

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th October 2021, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair). In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), 3 Members of the public. JT in the Chair.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	None received	
2	Police	
	The Police were unable to attend, due to COP 26 duties, and sent apologies. PC Andrew Thorne sent the report for 1st – 22 nd October showing 9 incidents were raised but no crime report created. 1 Road Traffic crash and 6 Police Information incidents were included, the majority of these notifications being the use of firearms by licence holders.	
3	Community Speed Watch	
	Sgt Ben Legge had arranged an initial virtual meeting (see Item 5, Matters Arising), which JT participated in and he reported back to the CC for feedback. Sgt Legge was very keen to take this forward and hoped that the Carrick communities would get on board. JT found the meeting very useful and informed that the scheme would take approximately £3,500 to fund the cost of the apparatus and equipment—yellow coats etc – and Sgt Legge needed to know if other communities wished to be involved. The procedure after identifying those speeding was an initial letter, then another letter after a second offence and finally a phone call from the Sergeant. Those volunteers carrying out the speed checks require to be vetted and a minimum of 3 volunteers is required. The checks can only be carried out in daylight. PH, who had also joined the virtual meeting, re-iterated the enthusiastic attitude of Sgt Legge for the project, as it was a habitual cause of complaints to the Police. The presence of communities at the meeting indicated costs being divided 12 ways. JT felt that Barrhill CC would be able to purchase some of its own equipment e.g. yellow jackets. PH stressed that training and vetting would be free. 3 volunteers are necessary for corroboration. A member of the public, known for his strong views on this project having suggested it several years ago, was asked by JT if he was willing to lead the project. On receiving an enthusiastic response, JT proposed that James Duffie (JD) be co-opted onto the CC as a Specialist Co-optee for this project. This was seconded by CS and then unanimously approved. JD accepted the position—CS to place the appropriate notice in the village.	CS
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 14th September, 2021	
	These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by RH.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	PH assured that all the points he was to action had been done. Item 4: Matters Arising: Blocked Drains. A new drain had been installed on the pavement below the Main Street bridge. It was noted, however, that at the other end of the Main Street, there was still a problem with the drain outside Nos. 59/61. There was also constant leakage of water from the drain on the road outside the Doctors' Surgery, and as a resident had already reported, there are loose drain covers on the grass verge between the Surgery and The Oaks, with dangerous gaps in places. It was not known who was responsible for these -- could be ARA, Scottish Water or BT. PH will investigate and report. Item 5: Review - Chirmorie Windfarm Access Liaison Group. CS had contacted Stewart Forsyth, who informed that although the alternative access route via Stranoch had been consented by SAC, the final decision was yet to be taken as to which access route would be chosen. There was therefore no update at present. A decision is expected within the next 2	PH

	<p>months. Should any questions arise SF is willing to address the CC. JT referred to lack of knowledge re-Community Benefit and it was agreed to invite SF to attend the next CC meeting to address this point. Hopefully by then the access route will have been determined.</p> <p>20mph Speed Restrictions: The expected 30mph signs to precede the 20mph signs, have still not come in stock, PH will investigate.</p> <p>Community Speed Checks: CS had exchanged emails with Sgt Legge. See above at Item 3, Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>Item 7: Treasurer's Report: Memorial Hall Business Rates Demand: PH had immediately had a stop placed on this following the last meeting. The BDT, a registered charity, is exempt from business rates in any case. The situation is being finalised and SAC had apologised for any distress caused by its actions, which were due to its own errors.</p> <p>Item 9: Planning Applications: PH had raised the matter of neighbour notification in rural areas with Planning as the CC felt that in rural areas the 20m rule was ineffective and should be wider. This has been passed on to the appropriate authorities.</p> <p>Item 10: Small Grant Applications: Barrhill Craft Club: The requested breakdown in figures had been provided by the Club to the satisfaction of all and the cheque had now been issued.</p> <p>Item 11: Correspondence: Litter signs: PH had requested clarification from the relevant SAC official but to date had not received a reply. Ongoing.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: Dornal Road: RH reported this still flooded and he had spoken to an ARA official seen nearby, who seemed unaware of the problem. Ongoing</p> <p>Car Park Litter Bin: PH had raised this again and the resident concerned confirmed that the bin was replaced 2 days after the last CC meeting and had thanked PH.</p> <p>Station Car Park: CS had spoken to the SWSCRIP Chair and was informed that the work is hopefully to be carried out before the end of the year. Further information was received that SWSCRIP had agreed with Network Rail to lease the land for a minimum of 15 years. The lease will be sent to the 3 funding partners for their approval. ARA should soon be issued with a Licence to Occupy, which will enable a start to the ground work. On completion ASA would adopt the area for maintenance.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AC circulated copies of his report. The CC balance remains at £1,196.30 as no CC funds had been used since the last report. The CF balance is now £8,449.18 following payment of the recent grants, giving a current overall balance of £9,645.48. AC reminded that unless more grant money is used, the CC will not receive more funding from Carrick Futures. Noted</p>	
7	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on the recent meeting.</p> <p>Fireworks Display: This will take place in Arnsheen Park on Friday 5th November at 6pm— due to Covid restrictions there will be no refreshments in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Xmas Fayre: Arranged for Saturday 27th November in the Memorial Hall. (PH enquired about Remembrance Day services. CS is awaiting confirmation that there will be a short service at the War Memorial on Sunday 14th November at 3pm. Cllr Clark had also enquired and offered to supply a wreath from SAC, which offer had been accepted.)</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC reported on the last CF meeting, which was a funding round, with the Girvan Girl Guides, (which may have Barrhill members?) being one of the groups to receive a grant, for funding to attend the annual pantomime at Ayr. The CF virtual AGM will take place on 3rd November.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS informed of some items reported in the minutes. September meeting: A funding bid had been submitted to provide an extra 3 defibrillators in Dalrymple Street and the promenade in Girvan. October 12th meeting: A list of available Girvan Health Programmes was provided; Decisions Days: The Girvan one is on 9th February at Girvan Academy, with the sum of £13K available; there was an announcement on Mental Health funding on 15th October; VASA update: A Food Pantry pilot is being set up by Children's 1st in Girvan, which is open to anyone. Volunteers are being sought to deliver about 20 food parcels in Girvan on Christmas Day. PH stressed the necessity of food parcels to some households. The Food Pantry is open to all and will decrease dependency on Food Banks, with the possible associated stigma. Consultations are taking place between SAC and the NHS/Care Service, which include this subject, with important discussions taking place on 2nd November.</p>	

