Barrhill Craft Group, Barrhill Wee Whist Club, Arnsheen Gardening Society and the Community Council itself. This last year also saw grants awarded to individuals for projects undertaken by non-constituted groups: Commemoration of World War 1 Centenary and Barrhill Flower Show.*

*Following the approval of the CC's grant application to Carrick Futures for funds to repair the Martyrs' Tomb monument, together with a contribution from the Scottish Covenanter Memorials Association, for which the CC was most grateful, the restoration work commenced in July 2018 and was completed in September. It is hoped that the renovation work, using a traditional lime mortar, will ensure protection against the elements for many years to come, in order to preserve the structure for future generations. It illustrates an important period in Scotland's history. It is also hoped that the Martyrs' Tomb Walk will soon be cleared, as a contractor has been given the go-ahead by SAC to clear the path of branches etc left behind after the felling of the wood.*

*A new footpath to Feoch Meadows has also been created by Tilhill Forestry, at Artnoch Woodland, following discussions with Andy Clegg on the CC's behalf. Signs to mark the path will be installed shortly so the community can commence using it.*

*Speakers during the year have included Peter Linton, who in August 2018 updated the CC on the QuayZone; in October Kevin Braidwood and a colleague drew an attendance of 36 members of the public to discuss the implementation of a 20mph limit; in January 2019 SPR informed of the proposed Arecleoch Extension; in March 2019 another new Community Engagement Officer, Sharron Connolly of the SCH & SCP visited to introduce herself and Coriolis Energy's Stewart Forsyth updated the CC on the approved Chirmorie Windfarm. Finally in April Katie Nairn attended for a consultation on the future of the 359 bus route.*

*This last year the CC operated at less than full capacity, with only eight members until the co-option of Rod Ekern in January. Since April 1<sup>st</sup> membership stands at only seven as unfortunately our previous Chair, Ann Robertson, did not seek re-election for personal reasons, after a lengthy spell on the CC, and her support is sorely missed. Thankfully Kenneth stepped in as acting Chair. It is regretted that no-one else came forward at the March elections to serve on the CC. It is also regretted that the co-opted*



	<p>meetings. There were no other volunteers to attend although PMcG indicated she would do so if the meeting does not clash with the monthly BCIC meeting.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company:</b> Ann Robertson (AR) is now the second director on this Board, together with AS. Although she is no longer a Community Councillor this does not preclude her remaining as a director. Noted.</p> <p><b>Planning Representative</b> Agreed that CS would continue with this.</p> <p><b>Licensing Representative</b> Agreed that KMcL would hold this post, in AR's place. CS to inform SAC accordingly.</p>	CS
9	<p><b>Appointment of Specialist Co-optee</b></p> <p>As stated in the Secretary's report, it had not been possible under the present Community Council Scheme to co-opt Rod Ekern onto the CC, but in light of his expertise in Energy Development it was unanimously agreed to make him a Specialist Co-optee. The appointment will be advertised as required.</p> <p>It was noted that once the present <b>Community Council Review Consultation</b> has been completed all CCs will need a new constitution. Consequently, the CC agreed to forget about amending the Barrhill Constitution until after the current review is finalised.</p>	CS
10	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> <b>Incl. The year ahead.</b></p> <p><b>The Year Ahead: 2019/2020</b></p> <p><b>Station Car Park:</b> It is hoped that the Community Rail Partnership will obtain all the required funding before too long and the community looks forward to the car park at Barrhill Station finally becoming a reality.</p> <p><b>Community Rail Partnership:</b> RE enquired as to the role of the CRP, which AS then explained.</p> <p><b>Paths: Martyrs' Tomb Path:</b> It is hoped that once the planned clearance of the path is completed by SAC, which is due to take place any day now, this popular walk can again be enjoyed by all in the year ahead.</p> <p><b>Feoch Meadows Footpath:</b> This new footpath is now available for all to use, which is a welcome addition to paths in the area.</p> <p><i>Additional matters stated in the above reports.</i></p> <p><i>There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 7.30pm, to be followed by the normal May monthly meeting.</i></p>	