

APPROVED 31/05/2023

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th May 2022 in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm**

No.	Item	Action
1	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council	
	James Duffie (JD), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice/Acting Chair) In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), Ainsley McCrindle (AMcC) (SAC Link Officer) and 4 Members of the public.	
2	Welcome & Apologies for Absence	
	JT welcomed all to the AGM. Apologies were received from Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH).	
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting of 29th May 2019	
	These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by RH. (No AGM had taken place since 2019 due to the Covid pandemic).	
4	Report from the Chair	
	<p><i>Report given by the Acting Chair, Johnnie Thomson.</i></p> <p><i>"I have found it difficult to decide what to put in this report -- as you know I have not been in the Chair for long and due to Covid the Community Council did not meet for many months, with meetings only resuming last August.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to thank everyone for the work they put in to the Community Council for the benefit of the whole village. A special thanks goes to our secretary Celia, for all the work you put into the Community Council, taking the minutes and responding to the emails.</i></p> <p><i>As we have had the Covid pandemic the community is only just now getting going again with the Memorial Hall now opening up at long last. It is hoped that things will slowly return to normal and the various activities return.</i></p> <p><i>The speed limit within the village has now been reduced to 20mph after many discussions on the subject, in the hope that this will slow drivers down. This remains to be seen.</i></p> <p><i>As always, there are blocked drains and potholes in the roads to report, but these things do get sorted with time.</i></p> <p><i>I will finish by saying that the village has to continue working together in order to be a thriving community and it is hoped that it will do so."</i></p> <p><i>JT was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
5	Secretary's Report	
	Report by the Secretary, Celia Strain, read out on her behalf, due to laryngitis, by JD. <i>"Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this is the first AGM since May 2019, which is a somewhat strange situation. No CC meetings were held after 26th February 2020 and didn't recommence until September 2021. The CC members agreed when lockdown commenced that Zoom meetings would not take place as long as all matters could be</i>	

dealt with by email. One event was held on Zoom, in November 2020, when the Coriolis representative arranged to update the CC on the already permitted Chirmorie Windfarm. SCHSCP meetings continued on Zoom during Covid, with a reduced number participating. Barrhill did not, but information from the minutes was circulated. Board meetings of Carrick Futures and the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company were also held online, which the Barrhill directors did participate in.

The Covid period was relatively quiet, with usual matters dealt with. Once again, some seem never-ending e.g. roads, drainage, speeding etc. (The Acting Chair participated in a Zoom meeting organised by Police Scotland, concerning speed restrictions.)

Fewer speakers than usual saw a presentation by SPEN in October 2019, regarding the proposed OHL, and Dr Caroline Rennie, just before lockdown, informed on the Review of Chemotherapy Services in Ayrshire & Arran NHS. Last month Jenna Cains from the G & SA Biosphere addressed the CC, with a decision to be made regarding applying for Biosphere Community status. New 'Barrhill' signs were sited last summer, acknowledging the Biosphere.

It has been disappointing that following Katie Nairn's consultation back in April 2019, on the future of the 359 bus route, nothing further whatsoever has been heard. One thing finally reaching fruition after many years, to the relief of all, is the new car park at the station, the SWSCRIP achieving full funding for this. Another matter saw the imposition of a 20mph limit in the village.

Consultations on proposed windfarm extensions etc have resulted in numerous emails. In October 2019 a survey of residents was carried out, for these and the proposed OHL. With objections of 86% from a response rate of 42%, letters of objection were sent for both the Arecleoch Extension and the proposed Clauchrie Windfarm, in November 2019 and February 2020. Public enquiries were held in February 2021 and May/June 2021, as a result of SAC objecting. Unfortunately the ECU has consented the Arecleoch Extension, ignoring local opinion and the outcome of Clauchrie is still awaited. The proposed OHL was also objected to in January 2022, but despite strong opposition, particularly by residents of the Knowe Road, is also set to be consented, SAC having raised no objections.

