

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th August 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), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer); and 4 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence CC Resignation (see below at Item 12)</p>	
	John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL).	
2	Police	
	<p>The Police were not present but reports had been received, with apologies for not sending a report for the last meeting on 28th June.</p> <p>Period from 31/05/23 – 30/06/23: Total number of calls: 3; External Force request: 1; Theft: 1; Road Traffic Matters: 1. One Crime report for theft was issued—undetected at that time.</p> <p>Period from 01/07/23 – 31/07/23: Total number of calls: 5; Road Traffic Matters: 1; Abandoned 999: 3; Domestic Incidents: 1. No crime reports issued.</p> <p>Period from 01/08/23 –27/08/23: Total number of calls: 5; Road Traffic matters: 4; External Agency Requests: 1; No crime reports issued.</p> <p>Sergeant Kelly had informed that the next occasion a Late Shift would be worked on the last Wednesday in the month is January 2024. Noted.</p>	
3	<p>Speaker: Marie Oliver, VASA Presentation: Ageless & Active Champions Board and Age Friendly Communities</p>	
	CS informed that unfortunately Marie had cancelled earlier that day as she is unwell. Another date to be arranged.	CS
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 28th June 2023	
	These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by JD.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p><i>Prior to continuing, a member of the public requested that members speak up as she could not hear. Others concurred, the Memorial Hall's acoustics being poor. It was agreed that the Hall caretaker would be asked by JT to ensure the audio loop is functioning in future to aid matters.</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Locked Gates at Kildonan: CS had been copied in to the latest email exchange between a resident and Rachel Shipley, SAC's Access Officer. The gates remain locked and RS has heard nothing more from the owner. RS has now contacted Legal Services and Scotways to ask for a meeting to discuss if legal action can be taken. ACK confirmed this as he had also contacted RS for an update, prior to the meeting, and confirmed that she is doing her best to resolve matters. Ongoing</p> <p>ACK informed of the Local Access Forum meeting he had attended earlier in the month, organised by Rachel Shipley, which involves group discussions on core paths/paths maintenance etc. He will forward details.</p> <p>SAHSCP: 'Caring for Ayrshire': CS had made enquiries as no response was received. It transpires that Sam Tema is leaving and currently working her notice. A colleague would be able to attend a CC meeting instead. Noted</p> <p>Item 5: Treasurer's Report: AC informed that the grant cheque of £315.74 had now been received and the £86 insurance costs repaid by SAC.</p> <p>Barrhill Events Group (formerly Activities & Attractions Group): KB had enquired re-bunting but none available. The group had therefore purchased some for the Fun Day.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: Erosion of Cross Water Banking: KB had contacted Environmental Health to be informed that it is a matter for SEPA. CS had relayed this to the residents who informed that JT, who had been absent from the CC meeting when this was discussed, was dealing with this. A discussion ensued with a resident informing of previous attempts to repair the banking, with no-one accepting responsibility, although SAC had overseen the positioning of a large rock to shore up the banking.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>ACK</p>

	<p>JT's view was that the matter can be resolved by use of gabions and is confident funding would be available to cover the cost if these are needed. ACk will contact ARA to see what can be done. PMcG had raised the matter with BDT, who would co-operate.</p> <p>A77 Campaign Group: The meeting in Girvan on 28th June had mainly been information on how little investment there has been on the A77.</p> <p>Justice Service's Open Day: CS had contacted Dean Barlas (DB) but coincidentally had received an email asking for suggestions for the Justice Service Unpaid Work Team (Community Payback). She re-submitted the list sent last year and received an apology for the lack of response then and explanation that last year had been hectic. It is now hoped the tasks will be carried out shortly. CS will liaise with the Bowling Club and DB.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: SAC Councillor's Report: It was pointed out that the motion approved by SAC regarding the BOS Girvan branch closure was that put forward by ACk and not PH.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC circulated his report - the CC balance in the bank is now £1,748.02 following receipt of SAC's grant cheque, remittance of the insurance payment, and payment for web hosting and the Fun Day. The Carrick Futures balance is now £10,341.73, resulting in the overall bank balance of £12,089.75. AC was thanked for his report.</p>	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT informed that BCIC had appointed Foundation Scotland as its secretariat, with Suzy Mercer dealing with affairs. At the recent meeting the forthcoming AGM was discussed. This is expected to be held in late October. A meeting has recently been held with SPR, and a grant application is being submitted to provide solar panels and air source heat pumps for the community. BCIC have also applied for a grant to fund solar panels, air source heat pump and battery storage for The Trout.