

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 31st August 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Rob Rimmer (RR), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), Ainsley McCrindle (AMcC) (SAC Link Officer), and 11 Members of the public. Present for part: PC Andrew Thorne (AT) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team), Stewart Forsyth (SF) (Chirmorie Windfarm), Fiona Milligan (FM) (Chirmorie Wind Ltd)</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	John Heath (JH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG).	
2	Police	
	<p>PC Thorne had indicated he would attend, but as a resident informed a serious road accident had occurred at Ballantrae it was decided to continue with his emailed reports. Period 27/06/22 to 27/07/22: 6 incidents raised, as follows: Police Information-1; Disturbance -1; Abandoned vehicle-1; Assist Member of the Public-3; no crime reports were created from these. Period 27/07/22 to 28/08/22: 9 incidents raised as follow: Road Traffic Crash-2; House breaking-3 (single location); Police Information-1; Theft Motor Vehicle-1; Abandoned 999 Call-2. 4 Crime reports were created from these, which remain under investigation.</p>	
3	Speaker: Stewart Forsyth, Chirmorie Windfarm Update	
	<p>JT introduced Stewart Forsyth (SF), who was now able to give an update on the Chirmorie Windfarm. SF apologised for the late arrival of Fiona Milligan (FM), from ESB - the Irish company now responsible in place of Coriolis Energy, to construct the windfarm in a new set-up - who had been delayed by traffic en route from Edinburgh. FM is to head the Access Liaison Group. SF related the long time taken for the project to commence—he had been involved for about 10 years with nothing definitive to report. He now acts as a consultant. SF informed that the Chirmorie project has now been awarded a 15 year 'Contract for Difference' contract and construction can at last commence.</p> <p>Preferred Access route: This has finally been determined—through Stranoch, not forestry.</p> <p>Construction Status: When and how not known yet - it is early days. Paul O'Connor and Peter King from ESB, who had hoped to attend tonight, will visit the site to determine methodology but little information yet. They will visit Barrhill later.</p> <p>Substation Construction: During this phase there will be limited HGV traffic through Barrhill, as per the Traffic Management plan. There will be full consultations with the Community through an Access Liaison Group, which will be formed.</p> <p>Meet the Contractor: This event will take place in the future, to give local firms the opportunity to apply for work. SF will participate in this.</p> <p>Community Benefit: JT enquired about plans for this and asked if a buy-in would be possible. SF unable to inform at present, as other CCs will be involved due to the Stranoch access route. Other questions were raised re- this subject, including use of the forestry road for delivery, driver behaviour and free electricity. <i>Fiona Milligan then joined the meeting</i> FM referred to the consultation process. She will enquire about free electricity, though not hopeful, and encouraged the community to think about possible benefits and also the make-up of the Liaison Group. Allocation of benefits is complex - difficult knowing how to distribute. SF pointed out they would be index-linked.</p> <p>Questions from all were then invited and were wide-ranging.</p> <p><i>PC Thorne then entered the meeting at approx. 7.30pm</i></p>	
2	Police continued	
	<p>PC Thorne's attendance in person was welcomed by JT. The report having already been read, AT invited questions. The vandalism at Kildonan House was discussed, with AT hopeful that one action could be raised from the incident. Rural crime was also discussed, with Neighbourhood Watch being replaced by a Rural Watch system. He informed that the different Divisions do co-operate and share information. A previous crime of stolen field gates is still a</p>	

	live investigation. A member of the public enquired if the secondary schools had a PC attached—Girvan and Carrick Academy still do. JT thanked AT for his attendance, <i>who then left the meeting at 7.40pm.</i>	
3	Speaker: Chirmorie Windfarm Update (continued)	
	SF and FM took further questions from the floor. FM also referred to the forthcoming proposed Knockodhar Windfarm consultation (also an SBS project), to be held at Barr. SBS was willing to also consult at Barrhill – agreed: details to be sent later when the date is arranged. SF reported no contract had been awarded yet for Chirmorie. AMcC offered to liaise with FM regarding apprentices etc as she had relevant contacts with local firms. FM welcomed this. Further information on Chirmorie construction will be given out as it becomes available. SF and FM were thanked by JT for their update. <i>They then left the meeting approx.8pm.</i>	AMcC
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 29th June 2022	
