

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). <b>In Attendance:</b> 2 Members of the Public.  <i>JT had notified that he would be unavoidably delayed, so JB took the Chair until the arrival of JT at approx. 7.10pm.</i></p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p>	
	<p>Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor).</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Speaker: SAHSCP Locality Planning Partnership’s Stewart Marshall (Locality Manager): Team Around the Locality</b> (<i>This item taken ahead of Item 2 as no Police were present.</i>)</p>	
	<p>JB introduced Stewart Marshall from the SAHSCP, who attended to speak about TATL -Team around the Locality. SM thanked the CC for inviting him and gave the background to the model of TATL. Health and Social Care Services are changing and the views of the community are being sought in order to help shape these changes, which affect the Health and Wellbeing services and support in the community. Areas of responsibility include Nursing and Social Care etc and the plans for their future. The focus is on the prevention of problems. In the Girvan and Maybole areas, 45% of these involve disabilities. MR commented that services continue to be taken away from the area and SM agreed that more services should be provided. He cited the fact that Social Services have just commenced attending the ‘Cosy Spaces’ venues – in Barrhill, the Friday Coffee Morning for an hour on the first Friday in the month, so that anyone can seek advice and help if needed. Micro Strategies are in the early stages. The emphasis is on ‘Care at Home’, through assessments to help manage conditions. A Response Team of around 17 staff members acts when required to do so. 28% of the population of South Carrick are aged 65 years and over, with SAC one of only 3 Scottish Local Authorities that is ‘Age Friendly’. During a general discussion the possibility of better use of Girvan Community Hospital was raised and a Diabetic Clinic will hopefully commence in September/October, with other clinics to follow e.g COPD. The return to automatic ‘face to face’ GP appointments would be welcomed and staff welfare should also be taken into consideration. SM would be willing to return to the CC at a later date if requested. JT thanked him for an interesting talk, and he then left the meeting around 7.50pm.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b></p>	
	<p>No Police were present as they were on day shift and unable to attend, but the following information had been received:  <b>Period 28/05/2024 – 26/06/2024:</b> Calls to Police - 5; Child Protection - 1; Road Traffic matter - 2; Assist Member of the public - 1; Theft -1. Crime reports raised: Road Traffic Offence - detected and Theft - undetected.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></p>	
	<p>These were approved: proposed by JS, seconded by KMcL.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	
	<p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising: New Luce Hill Road:</b> AL had emailed to update on his actions. He had contacted ARA regarding military vehicles on rural roads and awaits an answer –he is chasing this up and will pursue this following unanswered emails.  <b>Blocked Drains:</b> AL had continued to liaise with ARA and been assured a team will carry out an extensive revue—no date yet for this. He will continue to pursue this also.  <b>Road Sweeper:</b> AL had requested the bigger sweeper be used but was informed by email that the Girvan foreman had visited Barrhill and was of the opinion that this was unnecessary. KMcL and MR reported that the recent deployment of the small sweeper had left debris/dust, especially in the vicinity around the bus shelter at the bottom of Wallace Terrace, and that the bigger sweeper is definitely required. AL had offered to pursue this if necessary.  <b>South Carrick Community Bus Service:</b> JB informed that the bus routes are being tested</p>	<p>AL  AL  AL</p>

	<p>but more drivers are needed to operate the service. Posters are being displayed advertising for volunteer drivers. A decision is awaited from Carrick Futures re-funding application. AC informed that the latest CF meeting had had to be postponed.</p> <p><b>Disabled Access to Car Park:</b> The locus had been examined by several CC members and it was concluded that no action was required.</p> <p><b>SPEN: Mark Hill Sub-station Extension:</b> CS had contacted Colin Wylie regarding concerns re-the vehicle movements and confirmation was given that lorries will be numbered and covered. This will be monitored. Movements from site will commence the first or second week in July and all drivers will be briefed re-driving manners and behaviour. Noted</p> <p><b>Item 9: Place Planning:</b> See below at Item 10.</p> <p><b>Item 10: Correspondence: Strategic Services Review:</b> JB had attended the event yesterday at Ayr Fire Station on behalf of the CC, which he had found interesting. Deadline for the online consultation is 30<sup>th</sup> June - he urged all to complete this. CS will circulate to contacts.</p> <p><b>SAC: Events:</b> Other than the fete/Fun Day on 27<sup>th</sup> July, which SAC is aware of, no other events had been notified. PMcG informed that this event is now in doubt, due to difficulties in obtaining a letter from BDT. In order for the Events Group to open a bank account, a letter is required from the BDT, confirming rent of the Hall. (See below at Item 12: AOB.)</p> <p><b>Item 11: AOB: Mark Hill Sub-station ExtensionTraffic:</b> Enquiries re-compensation proved fruitless.</p> <p><b>Timber Lorries on B7027:</b> AC had contacted Simon Stewart (SS), who met with timber Transport members, and matters had improved initially. Recent further use of the Knowe Road by timber lorries, noted also by other members, had occurred and AC had sent photos/number plates etc to SS. