

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th June 2023, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD) (Vice-Chair), John Heath (JH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer); and 4 Members of the public. <i>JT being absent, the Chair was taken by JD, the Vice-chair.</i></p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Collette Bailey (CB), Robert Houstin (RH), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p>	
2	<p>Police There was no Police presence and no Police Report had been received.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 31st May 2023 These were approved: proposed by KMcL, seconded by AC.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: <i>Locked Gates at Kildonan:</i> CS had contacted SAC's Rachel Shipley as instructed but no reply had been received. Co-incidentally a resident had informed CS of her recent email exchange with RS, asking if any progress had been made. None had, although RS had spoken to the landowner, who informed that the gate has been open at times and walkers were using the route (disputed by the resident). It transpires that the track is not actually recorded as a public right of way by SAC or by the Scottish Rights of Way Society. The owner has asked a solicitor to look at the situation and to advise him on what action he should take. He will then contact RS. One CC member informed that apparently the golf course is to be re-instated and the house is being prepared to cater for Spanish windfarm workers – not confirmed. While the CC sympathises over the recent vandalism/damage and theft at the house, it hopes that this matter will be satisfactorily resolved soon. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 6d:SAHSCP: '<i>Caring for Ayrshire</i>': CS had invited Sam Tema to attend a CC meeting to talk on this but no response as yet.</p> <p>Item 9: Small Grant Applications: <i>Barrhill Primary School:</i> The Head Teacher had conveyed to the CC that the whole school is extremely thankful for the funding for them to go to the panto at Christmas.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: <i>Electric Vehicle Charging Points:</i> PH had investigated this matter and had informed the resident that the EV charger was funded and supplied by the Scottish Government, not SAC. ARA as the commissioning agent had checked it and thankfully it was now working. The resident had confirmed this. It would appear that there may have been an administrative error and the charger was decommissioned by mistake.</p> <p>Zoom meeting: CS had joined in this meeting late, due to technical issues with her iPad only to find that very few had participated and the decision was to send a letter objecting to the removal of the ICU services from Ayr Hospital. A draft letter had been received from Girvan CC asking if Barrhill CC wished to be a signatory. This was agreed, although there were some comments regarding the wording of the letter. CS to confirm with the Girvan CC Secretary. <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	CS
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>AC circulated his report - the CC balance in the bank is £1,346.28 after payment for the web hosting. The Carrick Futures balance is now £10,731.73 after payment of the grant for the Barrhill Primary pantomime visit in December, resulting in the overall bank balance of £12,078.01. AC informed that to date he had not received the CC grant from SAC, which is normally received before now. PH and AC will chase this up. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i> At JD's behest, it was agreed to discuss Item 9: Small Grant Applications now. Barrhill Activities & Attractions Group: An application on behalf of this group had been submitted by Gillian Young, of the BDT. This was for a total of £390 to purchase extra bunting</p>	PH/AC

	for the proposed Fun Day and to provide a children's entertainer. This was agreed unanimously, provided the usual Terms and Conditions were met. PH informed that there may be bunting in the County Buildings from the Coronation celebrations available for use. KB will look into this.	CS KB
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: In JT's absence there was no up to date information.</p> <p>b) BDT: PMcG reported on the latest meeting. She confirmed that the Development Officer Sam Rimmer had left the BDT's employ, as had Liam, the village handyman, who was moving from the area. She informed that there is a get-together tomorrow at 3pm to say goodbye and thank you to Liam – all welcome to attend. Activities & Attractions Group: A meeting will take place in the hall on Saturday at 2pm to discuss the proposed Fun Day in August – all welcome. Car Boot Sale is also proposed for the near future. At its next meeting the BDT will discuss its direction following recent difficulties. Once the road ahead is clarified there will be a public meeting to clear the air and ensure openness and transparency in the future. Questions were asked regarding the BDT constitution, as it was understood that a newly co-opted member is now Treasurer. (The CC's constitution does not allow a co-opted member to be Treasurer.) PMcG will clarify.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported the next meeting is in July.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had attended the latest meeting on 14th June. Main agenda items: Presentation on the new structure/plans for the SAHSCP –how public bodies work together etc. Health Profile for the Girvan and South Carrick area – this presentation showed Health Indicators, Population Demographics, Illness/Lifestyle, behaviour etc. A 38.5% increase in medication for anxiety/depression noted since a previous survey. Cases of arthritis are higher in Girvan & South Carrick. On a positive side, the vaccination rates are good. Free health walks are available for all to enjoy. Discussions on Health Priorities: social isolation and loneliness are this year's aim. Participatory Budgeting Event: Format for this still under discussion. An extra £15K is available on top of £21k VASA: Funds also available from this. A pop-up shop will appear in Troon shortly. Defibrillator Project: It is hoped that training will be held soon in the Scout Hall in Girvan. It was noted that one of the Barrhill Caravan Parks has applied for a defibrillator.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Benefit Company: AC informed that the AGM had taken place on 7th June. The next meeting will be a funding round.</p>	PMcG
7	Planning Applications	
	<p>Planning Applications: Two in the Barrhill area - w/e 23/6: Application from Cornerstone for 'Erection of telecommunications mast and installation of antennas and ground-based apparatus' (near Darnaconner); Forestry & Land Scotland: 'Prior notification for the proposed forestry access road at Eldrick'. Noted.</p> <p>May Decisions List: Three in Barrhill area-Gillan Consulting application approved for 'Installation of 35m communications mast, antennas, ground-based apparatus and ancillary development near Chirmorie' for EE Ltd; Signal Infrastructure UK Ltd – 'Prior approval for proposed installation of communications mast and associated apparatus at Main Street' – this is not required; and application approved for 'Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 73, Main Street, Barrhill'.</p>	
8	Proposed Knockodhar Windfarm	
	CS confirmed that the documentation for this had finally arrived at the Memorial Hall around 12 th June, as notified by Fiona Milligan, and is available to view when the hall is open. All had received the emailed information. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed windfarm with the meeting being reminded that in late 2019 a survey carried out by the CC had resulted in 85% against 'all windfarm applications in and around the Barrhill area'. The CC therefore had a mandate to submit an objection to the ECU. A resident present at the meeting had emailed her objections, (circulated) which she wished to be discussed. The access route has caused considerable disquiet, with all abnormal loads projected to come through the village from the south and work required at Barrhill's 2 bridges to accommodate these loads. JD felt insufficient notification had been given to be able to discuss the letter. The meeting agreed to lodge an objection. CS to draft this and send to members before submitting to the ECU.	CS