	These were approved: proposed by RH, seconded by JD.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Item 4: Matters Arising: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere Some CC members had attended the workshop on Saturday 16 th July, which had been organised by the BDT Development Officer. Some had the opinion that the Biosphere staff assumed that agreement to become a Biosphere Community had already been made, whereas it was thought to be an exploratory meeting in order to make that decision. CS had sought the views later of CC members and the general view was that the status would be beneficial. The further visit scheduled for 29 th August had been cancelled. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: An e-letter of thanks had been sent to the donors of the fruit trees, who chose to remain anonymous. Station Car Park: Confirmed that the white lines were now in place, but disappointment expressed they were not 'herringbone', as hoped, which would have created more spaces. Defibrillator: CS reported that the new external case had been installed by a local electrician with the defib again fully functional. KMCL had informed the 'circuit' accordingly. E-letter of thanks sent to the LPP. Item 12: AOB: Restricted Access: ACK and CS had exchanged emails with Rachel Shipley regarding the locked gates on the Whithorn Way. RS had finally spoken to the landowner, who informed that the concern regards Health & Safety at the farm steading at Glenduisk, which was understandable. It was possible, however, to go through adjoining fields. It transpired that the Barrhill resident's complaint involved a different section not on the Whithorn Way. Noted. Outside Leisure Equipment: JT informed this is being looked at and thanked JD for his input. Knowe Road: All delighted to know that resurfacing of the section from the A714 junction to High Altercannoch commences next Monday, 5 th September. A resident was concerned about the effect on the school taxi service but ACK informed that work would not commence until 9/9.30am and was sure the afternoon journey would be accommodated by ARA. 20mph Street Signs: ACK passed on to ARA—being investigated.	BDT ARA
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AC went through his report, informing there had been no outlays since the last report. The CC balance in the bank remains at £1,813.00. Carrick Futures balance is still £10,214.06 and overall bank balance £12,027.06. AC was then thanked for his report.	
7	Updates	
	a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on recent meetings. The Trout: The main item as usual is the work on the Trout, which continues apace. AGM: Successful AGM meetings have now taken place (July). b) Carrick Futures: No recent meeting had been held. c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): CS informed that the sabbatical from May to August had ended, with a meeting held on Microsoft Teams in August. Unfortunately, she had no information available due to a computer malfunction. ACK was unable to provide any information either as he could not attend that evening. d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC reported on the latest meeting, with a new staff member of Foundation Scotland present. It had been a funding round, with successful organisations including Ballantrae PTA, for educational coach trips, and Girvan group South Ayrshire Hub's Children First, for First Aid training.	
8	Areacleoch Windfarm Extension – Community Benefit Package	

	JT reported on a recent meeting he and AC had attended in Barrhill, arranged by SPR to discuss a Community Benefit Package from the soon to be constructed Arcleloch Windfarm Extension. As well as Barrhill representatives, other CCs invited were Pinwherry & Pinmore, Colmonell & Lendalfoot, Ballantrae (unable to attend), New Luce and Cree Valley. Community investments were looked into, with a minimum 5% required. Figures were asked for but were not available. No decisions were made, with further discussions to take place to determine the radius of inclusion to receive benefits. Ongoing	
9	Planning Applications	
	<p>Decisions Lists: June 2022 – Former Arnsheen Church – Listed Building Consent approved for ‘Alterations and Extension’ and also for ‘Erection of boundary wall and gate to a listed building’.</p> <p>July: Church –as above – Erection of boundary wall and gate approved.</p> <p>Arnimean: Installation of ground mounted solar panels approved..</p> <p>Planning Applications: W/e 15/07/22: Guinea Well – Erection of equestrian field shelter. 22/07/22: Killantringan – Change of use and alterations to former Coach House to form residential accommodation; Arnimean – Erection of holiday cabin. 12/08/22: Forestry & Land: Prior notification for the proposed forestry access road at White Clachrie.</p>	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Book Club: The application for £168 for a year’s hall hire costs and refreshments was unanimously approved in full. Cheque to be paid directly to the BDT.</p> <p>ii) Barrhill Development Trust: £225 sought for costs of printing a newsletter (£190 and £35 for envelopes/stamps to post to 43 outlying properties) relating to all organisations, not just the BDT. After some discussion, with one member objecting to the CC funding the BDT, this was approved in full.</p> <p>iii) Barrhill Activities & Attractions: £500 sought to pay for hiring the Barrstools band for an evening of live music. Approved in full but with one member expressing concern. Cheque to be paid directly to the BDT.</p> <p>AC informed that more dog excrement bags require to be ordered. New defibrillator pads are also required as they expire in October and need to be ordered. It was unanimously agreed to approve funding for these items from the Small Grants Scheme. Exact costs yet to be determined.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AC</p>
11	Complaint by Member of the Public	
