

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May 2024, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

No	Item	Action
1	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB), 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 & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), and 3 Members of the Public.	
2	Welcome & Apologies for Absence	
	JT welcomed all to the AGM. No apologies were received.	
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting of Wednesday, 31st May 2023	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcl, seconded by PMcG.	
4	Report from the Chair	
	<p>Report given by the Chair, Johnnie Thomson.</p> <p><i>“Another AGM – I don’t know where the year has gone. Barrhill has still the same issues. These are blocked drains, road repairs, potholes – these are always needing addressed. There has also been blocked access at Kildonan – this has been ongoing for well over a year. The removal of ICU beds at Ayr Hospital was disappointing as Barrhill is the furthest community south.</i></p> <p><i>It’s also nice to see local clubs getting funds from Barrhill Community Council. The ‘dog poo’ is another ongoing problem. There are dog poo bags top and bottom of the village, so no excuses.</i></p> <p><i>The defibrillator training was a good success, with 35 members of the community attending, which has also got members of the community to start training to become First Responders.</i></p> <p><i>We are lucky to still live in a low crime area. There are very few incidents over the year. James Duffie retired after a good lot of years on the Community Council. This triggered the applications of 3 people. We now have Jean and Martin so are up to full strength.</i></p> <p><i>The Net Zero Scottish Power event was held in the hall with over 20 houses applying for surveys to be carried out.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to thank all members for all their time they put into the Community Council, especially Celia – she keeps it going. Also the Councillors for the help to try and solve the issues.”</i> JT was thanked for his report.</p>	
5	Secretary’s Report	
	<p>Report given by the Secretary, Celia Strain.</p> <p><i>“The year again commenced with a full complement of 10 Community Councillors. This last year has seen the welcome regular attendance of our new Link Officer, Katie Busby, who commenced at the normal May meeting, and her input is appreciated. Also welcome is Councillor Alan Lamont, who was elected to SAC in September last year following the retirement of Cllr Peter Henderson. Alan attended for the first time in October, accompanied by Cllr Clark, who had been covering since Peter resigned in June. The CC hopes Alan will enjoy his trips to Barrhill.</i></p> <p><i>As the year progressed, the CC lost 2 members. Collette resigned in August, followed by</i></p>	

	<p><i>James, the Vice-Chair, in October. Both have left the district and the CC wished them well. To fill the vacancies until 31st March 2024, co-option notices were placed resulting in 3 nominations for the 2 places. Criteria dictated that names were drawn by lots to fill the vacancies - again a first for Barrhill. At the November meeting the 2 drawn first were Jean and Martin, who were welcomed onto the CC. They then had to apply for full membership at the March by-election and both were elected unopposed. The year therefore ends with a full complement of 10, as Johnnie informed.</i></p> <p><i>This last year has seen fewer speakers attending, partly due to last minute cancellations. In November SAC's Audrey Gatt addressed the meeting and spoke on Place Planning. In April representatives from SPEN attended, after delays of some months, to update the CC on the start of work on the Mark Hill Sub-station extension. The rumours widely circulating regarding heavy traffic were regrettably confirmed.</i></p> <p><i>In June the CC agreed to object to the proposed Knockodhar Windfarm, which is still subject to discussion by SAC. That same month the decision of the Public Enquiry into the Clauchrie Windfarm, which the CC had objected to, was announced – consent was refused.</i></p> <p><i>A letter of objection was also sent to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, regarding the removal of 3 ICU beds from Ayr Hospital. This has now gone ahead and the CC has yet to receive a reply to the letter.</i></p> <p><i>The volume of emails received for the CC continues to increase, including numerous consultations on Forestry plans and erection of telecommunications masts. Various groups continue to benefit from the CF Small Grants Scheme, which Andy will cover in his Treasurer's report. The CC itself was grateful to receive help from the Community Payback Team, which did various tasks around the village, including cutting grass on the Martyrs' Tomb Walk.</i></p> <p><i>Face to face meetings of the SAHSCP LPP at Girvan Hospital, and now the Carrick Buildings, continue, some of which I attend. Andy remains the Barrhill CC representative director on both the Carrick Futures and Kilgallioch Windfarm Benefit Company boards. There is currently a vacancy for a CF director on the former, who does not need to be a Community Councillor. Jamie and Pearl have been attending Community Transport meetings with other CCs' representatives and following a survey an application has been submitted to Carrick Futures by Colmonell Community Association for a new bus service for the South Carrick villages. All hope this will be successful.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks go to Councillors Clark and Lamont for their input over this last year, which is always helpful and much appreciated. The CC is also grateful for the monthly Police Report and the rare in-person attendance is also much appreciated. I would conclude by once again thanking Johnnie and all my fellow Community Councillors for their help and support over the year, in particular Andy, whose computer skills are indispensable. Thanks also go to Kenneth for maintaining the defibrillator at the Surgery. David Bowling's continued help in posting the skip notices is also appreciated. Thank you to all."</i> CS was thanked for her report.</p>	
6	Treasurer's Report/Approval of Accounts	
	<p>AC gave his report and circulated the accounts sheet for the financial year ending 31st March 2024 (separate document available to view). The accounts had been audited, submitted to SAC and approved.</p> <p><i>"At the start of the year we had a bank balance of £13,608, which consisted of £1,461 of CC monies and £12,147 of CF Small Grant fund. During the course of the year spending from the CC account was £467 on general admin (web hosting, insurance, Information Commissioner and consumables). Two donations of £50 were made – one to the Primary School and one to the Scouts.</i></p> <p><i>12 grants totalling £4,511 were made from the Carrick Futures Small Grant Fund. Mostly on</i></p>	

