

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 31st May 2023, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD) (Vice-Chair), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), Tracy Whiteford (TW) (SAC)(for part), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer); PC Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST), and 3 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence Jamie Burgess (JB), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH).</p>	
2	<p>Police No Police Report had been received. CS informed that PC McKinlay had contacted colleagues after the previous meeting to enquire about the results from the recent speed trap in the village. He was informed that a number of vehicles had been stopped and the Police delivered 'driver awareness' information. No vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. PH reported that Ballantrae CC have also experienced speeding problems in their community.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 26th April 2023 These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by KMcl. <i>PC Thorne then entered the meeting</i></p>	
2	<p>Police (continued) JT welcomed AT, who informed that the last period had been very quiet, with only 6 incidents raised between 25/04/23 to 29/05/23 - no crime reports were created from these. Reports had been received about sheep wandering on roads, including the Knowe Road, and matters had been dealt with. Incident breakdown: Road Traffic Matters:1; Public Nuisance:1; Road Traffic Crash:1; Missing Person:1; and Abandoned 999: 2. AT gave an update on prevention of Rural Crime, with 3 Ayrshire groups involved in Rural Partnerships, which may become operational in October or thereabouts. Reference was also made regarding the rural Church of Scotland minister who attends markets, with JD also raising the subject of the imminent closure of Colmonell church. <i>JT thanked AT for attending and he then left the meeting.</i></p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Item 11: Correspondence: VASA: CS had contacted VASA and Marie Oliver will attend the CC meeting on 30th August. Item 12: AOB: Barrhill Main Street Bridge: To the surprise of all, the bridge had been painted within days of the last meeting after repairs were carried out. Noted. Compost: This had been ordered and should soon be delivered. BT Openreach: CS had spoken to a local BT Openreach employee, who kindly offered to take photos of the hole and submit to managers. Nothing done as yet - ongoing. 20mph Speed Activated Sign: PH reported that SAC still await a delivery of spare parts, as was anticipated. Item 5: Matters Arising: Locked Gates at Kildonan: It was noted that the gates at the north access to Kildonan were still locked and no information had been received from SAC's Rachel Shipley. The meeting was informed that a caretaker is now in residence - CS to inform SAC of this. Ongoing <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	CS
5	<p>Treasurer's Report AC circulated his report - the CC balance in the bank is £1,406.27 after payment of the Microsoft Office Licence. The Carrick Futures balance is now £11,079.73 after payment of grants for the new computer and catering expenses for the Coronation Celebrations, resulting in the overall bank balance of £12,486.00. Noted. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
6	<p>Updates</p>	