Thanks to the annual sum of £5,000 given by Carrick Futures for the Small Grants Scheme, local groups continue to benefit, including Barrhill Primary School, Barrhill Badminton Club, Barrhill Bowling Club, Barrhill Craft Group, Barrhill Angling Club etc and the Community Council itself, amongst others.

The CC continued to operate at less than full capacity. The resignation of Andy Sinclair in August 2019, due to him leaving the district, was much regretted, as he had been an active C Councillor and a director on Kilgallioch WCBF. In November the CC Chair Kenneth McLaren also regrettably resigned for personal reasons, leaving only 5 C Councillors plus the Specialist member. Fortunately Johnnie, as Vice-Chair, stepped into the breach as Acting Chair. The advert for the 4 vacancies in December 2021 unfortunately drew no nominations but it was with relief that a further drive resulted in Collette and John being co-opted as lockdown commenced. James was co-opted in October 2021 with regard to the speeding matter. He then joined the other 7 C Councillors as a full member at the recent CC Elections, postponed from March 2020, and the current advert for co-opted members to fill vacancies, which expires tonight, has resulted in 2 nominations, and should give a full complement of members for once. Due to a long consultation by SAC on the Scheme for CCs, membership has increased from 9 to 10 members.

Thanks are again due to Kenneth McLaren for undertaking the defibrillator checks each

month, and the CC is most grateful to the LPP for supplying the CC with a new external cabinet, which has just arrived. The CC is grateful, as always, to the pupils of Barrhill Primary School, for helping to plant out flowers last June.

David Bowling continues to post the skip notices, which is also appreciated.

It is to be regretted that unfortunately Police Scotland no longer have the manpower to attend CC meetings, although reports are received most months. Covid led to severe staff shortages and it is appreciated that there is better use of their time. The attendance of our SAC Councillors, Alec Clark in 2019 and Peter Henderson from January 2020 is most welcome and their support is invaluable.

I will conclude by thanking all my fellow Community Councillors for their help and support, in particular Andy C for his computer skills! The assistance and support of all is much appreciated.”

JT thanked CS for her report

6 Treasurer's Report/Approval of Accounts

In AC's absence, reports read out by JT.

1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

At the start of the financial year the CC account had £665.12, of which £190.40 was private funds and the Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund had £4,506.93.

The CC administration costs were £546.84, which included £86 insurance, later refunded by SAC in the 2020 Administration Grant award, as was the £30 audit charge. £236.69 was spent on ink cartridges, paper, envelopes and stamps most of which was to send out the survey on powerlines and windfarm works. Website fees were approximately £70.

As per the conditions set out by SAC we made £50 awards to the Primary School and the Scouts. Over the year the Small Grants Scheme gave out £5828.93.

Grants to various groups for hall hire: £1,340.

Flower Show: £450

Photographic Group Exhibition: £294

Primary School Trips: £1,000

Footpath Signage: £194.34

Barrhill Bowling Club (2): £594.25

Barrhill Angling Club : Restocking of lochs: £500

This resulted in the end of year balances being **£872.68** for the CC account and **£4,224.84** in the Small Grants account.

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

At the start of the financial year the CC account had **£827.68** of which £190.40 was private funds and the Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund had **£4,224.84**.

Due to the pandemic situation and the closure of the hall very little happened over the year.

The CC administration costs were 3137.49 which was made up of £67.49 for the website, £30 for SAC audit of accounts for the previous year and a £40 fee to the Information Commissioner's Office for no benefit whatsoever but required by the Government.

After the SAC audit we were awarded a CC grant of £546.84.

No Carrick Futures Small Grants were made during the year but as we were still under the £10,000 we were awarded a further £5,000 by Carrick Futures.

This resulted in the end of year balances being **£1,287.03** for the CC account and **£10,511.87** in the Small Grants account.

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

At the start of the financial year the CC account had **£ 1287.03** of which £190.40 was private funds and the Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund had **£ 9224.84**.

Due to the pandemic situation and the closure of the hall for half of the year meant that