	<p>SAC had received a formal complaint about the CC from a member of the public (present at the meeting) who resided in an outlying area a 45 minute journey away. He complained about the lack of notification for a meeting last November on the Thriving Communities Initiative, when the CC minutes recorded only 4 people had attended. He blamed this on insufficient communication by both SAC and the CC, maintaining that the conclusions from the meeting could not be valid as so few attended as they had not known about it. CS strongly refuted this - the meeting was arranged by SAC, which placed posters in the village. CS had ensured that notices were also placed on the CC webpage and Facebook. The resident was of the opinion that all properties should have been notified by post. AMcC and ACk were informed of the complaint, which was being investigated by SAC. (NB. A follow-up meeting held on 8th August had been abandoned, to resume on 22nd August. The attendance after posters/fliers were widely distributed was still not large.)</p> <p>A discussion then followed with AMcC and ACk both expressing their complete confidence in the CC that matters had been dealt with satisfactorily. They both acknowledged, however, that SAC are sometimes slow in giving out information, which would hopefully be rectified.</p> <p>A member of the public was of the opinion, supported by others, that it was up to an individual to take note of activities that were advertised in numerous places.</p>	
12	CC Constitution	
	CS reminded that the CC required to have a new Constitution in place by the end of October, which will have to be agreed by CC members at the 26 th October meeting. She requested that all members ensure they read the example commencing on page 41 (Appendix 2) of the new Handbook for Community Councillors for discussion then. Also to be completed at the same meeting is the CC Self-Assessment form, on page 59 (Appendix 5) of the Handbook.	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
13	Correspondence Incl. Winter Resilience	

	<p>Locked gates at Kildonan: A member of the public informed that as a result of the vandalism at Kildonan the owner had locked the gates at the north end to prevent vehicles entering, resulting in no access to the Whithorn Way. Both the resident and CS had contacted SAC's Access Officer, Rachel Shipley, who is investigating. ACK will enquire into this.</p> <p>SAC Monthly Drought Forecasts: Re-Private Water Supplies.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry: Felling permission application – Drumlamford Estate.No comments made.</p> <p>Community Payback: CS had circulated an email asking for suggestions for work to be carried out in the CC area. Several ideas were put forward and notified to Dean Barlas, of the South Ayrshire Community Payback Teamwho will visit Barrhill shortly.</p> <p>Biosphere: Request from SA&DG Biosphere to email ARA for the relevant road sign. Members circulated for approval to accede to request.</p> <p>Active Schools: Working with Bowling Clubs to encourage school pupils – passed to Barrhill Bowling Club.</p> <p>ARA Winter Resilience: Phone call received following letter enquiring what equipment is required. KMCL reminded that shovels requested previously had never materialised. CS to contact to order snow shovels and request solidified salt to be replaced.</p> <p>Draft Regional Transport Strategy: Reminder that survey ends 28th October.</p> <p>SAC Community Transport: Information re-'Out and About' trips. CS will invite speaker to a CC meeting.</p> <p>ARA Knowe Road: Road closure next week for resurfacing –see above at Item 5.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL CS</p>
14	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p>	
	<p>Biosphere: The BDT Development Officer had circulated information of a meeting in the Memorial Hall on Friday 9th September for a consultation on the Land Reform Bill and of an Enviroday in Glentroof.</p> <p>SAHSCP LPP: Under 22s Free BusTravel: Advice re-NEC applications for this.</p> <p>Dornal Road: RH informed that inspite of preliminary work the projected repairs had not yet been done. ACK will chase this up.</p> <p>AC reported that the Knowe Road hedge had not been trimmed, as usually occurred. ACK will report to ARA. AC also informed that the 'No Litter' sign had regrettably been stolen from the A714 layby towards Newton Stewart. He also praised the lack of litter after 'Open Reach' vans had been in the area. This contrasted greatly with litter left previously by others.</p> <p>SAC Councillor Report: ACK again reported on the extreme concern by SAC regarding the present financial situation in the country. He informed that VASA are now operating a Food Pantry, which costs £2.50 to register then £2 per visit .</p> <p>Memorial Hall Acoustics: The BDT Developopment Officer acknowledged concerns regarding the poor acoustics of the hall and asked for views on measures taken to rectify this e.g.placing a carpet under the repositioned tables. Slight improvement noticed.</p> <p>Main Street Resurfacing – Refuse collection: A resident enquired as to bin procedures during the scheduled re-surfacing expected in mid-October. ACK was sure suitable arrangements will be in place but will enquire.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.00pm, with JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next meetings: <u>Wednesdays 26th October, 30th November 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> NB. There is no meeting in December.</p>	