	<p>a) BCIC: JT informed that a meeting will soon take place to discuss the update of the Barrhill Action Plan. Investment of funds for the future will also be discussed.</p> <p>b) BDT: PMcG reported on the latest meeting. Coronation Celebrations: While numbers attending had not been as high as expected, the community had enjoyed the various events held on Coronation Day. The children enjoyed the bouncy castle and free ice-creams, others the afternoon tea in the Memorial Hall. There was a reasonable attendance at the evening dance. Bedding Plants have now been delivered. The Events Committee meets on Saturday 10th at 11am—all welcome to attend. Some Village Events previously notified are still expected to go ahead, in spite of recent difficulties e.g. Fireworks Display; Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner; and St Andrew's Day event. The recent Barrstools evening was a great success. Work has now resumed at The Trout after a lengthy spell of inactivity.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported the next meeting is in July. PH referred to a Training Fund, which is available for applications. A discussion ensued re-Foundation Scotland's endowment policy. SPR have rules regarding the way communities use funding and there is a limit on the maximum amount allowed to be invested.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): CB had attended the latest meeting on 10th May. There was a presentation on 'Caring for Ayrshire'. The speaker pointed out South Ayrshire has a high percentage of an ageing population and it is important that communications with the community re-health issues are delivered in the best way, to ensure people receive the required care. Workshops have been suggested as a way for this. CCs encouraged to have the speaker attend CC meetings. CS to contact. VASA are launching 'Ageing Well' with an event at Ayr Town Hall on 8th June. PH also referred to SAC's ageing population, which is constantly increasing. Mentally Healthy Communities - the Action Video on this was shown to the meeting.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Benefit Company: AC informed that the AGM will be held next week. CC members who are also Kilgallioch members had also received notification of this.</p>	CS
7	Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension	
	AC had attended a meeting on 11 th May, held by SPR in Kirkcowan to discuss the distribution of community benefit funding re-the Kilgallioch Extension. He informed that it had been expected that Barrhill would only benefit during the construction stage but this is now not the case. Barrhill will receive a portion together with other CC areas including Cree Valley CC. Further discussions will take place. Noted	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Planning Applications: W/e 28/04/23: Gillan Consulting for Proposed met mast for EE – Installation of a 40m communications mast, antennas, ground-based apparatus and ancillary development near Darnaconnor. W/e 05/05/23: 73, Main Street – Alterations and extension to dwelling house; High Drumlamford: Siting of 3 log cabins for holiday accommodation; W/e 19/05/23: Lochton Mill – Temporary siting of static caravan. Noted.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: April – nothing relevant to Barrhill.</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Primary School & EYC: The application from the Primary School and Early Years Centre for funding of £380 for all pupils to attend the Cinderella pantomime at Ayr Gaiety Theatre in December was approved unanimously. The BDT Treasurer had sent a letter of thanks for the £50 donation from the CC, which was appreciated. The money had been used for the Coronation Day expenses.</p>	CS
10	Feedback on Coronation Celebrations	
	See above at Item 4: <i>Matters Arising</i> . As stated, these events had not attracted as large an attendance as anticipated, but enjoyed by those present.	
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Stranoch Windfarm: Various updates on progress of roadworks. SAHSCP: Numerous emails forwarded including the Ageing Well Launch Event on 8th June and the Mentally Healthy Communities Action Plan. Girvan Health Walk: Wednesday 10.30am each week Scottish Conference of CCs: JB had notified of this but no information had been received from SAC. Meeting on 10th June via Google Meet, on 'Democracy Matters'.</p>	

	<p>SAHSCP LPP: Lloyd's Pharmacies are being taken over—new owner not yet known. SA Community Transport: 'Out and About' outings in May. Accounts Commission: Recruiting employees. SAC: CC conference on 13th June on Infrastructure and Capital Investment. SAC: Update on PWS shortages—circulated widely. Webinars: Notification of these. <i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	ALL
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</p>	
	<p>Planters: JD referred to the planters in the village, with all agreeing how beautiful they are at present, thanks to Liam's hard work. SAC Councillor's Report: PH reported the the CC's former Link Officer, Ainsley, has been designated SAC's 'Employee of the Year'. He further informed that as her appointment had run out of funding, she will possibly soon be made redundant, which surprised all. Girvan Lowland Gathering will take place this weekend and the Ballantrae Gala is on 7th July, with the Food Festival on 10/11th June. Rotation of Councillors now fixed, with Cllr Gavin Scott to attend Barrhill from January 2024. Odeon Cinema in Ayr is regrettably to close. SAC Volunteer Awards to be held tomorrow night in Ayr. KMcl reminded all that Liam is leaving the village on 28th June and suggested he receive a letter of thanks from the CC. All agreed - CS to send letter. Electric Vehicle Charging Points: A resident complained that the EV chargers in the car park had not been operational for the last 4 weeks, with access denied. She relies on this point to charge her electric car. The points had previously been working. On enquiring she had been informed that SAC would be responsible but PH said this is incorrect. He will investigate this and contact ARA's Kevin Braidwood, Head of Roads. Another resident raised a question regarding The Trout and wondered if she had heard correctly that a separate company was to be formed. JT informed that this was incorrect. Zoom Meeting: CS reminded that the meeting arranged by Girvan CC, asking for other CCs to join in with protests against the removal of the ICU services from Ayr Hospital will take place on 7th June. It was noted, however, that this unfortunately clashes with the Kilgallioch AGM. Proposed Knockodhar Windfarm: CS has been informed by Fiona Milligan that the documents will finally be delivered to the Memorial Hall about 12th June---after a very long time taken for the application to be submitted. <i>The meeting closed at 9.00pm, JT thanking all, including KB the new Link Officer (who unavoidably missed the start of the meeting), for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>CS</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 28th June, 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Other meetings in 2023: 30th August, 25th October and 29th November</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	