</p> <p>b) BDT: PMcG informed that she had resigned from BDT. She reported that an update had been given to her for the CC by the new BDT Chair, Gillian Young. Shelagh Leach is Secretary and the Treasurer is Kelly Russell, a co-opted member. Robert Robertson has been co-opted as a director. While members were surprised at hearing of this co-option, after the events at the last AGM, it was acknowledged that it was a matter for the BDT. PMcG could not confirm the details of the BDT constitution regarding co-optees being office-bearers but JT did inform that the BDT constitution only allows 3 co-optees at any one time, which number has now been reached.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported that the last meeting had been a funding round. Amongst those organisations receiving grants were South Ayrshire Community Transport, for the operation of the Barr bus service, Girvan Youth Trust, and the Kings Arms Hotel, Ballantrae for roofing costs. <i>(Item 7e taken now—see below.)</i></p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had attended the latest meeting on 9th August, there being no July meeting. Main agenda items: Presentation on Healthcare in Rural and Remote Areas (via Zoom) enquiry. What are the most important issues? Views sought but closes on 18th August. Views will be analysed and put in a report. Email version sent out to CCs and CS circulated. All encouraged to respond. Defibrillator Project: Events on 25th/27th August at the QuayZone to demonstrate use - posters circulated widely. Demonstrations can be held for groups— CS to enquire. It was noted that Queensland Caravan Park has now received a new defibrillator. There are 2 new First Responders, resulting in 9 now active in the area. Agreed Priorities: Main points raised from the health profile in Girvan & South Carrick (e.g 27% of population over 65 years), to be put in a survey to decide priorities. Funding/Participatory Budgeting: The funding of a bus service for the villages was discussed - to be researched. Amount of grants and format of the event also discussed. Updates: VASA: Ageing Well Champions Board seek volunteers. Older People's week in SAC w/c 25th September and International Day on 1st October. Colmonell 'Celebrating Older People' event-TBA. Girvan Housing Office: still no walk-ins—appointments only.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Benefit Company: The last meeting was a funding round. AC informed that those receiving awards included Go Girvan, Ballantrae Girl Guides, and the Kings Arms Hotel, Ballantrae, which received £20K towards re-wiring costs. Ayrshire Cancer Support, however, was not successful with its application.</p>	<p>CS</p>
8	Planning Applications	

	<p>Planning Applications: Three in the Barrhill area - w/e 21/7: Application from Forestry & Land Scotland: 'Prior notification for the proposed forestry access road' near Dornal Cottage. W/e 26/7: Glenalty Cottage: Application for a Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed installation of air source heat pumps. W/e 11/8: Killantringan: Application for 'Change of use and alterations of former coachhouse to form residential accommodation'.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: June: Two for Barrhill - EE/Gillan Consulting: 'Proposed telecommunications mast' near Darnaconner – Application approved for 'Installation of a 40m communications mast, antennas, ground-based apparatus and ancillary development'. Lochton Mill: Application approved for temporary siting of a static caravan.</p> <p>July: Forestry & Land Scotland: Prior notification for proposed forestry access road near Eldrick: Prior approval not required.</p>	
9	Proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm	
	Notification received from EnergieKontor of proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm (2.8km south-west of Glentool), asking the CC for comments on the Scoping Report. The site location plan and indicative turbine positions were missing and had to be requested. It was noted that part of the site is located where a previous proposal had been situated. There will be a public exhibition in the near future. It was agreed that the CC would adhere to its usual policy of not commenting on a scoping report but to wait for the actual application. CS to notify.	CS
10	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i)Barrhill Wee Whist Group The sum of £500 was sought - £300 for hall rental and £200 for refreshment supplies and stationery. AC explained there was no problem with the hall rental but more details of the £200 is required to meet CF's strict criteria. CS to contact.</p> <p>ii)Barrhill Photographic Club: The sum of £480 sought to fund the cost of transport to Ailsa Craig for 12 people. Any spare places would be offered to village non-members. A discussion ensued with all agreed that more details were required with several questions being raised. All but one member approved the grant in principle, but as the club is not constituted a sponsoring organisation is required, and more details of the £480 i.e. fare per person or whole boat hire charge. CS to contact the Club for answers before formal approval can be given.</p>	CS CS
11	Rural Public Transport	