	<p>JD enquired about the names of the Barrhill First Responders being disclosed to the public but JT explained the protocol involved in the work of a First Responder, which prevented disclosure, and how insurance cover is involved. There is currently only one First Responder in the Barrhill area in spite of previous efforts to recruit these. CS to contact Mark Bradley on this subject.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC informed there was no further information available at this time. The review of the fund will be published on 1st November.</p>	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Two applications notified for Barrhill: w/e 16/09/21, Scottish Power Renewables (Arecleoch): Further application not to comply with condition No.2 of Planning Permission (extension of consent for met mast.); Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS)(Arecleoch Windfarm) – Prior notification of formation of access.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: None received in recent months.</p> <p><i>All planning applications can be found on SAC's Planning website.</i></p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Primary PTA: Application received for the sum of £229.80 to purchase red squirrel feeders and tubs of feed. These to be installed down The Avenue by the pupils assisted by a local resident, to encourage the continued presence of red squirrels. The application was unanimously approved.</p>	CS
10	Place Planning	
	<p>CS had been contacted by Alison Watt with regard to booking the Memorial Hall for a Place Plan session. A booking form had been sent, together with information about the hall's ownership but to date there was no further information. SAC apparently hope to hold the session before 12th November. Ongoing</p>	
11	Correspondence	
	<p>A number of points had been emailed to the Secretary by a resident, some already covered:</p> <p>Litter: Rubbish on ground at entrance to Solway Precast opposite the shop—could a letter be sent? A discussion ensued as it was acknowledged that the firm was not responsible. Perhaps it would agree to a litter bin being placed at the entrance? CS to enquire.</p> <p>Could an extra bin be provided for Arnsheen Park as when the park is busy one bin is insufficient. CS to ask SAC's Tom Howieson. Is an extra bin required between the Cross Water and the Wallace Terrace bus shelter? It was felt this was unnecessary.</p> <p>Could the fence at the Wallace Terrace Playpark be repaired—numerous slats are loose/broken or missing. CS to contact Fiona Ross re-this and also about cherry trees.</p> <p>Barrhill Craft Club: A 'thank you' card again received, which was appreciated.</p> <p>ARA: Letter re- Winter Community Resilience. <i>Noted</i></p> <p>GNPA: Enquiry re-a static display. CS had forwarded details re-hall bookings.</p> <p>Laggish Forest: Scottish Woodlands consultation on felling and re-stocking, previously circulated for comments. No adverse comments received.</p> <p>SPR Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension: Additional information re-revised layout to reduce impacts on key views to and from Wood Cairn in D & G. Reduction of 2 turbines to 9. No comments had been forthcoming. <i>Noted</i></p> <p>Knockodhar Windfarm: An e-letter had been received from a resident in the area who was greatly concerned about this proposed windfarm, which is for 32 turbines, each 200m high. He enquired as to the CC's views on this and if it had been discussed yet by the CC. CS intended to reply that the proposed windfarm was still at scoping and therefore no application had been submitted yet. This was agreed as at present no action could be considered until the application is submitted.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	CS CS CS CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>'Danger to Children Playing' Signage: JH raised this matter as he felt that speeding traffic was a danger, especially at the south end of Main Street, at the junction with Knowe Road, and enquired into awareness signs being placed. Whereabouts of previous BRAKE campaign banner sought and suitable signs to be investigated.</p> <p>RH reported faulty steps at the zip wire at Arnsheen Park. JT informed that BDT is aware of this following a recent site inspection and the situation is being remedied ASAP.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: Kincaidston explosion: PH gave an update on the recent</p>	CS BDT

<p>appalling incident in Ayr, which left 4 people critically injured. In total, 309 houses had been damaged in some way, with the one at the explosion site almost completely demolished. PH could not praise enough all the Emergency Services, Council Services and the community for their response and thank them and all who assisted. Services were on site 24/7 with SAC's Building Control team working non-stop to repair houses. 28 houses remain inside the cordon.</p> <p>Council Services: These face severe cutbacks in April, with difficult decisions faced. Health & Care Services are also experiencing a severe shortage of workers --.similarly, the hospitality industry. Council services are badly affected by an increase in prices for materials and an additional £2.7 million is required for increased National Insurance contributions.</p> <p>So far there have been no redundancies but this may change in future.</p> <p>Main Street Resurfacing: A member of the public enquired as to money set aside for this, which had not been done yet—PH will clarify.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meetings:</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday, 24th November 2021 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> NB: There is no meeting in December.</p>	