

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2023, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), and 5 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>Collette Bailey (CB) (Vice-Chair), James Duffie (JD), Rob Rimmer (RR). <i>John Reid, from South Ayrshire Community Transport, was unable to attend as Speaker, due to a family bereavement. He is now expected to attend on 26th April.</i></p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>The report expected at the last meeting arrived the next day. The period covered being 01/12/22—25/01/23, from which 14 incidents were raised. 3 crime reports were created from these incidents, 2 of which are currently detected. Incident breakdown is as follows: Assist Members of the Public- 3; Domestic Incidents- 1; Road Traffic Matters- 3; Bail checks- 1; Alarm- 1; Assaults- 1; Abandoned 999- 2; Missing Persons- 1; and Theft- 1. Crime Report Anaysis: 2 X Assault. Period 23/01/23—20/02/23: 19 incidents raised, with 1 crime report being created for theft, which remains under investigation. Incident breakdown: Road Traffic Crash- 1; Missing person- 1; Dropped 999- 1; Theft- 1; Planned Shoots- 13; and Suspect Persons- 2. (The latter related to ongoing issues with persons attending at Kildonan Estate. The theft related to forestry materials stolen from a location along the B7027.) PH referred to Police Scotland’s concerns regarding an increase in rural thefts, with Rural Watch co-ordinates active. All are urged to be vigilant.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 25th January 2023</p>	
	<p>These were approved: proposed by KMCL, seconded by RH.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
	<p>Item 2: Police: PH had conveyed the CC’s views on speeding and also made enquiries re-the recent road survey, but was unable to get any information on this as no-one had any knowledge of it. PH also informed that Chief Inspector Lammie intends to hold monthly meetings with CCs to improve communications. <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Locked Gates at Kildonan: Neither PH nor CS had received any further information on this from Rachel Shipley. It is not known how this matter can be pursued at present. <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>Dornal Road: Still outstanding—apparently a new pipe is awaited for drainage repairs. This and other drainage works in Barrhill (A714 and B7027) were reported to ARA by PH, with Kevin Braidwood assuring that matters have been noted and are programmed. <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>Constitution/Self-Assessment: PH apologised for not bringing the signed Constitution to the meeting and will attend to this.</p> <p>Car Park: JT had raised this at the BDT meeting and informed that the timing of the car park lights had been altered to avoid future blackouts during use.</p> <p>Fly Tipping: The rubble at the layby on the A714 south of the village, reported by a resident, has not yet been removed. There are still doubts if it is SAC’s responsibility to remove this. The fly tipping reported up the Knowe Road was thought by some members to be beneficial as it would help to avert subsidence of the road edge.</p> <p>Item 6c: Updates: SAHCP: CB’s details forwarded to Amy Duthie, but CB could not participate in the Zoom meeting on 15th February due to illness.</p> <p>Item 8: Small Grant Applications: CS informed that a very nice handmade ‘thank you’ card had been received from the Craft Group, which was appreciated by the CC.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Barrhill Surgery: There had been no need to contact the Practice Manager as an update was given out the next day and emails received from BDT, whose premises at the Memorial Hall are being used temporarily. Reassurance was given that repairs will be carried out ASAP and it will now be a minimum of 8 weeks before the Surgery can reopen.</p> <p><i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>

5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>AC circulated his report. At long last the new pads for the defibrillator had arrived, having been ordered last September. KMcl reported that the electricity supply at the Surgery was now back on after the burst pipe and hoped the defibrillator would be operational next week. The CC balance in the bank is now £1,638.26 (following the Domain renewal costs and purchase of laminating pouches). The Carrick Futures balance is now £13,154.19 and the overall bank balance is £14,792.45. Noted.</p> <p>Due to the surplus in the CC account the subject of donations to local groups was raised, prior to the end of the financial year, as there is no meeting next month and none has been awarded in recent years.. Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that 2 donations of £50 each be given to Barrhill Primary Parent Teacher Association and to the Activities & Attractions Committee. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	<p>KMcL</p> <p>AC/CS</p>
6	<p>Updates</p> <p>a) BCIC: JT reiterated that the Winter Fuel Payment of £500 per qualifying household has been paid out.</p> <p>b) BDT: A training session for those interested in becoming a Trustee had been held in the Memorial Hall, with 2 new Trustees, Hugh Gregg and Felicity Stryjak, coming forward who were co-opted onto the BDT. JT also reported that painting is now being done in The Trout and the advert for a Manager is still being circulated.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported no further meeting.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): There were no minutes from the November meeting and the December meeting was cancelled due to the number of apologies received. Items from the minutes of 15th February as follows: An overview was given on the Befriending Project—which provides support for socially deprived 8 to 18 year olds; Defibrillator Project –5 new defibrillators have arrived and once all are in place (a map is available) defibrillator training will commence; Relaunch of LPP –no date yet but 2 of 3 new Locality Managers now recruited; Updates on VASA, First Responders, who are now being trained on administering the drug Naloxone. There are 9 First Responders now, with 4 awaiting training with the Scottish Ambulance Service. Barr is the only South Carrick village without a 1st Responder at present. Mark Bradshaw is awaiting approval to recruit more volunteers. Provision of defibrillators at the 2 Barrhill Caravan Parks was discussed; South Carrick Community Learning Partnership – information re-small grants available for working with young people; Girvan Town Team are running Cosy Spaces sessions each Thursday 10am to 3pm; Wheelchair Friendly picnic benches installed on Girvan esplanade; Mentally Healthy Communities—an overview given and video shown; and Future Meetings – members hope to return to face to face meetings.</p> <p>e) Kilgalloch Community Benefit Company: AC informed that the last meeting had been a funding round. Amongst those receiving grants were the Girvan Lowland Gathering and the Girvan Folk Festival.</p>	
7	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Decisions Lists: None relevant to Barrhill in the January list.</p> <p>Planning Applications: One relevant to Barrhill: w/e 3/2/23 & 10/2/23: Forestry and Land : Prior notification for proposed forestry access road White Clauchrie.</p> <p>Planning/Licensing Meeting for Community Councillors 15th February: CS had attended this and found it of interest. There was agreement in the point she raised regarding neighbour notification in rural areas, but this is governed by the Scottish Government rules so SAC's hands are tied. Copies of the presentations will be sent out by SAC.</p>	
8	<p>Small Grant Applications</p>	
	<p>Barrhill Bowling Club: An application for the sum of £477.51, to purchase a lawnmower, was approved unanimously. At the current time, it was noted that no Community Councillor is a member of the Club.</p>	<p>CS</p>
9	<p>Gowlands Terrace Road Closure</p>	
	<p>ARA had contacted the CC to enquire if the Clancy Group had consulted with the CC regarding its application to close Gowlands Terrace for 9 days during the proposed work. CS confirmed there had been no consultation and referred to the meeting held last November assuring the CC the closure would only be for one day. Clancy then discussed matters with</p>	