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Locked Gates at Kildonan:</b> SAC's Access Officer, Rachel Shipley (RS), had finally managed to speak to the landowner and she apologised that the information was too late for the last CC meeting. He had informed her that the gates were now unlocked, but this proved to be incorrect with a resident sending photos to CS and RS of the padlocked gates. He had enquired about installing a stile at the side of the gate to permit pedestrian access so the gates can remain locked. RS sending a standard stile design to the landowner. CS had updated AL and he would still like to do a site visit.</p> <p><b>Cross Water Bridge:</b> No further information received. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Arnshean Park Notice/Exercise Bikes:</b> No BDT trustees present so no information available.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	<p>JB/ PMcG</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AL/JT</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	
	<p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank now total £1,823.45, following receipt of this year's top-up grant of £470.29 from SAC and the refund of the Zurich insurance payment of £97.20. The CF balance is still £10,314.22, although it was noted that 2 invoices due, to the value of £350 and issued some time ago, had still not been received by the CC, leaving an overall bank balance of £12,137.67.</p>	
7	<p><b>Updates</b></p>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> JT informed there is meeting tomorrow evening. The new directors have now settled in and things are going well.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> Neither the BDT Chair, nor Vice-Chair was present in light of the recent public resignation from the BDT of all its trustees. One of these trustees, attending as a member of the public, commenced to question JT in a most hostile manner, regarding the proposed meeting at 6pm the following evening between the BCIC and the CC, prior to the joint one at 7pm with the BDT. JT assured the questioner that there was nothing underhand about this and that the sole purpose was to find out if anyone was willing to put in a nomination to become a BDT Trustee. Not one of the ex-Trustees is willing to stand again. The questioner refused to accept the explanation, however, and continued acrimoniously.</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC reported that no meeting had taken place since the previous CC meeting. As the expected meeting had been postponed, there was no confirmation yet from Foundation Scotland as to any change in the Small Grants criteria re-funding. Noted</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS did not attend the latest meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, but minutes main items as follows:  <b>Sensory Team:</b> Presentation informed this is based at Arrol Park in Ayr and supports those who have sight and hearing impairments. Patients can be referred on to other services.  <b>Community Hub:</b> A Hillcrest staff member informed that a Community Hub is required</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	<p>within the locality- a space where people can find information. HSCP and VASA are in the process of creating a service called 'Connect Ayrshire'. The public will be consulted – a need to include the villages was noted. The <b>Social Response Team</b> is now active.</p> <p><b>Ageing Well Strategy Consultation:</b> Presentation given – SAC is one of 3 local authorities in Scotland that is 'Age Friendly'. Now out to consultation until late July/August.</p> <p><b>Funding/PB Proposal:</b> The queries that arose last time were resolved regarding online voting and the funding split. HSCP funding portion - agreed to allocate £30K.</p> <p><b>Girvan Hospital Review:</b> Opening hours for the Minor injuries unit changed from 8.30am-5.30pm to 9am to 5pm, due to lack of use at either end of the working day.</p> <p><b>Ambulance Provision:</b> A meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June between all parties agreed to send a letter to the Health Secretary regarding the lack of ambulance provision within South Carrick.</p> <p><b>Updates: First Responders</b> – 3 new members have been offered training during September/November. There is now a halt on recruitment. First Aid courses are being undertaken for groups etc. <b>VASA</b> - There is no 'Ageing Well' Champions Board in Girvan.</p> <p><b>Thriving Communities:</b> Summer events arranged between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> August – aimed at families.</p> <p><b>Public Engagement Day:</b> Tomorrow in Girvan -12noon to 8pm in the Catholic Hall re-regeneration projects in South Carrick.</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Community Fund:</b> AC again informed that no meeting had yet occurred.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	JS reported no <b>Planning Applications</b> relevant to Barrhill.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<p>i) <b>Barrhill Development Trust (Defibrillator Pads):</b> This application was from the BDT but in light of events at the recent BDT AGM it was agreed that the CC would submit the application. The sum of £330 for new pads with accessories was unanimously approved.</p> <p>ii) <b>Barrhill Bowling Club:</b> The application for £427.36 to purchase a new Brush strimmer and accessories was unanimously approved. MR and KMcL, as Bowling Club members, declared an interest and took no part.</p> <p>iii) <b>Barrhill Individual: Men's Group:</b> The resubmitted application from this group, following discussions with MR, was for £419.92, which included £180 for hall hire, with the rest for equipment/games etc. A lengthy discussion took place, during which a member of the public who is a member, became very animated in his support for the group, continuing after the decision to approve the grant in full had been reached. The cheque for the hall hire will be paid direct to the BDT, when required, and the remainder paid when the receipt for the purchases is received.</p> <p>iv) <b>Barrhill Art Group:</b> This application was for £120 to cover a year's hall hire costs, commencing in September, for a newly formed Art Group. This was approved in full, with the cheque again to be paid direct to the BDT.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>CS/AC</p> <p>CS/AC</p> <p>CS/AC</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Place Planning</b>	