	JT, in his capacity as a BCIC director had received a letter from SPR, circulated, asking for community views on the present transport system, following on from a meeting held to discuss this. (SPR had also raised the matter of transport at a previous meeting with BCIC.) AC, in his capacity as a Carrick Futures director, had attended. He had submitted detailed comments, including lack of co-ordination between buses and trains, early/late bus commencing/ending in Glentool, not Barrhill. CC members concurred with these points. CS to send a brief response, re-iterating these views. SPR intend holding another meeting in the near future. Ongoing	CS
12	Correspondence	
	<p>CC Resignation: CS referred to the resignation of Collette Bailey, whose email had previously been circulated to all and acknowledged. CS to send an official 'thank you' email to Collette in appreciation of her service on the CC.</p> <p>Stranoch Windfarm: Updates on road closures.</p> <p>SAHSCP: Numerous emails received, including availability of free courses, Mentally Healthy Communities information etc.</p> <p>Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT): Annual Report now available.</p> <p>Scottish Power Renewables (SPR): Information of Aviation Detection Lighting System Trial – SPR commencing an airspace change for a temporary Transponder Mandatory Zone in south-west Scotland.</p> <p>JACS & Elan City: E-leaflets on street furniture.</p> <p>A77 Action Group: Information about closures on A77, with A714 being used as an alternative. Offer made to arrange a meeting with Stranraer CC if thought beneficial. Noted</p> <p>CRAG Community Arts: Information re-Winter Light Festival/Lantern making.</p> <p>Out & About Club: Details of forthcoming trips (available online).</p> <p>Scottish Water: Consultative meeting details.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	Start Time for CC Meetings: JD suggested that meetings commence at 6.30pm – following a	

	<p>short discussion this proposal was rejected.</p> <p>Barrhill Events Group: PMcG informed that the fish van will be in the village this Saturday - 5-7pm. Notification on Facebook but members suggested a poster as not all on Facebook.</p> <p>Chairs' Meeting: JT had been notified of a Chairs' meeting in Ayr, called by the Chair of Fort, Seafield, and Wallacetown Community Council to discuss working together, but was of the view that it wasn't relevant to Barrhill.</p> <p>SAC: Due to recent heavy rainfall, South Ayrshire PWS scarcity risk stepped down.</p> <p>STEM Event: SACs Thriving Communities held this event in the Memorial Hall on 20th July. CC only given 2 days notice to pass this on. A reasonable number attended.</p> <p>Merchant Navy & Seafarers' Memorial: The unveiling of this new memorial takes place on Sunday 3rd September—SAC issued an invitation to attend.</p> <p>Knockodhar Windfarm Information: Letter received with a new USB stick. Error noted.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: The Annual Review takes place on Monday 4th September, 2pm at Ayr Hospital. All welcome to attend.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: ACk informed of some of the projects allocated funds from the Capital Fund. None were in Barrhill, but ACk informed that he would put forward any suitable project suggested. A discussion followed with a suggestion that the original footpath from the Main Street bridge alongside the Cross Water Burn to The Avenue be re-instated. Members agreed this would generally be welcomed. ACk will investigate.</p> <p>He informed that a Community Advisory Group (CAG) concerning Active Travel in South Ayrshire has just been established on behalf of South Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire Roads Alliance. This mainly covers coastal routes, but also includes the 'Spirit of Girvan' route out to Grangeston. Merchant Seamans' Memorial (see above). Work on the new Girvan Primary & ELC progresses well and work is commencing on Girvan's 'all weather pitch'.</p> <p>Biosphere representatives had visited the Burns Centre in Alloway to celebrate the 10th anniversary and 10 year extension, with the area now extended to include Alloway and the Rhins of Galloway.</p> <p>International Ayr Show – Festival of Flight: 8-10th September.</p> <p>AC referred to the notification that more dog poo bags were required. He had previously ordered 14,000 so was puzzled that these had been used up. Transpired later that more had been located and were now in the dispensers.</p> <p>AC also informed that more print paper was required—agreed for this to be ordered.</p> <p>A member of the public raised 3 queries. Windfarm locations: He requested a map with locations of windfarms seeking planning permission as only locals aware of whereabouts. It was pointed out that SAC's Planning website contains maps showing all locations and that not all locals know where they are.</p> <p>Hall acoustics: Sound quality poor—previously discussed and noted. (See above at Item 5)</p> <p>30mph Speed limit sign: Vehicles speeding on the Knowe Road was raised, with the absence of a 30mph sign prior to the 20mph one noted - other entry roads do have this. Vehicles can theoretically go straight from 60mph - 20mph. To be queried.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.05pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>CS</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Final meeting in 2023: Wednesday 29th November</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	