9	Small Grant Applications	
	Barrhill Activities & Attractions: <i>See above at Item 5: Treasurer's Report.</i>	
10	Correspondence	
	<p>Glasdon: Booklet re-village equipment.</p> <p>Erosion of Cross Water Banking: A letter had been received from the residents of a house at the side of the Cross Water, who are fearful that they will be cut off if the banking collapses following a spate, as the erosion has worsened following the use of the road by heavy vehicles during the refurbishment of The Trout. The ownership of a section of road is unknown, despite efforts made over the years, including by the former Kyle & Carrick District Council, to establish. The help of the CC was sought to find a solution. PH suggested KB contacts Environmental Health. As the BDT is involved, PMcG will question it.</p> <p>SAC: SEPA Report - South Ayrshire is raised to early warning for water levels. Information on Emergency Bottled Water for PWS Low Flow Water properties and a further update by PH – warning of significant Water Scarcity – circulated widely.</p> <p>SAC: Email from Tracy Whiteford re-change to the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils and Guidance regarding family members being Office-bearers. Family members, while allowed to be CC Office-bearers, are not permitted to be bank account signatories.</p> <p>A77 Campaign Group: A meeting is being held tonight in Girvan regarding the A77. Noted</p> <p>Retirement: Email from PH informing of his retirement, which is much regretted. CS had sent e-letter of thanks for his excellent service to the community and his help to the CC.</p> <p>SAC: Community Asset Transfer event.</p> <p>SAHSCP: Numerous emails received: Community Planning Board - new structure of the LPP; Volunteering; Alcohol/Drugs Recovery activities; LGBT events; Dementia; Mental Health etc. CS asked for clarification of those who wished all emails to be forwarded or not. Two members chose not to receive emails in future.</p> <p>FLS: Forestry Consultation: re- Forest Management assessment in October to be carried out by Forestry and Land Scotland. The Forest Stewardship Council /The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification was noted.</p> <p>Justice Services Open Day: To be held this coming Friday at new premises in Viewfield Road. (It was noted that after the CC sent its list of possible tasks to be done by the Justice Services Unpaid Work Team as requested last year, nothing further had been heard.)</p> <p>Symington CC: SAC Local Biodiversity Plan: Email sent to all SAC CCs to gauge interest in wishing to contribute to a current SAC Local Biodiversity Action Plan - CC to consider.</p> <p>Stranoch Windfarm: Updates on progress of roadworks.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been a Biosphere event in the hall recently. No-one had known about this beforehand, no information having been received.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	<p>KB PMcG</p> <p>ALL</p>
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>Compost: PMcG and JD confirmed that the compost had arrived and been distributed—one load had been sufficient.</p> <p>Dog Waste Bin: PMcG reported that the damaged bin adjacent to the Main Street bridge has still not been replaced. It is known that there is still a delay in SAC receiving supplies. Noted</p> <p>Community Skip Use: A resident had objected to nearby caravan park visitors using the community skip. CS had requested clarification from Waste Management, which stated that if a permanent resident of a caravan paid Council Tax, they would be entitled to use the village skip. If a site fee is paid, however, the site owner is responsible and an item viewed as commercial waste - the community skip should not be used. Noted</p> <p>Gowlands Terrace: The continued closure of part of the road at Gowlands Terrace was commented on, but it was noted that it had just recently been cleared.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: PH gave his last report prior to his retirement on Friday. He spoke of his enjoyment of visits to Barrhill as part of his duties as Councillor. He reported that tomorrow's full Council meeting would decide on the allocation of the promised £1million funding for each SAC Ward - he anticipates inclusion of a project for Barrhill. The scheme is ongoing with provision of £250K annually for capital spending.</p> <p>At the meeting he intends putting forward 2 motions, one to object to the proposed closure of the Ballantrae Coastguard Station and another to the closure of the Girvan (and Cumnock) branch of Bank of Scotland.</p>	

	<p>PH has raised funding for a memorial to the Merchant Navy war losses, to be unveiled later this year on Merchant Navy Day.</p> <p>SAC Summer Programmes: KB informed that SAC's programme of summer events will be commencing shortly.</p> <p>Car Park Entrance: A resident present referred to the resurfacing of the A714 last autumn, which had not remedied the flooding at the car park entrance, which occurs after heavy rain. He understood that ARA had not replaced the broken pipe under this section, as expected to, which would have remedied things. Noted – ongoing.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.10pm, JD thanking all for their attendance.</i> He then thanked PH for his sterling service over the years and wished him well for the future. All concurred.</p> <p>PH thanked the CC for their good wishes and informed that a By-Election for his successor in the Girvan and South Carick ward will be held in September. Noted</p>	
12	Date & Time of next meeting:	
	<p><u>Wednesday 30th August, 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>Other meetings in 2023: 25th October and 29th November</u></p> <p><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	