	The agreed preliminary meeting between the CC, BCIC and BDT took place on 10 <sup>th</sup> June. The decision was made to inform Audrey Gatt that the community was ready to proceed with the questionnaire, with virtually no change, but the time factor was to be queried initially. CS had informed AG of this decision and received a schedule of the next possible steps, which included a survey questionnaire for the Primary pupils for the CC to approve. The consensus was that this was far too long for primary pupils and inappropriate. CS to inform AG that the CC did not approve this survey.	CS
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>SAHSCP:</b> Usual emails including information on: <b>My Magic Mind Kids; Carers' Week- 2; SDM-Supported Decision Making; Andy's Man Club Toolbox Talk; Volunteer Peer Worker Project; Alcohol &amp; Drug Partnership Lunchtime briefings; Updated Planning with People Guidance – Health &amp; Social Care; Ageing Well Strategy Consultation; ADP Connecting Recovery Event – 30<sup>th</sup> August; Pride Month Event; Rural Housing Needs Study; Community Champion</b> –award given to Mark Bradley of South Carrick First Responders – congratulations had been conveyed to him on behalf of the CC for all his good work; <b>Heartstart trainer vacancy; Participatory Budgeting</b> now open to applicants; <b>Alzheimers Scotland 'What's On'; and Suicide Prevention Ayrshire</b> summer update. (Details of above items available on request)</p>	

	<p>Details of a Zoom worksho on 20<sup>th</sup> June (from the Biosphere's Jenna Cains regarding <b>SDGs- Sustainable Development Goals</b>. There will be a future visit to the CC and Faith Hillier is meeting CS next week.</p> <p><b>SAC: SPIF Online</b> - Scottish Public Information Forum.</p> <p><b>Blister Pack Grant Award</b>: Report received on progress, which is proving successful.</p> <p><b>'Surf' Awards</b> – Scotland's Regeneration Forum.</p> <p><b>Scottish Rural Action</b> newsletter/<b>Foundation Scotland</b> Bulletin.</p> <p><b>Community Councils</b> – Post Event mailing CCLO.</p> <p><b>ADP 'Compass'</b> now open.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Primary School</b>: Email from the Head Teacher notifying of her move from the school. CS had replied to wish her well in her new appointment.</p> <p><b>CAG: Active Travel</b>: Minutes of the last meeting at Dundonald.</p> <p><b>SAC Rural Housing Study</b> consultation. <b>Councillor Clark</b> – notification of alteration of <b>A77 road closures</b> to accommodate Ballantrae Gala.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
12	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</b>	
	<p>JB informed that he had replied to the <b>request for assistance</b> from SAC, which other CC members had received, to sit on a trained panel. This is regarding another CC, which has received an appeal to a Section 16 - Censure/Vote of No Confidence. JB is willing to assist and will receive training.</p> <p>He also informed of an <b>undercover Police operation</b> noticed recently at Pinwherry.</p> <p>RH informed that work on a new <b>forestry road</b> off the unclassified road leading to Dornal/Barjarg etc is being damaged by heavy vehicles, with the tarmac breaking up in places. CS will report to ARA.</p> <p>KMcL informed that he was concerned regarding the security of bank details given when registering for the new <b>Brown Bin</b> collection charge.</p> <p>PMcG expressed the Events Group's serious concerns re-the future of the <b>July Fun Day</b> as she has not received the requested letter from the BDT. (<i>see above at Item 5: Matters Arising</i>)</p> <p>MR again queried the need to notify <b>correspondence items</b> when most are circulated.</p> <p>JT raised the matter of the present inadequate <b>postal delivery service</b>. All agreed that this was currently unacceptable, with all noting the abence of mail deliveries for days at a time, followed by a large amount of mail on one day. This is particularly worrying when residents are waiting for urgent hospital appointments. CS to contact Royal Mail.</p> <p><b>Galloway &amp; Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere</b> JS had attended the <b>Blue Biosphere</b> event in Girvan on 19<sup>th</sup> June, which was most interesting. She gave a brief outline of the event and had admired the knowledge of the school pupils who gave a presentation.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Extension</b> meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss community benefit.</p> <p><b>Robert the Bruce Event</b> being held in Maybole on 13<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><b>SAC Councillor's Report</b>: In the absence of AL, no SAC report available.</p> <p><b>Retiral of Hallkeeper</b>: JT informed of the imminent retiral of Pat, the Hall Caretaker. Agreed to send good wishes and thanks for all his work, on the occasion of his retirement</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	CS PMcG CS AC/JT CS
13	<b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Other meetings in 2024: 30<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></b></p>	