	<p><i>Clubs and events but it should be mentioned that £500 was spent on 12,800 dog poo bags, the same as last year, so most people must be picking up after their dogs.</i></p> <p><i>With top-ups from Carrick Futures and SAC, we ended the year with a bank balance of £13,931 consisting of CC funds of £1295 and CF Small Grants of £12,635.”</i></p> <p>AC was thanked for his report.</p>	
7	Election of Office-Bearers	
	<p>The Office-Bearers then resigned, with Councillor Lamont taking the chair. After expressing thanks to the retiring Office-Bearers he asked for nominations for the election of those for the forthcoming year. The following Office-Bearers were proposed and elected:</p> <p>Chairperson: Johnnie Thomson: Proposed by AC, seconded by CS.</p> <p>Vice-Chairperson: Jamie Burgess: Proposed by PMcG, seconded by JT.</p> <p>Secretary: Celia Strain: Proposed by AC, seconded by JT.</p> <p>Treasurer: R. Andrew Clegg: Proposed by CS, seconded by JT.</p> <p>Planning Contact: Jean Shaw: Proposed by PMcG, seconded by CS.</p> <p>Licensing Contact: Pearl McGibbon: Proposed by JB, seconded by JS.</p> <p>AL then vacated the Chair and handed back to JT, the newly re-elected Chair.</p> <p><i>(CS to complete information form and submit to SAC.)</i></p>	CS
8	Community Council Representatives: Carrick Futures Board Directors/Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Board/Locality Planning Partnership etc.	
	<p>Carrick Futures' Board Directors</p> <p>It was noted that AC is willing to continue as the Community Council representative on the CF board but that the non-CC representative, Rod Ekern, had resigned, resulting in a vacancy on the board of Carrick Futures. No community Councillor volunteered to fill the vacancy but it was noted that the person does not have to be a Community Councillor. It is hoped a member of the community will come forward to fill this position.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Board: Directors as before---AC and Ann Robertson (AR). AC however, expressed a desire to relinquish his position as a Director and to step down from this board. The vacancy requires to be filled by a Community Councillor, as AR is not a CC member, and MR volunteered. His nomination to the KCBC board was then unanimously approved by the meeting.</p> <p>HSCP LPP: CS agreed to continue to attend the Locality Planning meetings – there were no other volunteers.</p>	CS
9	AOB Incl. The Year ahead	
	<p>It was noted that last year's items are unfortunately still outstanding, as follows:</p> <p>Action Plan: It is hoped that this will finally be updated this coming year.</p> <p>Kildonan Path: The matter of the locked gates will hopefully soon be resolved.</p> <p>The Cross Water Pub (formerly TheTrout): All are looking forward to the renovation of the pub being completed at last over the next year.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 7.25pm, to be followed by the normal May meeting.</i></p>	