	JT, the result being there will be no road closure as metal sheets will be placed on Gowlands Terrace, ensuring access to the rail station during the work. Noted	
10	Village Events	
	An email had been received from Cllr Gavin Scott, requesting all dates of upcoming events e.g Gala Days, during 2023. CS will obtain these from BDT but the matter of celebrating the Coronation was raised. A discussion ensued as to whether the community wishes to celebrate this event. It transpired that the BDT had put out preliminary feelers and arranged a meeting, which was not supported by the community. PH informed that he was not aware of many events being arranged. JT asked PMcG to investigate for the CC and report back to gauge interest in this. Ongoing CS reported the contents of an email from Zurich Insurance regarding cover for Coronation events. Not applicable as fewer than 2,000 would attend.	CS PMcG
11	Correspondence	
	BDT: Information re-SAC Community Benefits Wish List. Scottish Forestry & Land: Consultation: Kilgallioch Land Management Plan: Application now submitted to Scottish Forestry. CS to email re-iterating CC's previous comments on this. SAC: CC Guidance: Information regarding enquiries received by SAC relating to the substance that the Guidance for Community Councils has in relation to the Scheme for Establishment of Community Council – Handbook for Community Councillors. Can the Guidance be disregarded? No--SAC's legal department has clarified the situation. JACS: Village Gateways: E-Leaflet received. SAHCP: Various information items including on 'Weigh to go Gardens' NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Public Consultation on SACT: A 3 month consultation period on the future of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy in the NHS Ayrshire & Arran region has now commenced. All urged to read thoroughly and give their opinions. <i>Other items also circulated/covered on Agenda.</i>	CS ALL
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	PMcG informed that the lid of the red dog waste bin adjacent to the Main Street bridge is defective. PH will report this. A query had been received from RR regarding defective work carried out by BT Openreach up the Knowe Road. He has had difficulty reporting this to the right sources and was looking for information. AC had previously had similar difficulty. PH advised to always contact the head of a firm. CS can do so if necessary, if RR forwards details —SR will inform him. Knockodhar Windfarm: CS had received a phone call from Fiona Milligan regarding the consultation documents for the proposed Knockodhar Windfarm. Apparently they are only just now ready for delivery and the planning application has not yet been submitted. Noted. CS informed that the previous query regarding road access had elicited the response from Planning that nothing specific was in the project file, but the route options had raised issues, which Planning highlighted in their response to scoping. Noted. SAC Councillor's Report: PH confirmed that SAC will set the new budget on 1st March, with concerns as to possible cuts in services due to the financial crisis -£11 million cut required. Cosy Spaces: He referred to the success of this in Girvan and Colmonell, with 30 attending regularly. Rural Central Heating: Concerns re-this during the cost of living crisis led to him putting forward a motion to Council in December. An advice hub with a Freephone number is available and he urged anyone in need to use this. Girvan Folk Festival: Will be held in April. New Craigie Sports Centre in Ayr has been officially opened. Biosphere Events: The BDT's Development Officer informed of events to take place shortly, including one in Barrhill. BDT have advertised the details. Noted Main Street Roadworks: KMcL referred to the recent digging up of the Main Street due to a blocked sewage pipe. There had been errors resulting in unnecessary work and a metal plate has been left in position. PH will enquire about this. EVC points in the car park: KMcL queried why one of the 2 machines in the charging bays had been removed. A discussion ensued with opinions differing on the situation. It was noted that the machines have not yet been commissioned. Leisure Equipment: Nothing installed as yet. Ongoing. A714 Potholes: AC raised the matter of the inefficient way potholes are being repaired, which	PH RR/CS ALL PH

	<p>is not the way he had understood it would be. PH informed that the increase in the price of tar was having an impact on methods used.</p> <p>Christmas Lights: SR informed that due to comments received from the public, a consultation will be carried out regarding the future of Christmas Lights in the village. She informed that costs would be about £10K, which did not include fitting, and urged all to make their views known.</p> <p>Smart Meters: A member of the public raised the matter of properties in outlying areas being unable to have Smart Meters, and therefore unable to take advantage of certain offers of cheaper electricity. He had complained to various sources without success. PH recommended he contact the office of Elena Whitham, MSP.</p> <p>Information given by PMcG regarding bogus window cleaners operating in the area. SR had observed unstable stones on the bridge parapet on Main Street. PH will contact ARA to inspect.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.20pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PH</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 26th April, 2023 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>Other meetings in 2023: 31st May (plus AGM), 28th June, 30th August, 25th October and 29th November</u></p> <p><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	