

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th February 2024, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>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).</p> <p>In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), and 4 Members of the Public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None received.</p>	
2	<p>Police Report</p> <p>No Police were present and no report had been received. Noted</p>	
3	<p>Speakers: SAHSCP Locality Planning Partnership’s Stewart Marshall (Carrick Locality Manager) & Amy Duthie (Partnership Engagement Officer: Team Around the Locality.</p>	
	<p>The speakers had cancelled earlier that day – they were unable to attend. To be re-arranged.</p>	CS
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 31st January 2024</p> <p>These were approved: proposed by KMcl, seconded by RH.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: 30mph Speed Limit: CS had contacted ARA’s Daniel Hainey to clarify the situation as to a possible year’s delay in putting up the Knowe Road 30mph signs at the original location. The present Road Order is legally binding and to extend the 30mph section would require another legal process, have a strong evidence of speeding and the support of Police Scotland. He informed that the missing 30mph signs have been delivered but staff unable to install as yet. This will now be given priority. The speed surveys have not yet been carried out but the results, when available, will be passed to the CC. Noted.</p> <p>SPEN: SPEN had further postponed its planned visit to the CC meeting to update on the Mark Hill sub-station extension.</p> <p>Item 8: Place Planning: The matter of the form of the Place Plan questionnaire had been discussed - it was noted that one version was just a ‘tick box’ exercise. Cllr Clark was to contact SAC’s Audrey Gatt, who is willing to help, and the form could easily be changed. All groups will need to get together to decide on how to proceed. Suzy Mercer of Foundation Scotland could advise and Newton Stewart had sought the services of CEIS (a social enterprise support agency) to work on its plan. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 10: South Carrick Community Bus Service: See below at Item 9.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: SASEN: A number of members had attended the meeting with Jane Mason on 6th February. It transpired that it is a very new organisation with no office and only one worker one day a week at present. Initially the aim is to get information out on the organisation and looking at the next steps. To date there is sufficient funding for this year but match funding would possibly be required for following years. She was keen for the CC to meet other groups but it was felt that at present it was not relevant to Barrhill. Noted</p> <p>Defibrillator Training: The training day had been successful, with 35 attending on the day.</p> <p>CC By-Election: Co-optees JS and MR had submitted their nomination forms. Closing date was 16th February. It is not known if there were any other nominations.</p> <p>Ayr Hospital: CS had written the letter to A & A Health Board objecting to the closure of the 3 ICU beds, with copies to others. A few acknowledgements had been received but only one direct reply so far, from Carol Mochan MSP’s assistant.</p> <p>New Luce Hill Road: This had not been repaired and is still in a terrible state. AL informed that ARA will investigate.</p> <p>Blocked Drains: MR reported that ARA had used the ‘gulley sucker’ on the street drains, but problems persist. AL will pressure ARA to permanently remedy the problems. It was pointed out that due to previous roadworks over years, the road surface is now higher than the pavements.</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>

	<p>Old Cemetery: SAC had visited the site but with the flooding now absent photos were taken of the cemetery to query where the problem was. KMCL clarified where the flooding had occurred –CS to pass on to SAC’s Fiona Ross. AL suggested that perhaps the suggested work to build a wall could be considered under Place Planning. Noted</p> <p>Avenue Trees: MR reported that the fallen trees had now been washed away by heavy rain. Regarding the missing trees down The Avenue, AL informed that SAC plan to plant 3 trees to replace them, which was welcomed by all.</p> <p>Notice Board: AC had investigated the cost of a notice board and was shocked at the high prices. These ranged from £672 to £755. After discussion as to whether another notice board is necessary, it was agreed to think the matter over and delay the decision to purchase one.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	CS ALL
6	Treasurer’s Report	
	<p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank now total £1,453.51, following admin expenses (web hosting, insurance, paper, ink cartridges), giving an overall bank balance of £14,264.37. The CF balance is now £12,810.86 after payment of the grant for the Valentine’s Dance, which was paid to Kippy & Co.</p> <p>AC again referred to CF small grant funding being little used. Regarding the BCIC funds, JT informed that Foundation Scotland is looking into how funding could be spent.</p> <p><i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: AGM: JT informed that the delayed BCIC AGM is set to take place on 27th March, with two lots of accounts to be approved. The latest amount of Kilgallioch funding of £243K has now been received. More directors are required as only 2 remain. Some interest in becoming a director has now been shown.</p> <p>b) BDT: The BDT Chair, Gillian Young, and Vice-Chair Sarah Malone, were again present at the meeting. They informed that a meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 2pm on Saturday for a presentation and consultation on the running of the Crosswater pub. A vote will be taken at the end of the meeting regarding leasing or appointing a manager to run the pub. JT informed that clarification from the Land Fund grant body had been sought to determine if the pub could be leased, as originally the information was that it could not - now possible if voted for by the community.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported on the last meeting, which was a funding round, with grants awarded to Barrhill Bowling Club (£1400 over a 3 year period), Ballantrae Food Festival and Colmonell Primary School. At the recent AGM the other Barrhill CF director, Rod Ekern, had resigned. There is therefore a vacancy for a replacement, who does not require to be a Community Councillor. Noted</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS reported on the meeting she attended on 14th February. The main items discussed were as follows: Transport Survey: Eileen Mccutcheon gave an update on this. Application to be made to Carrick Futures for funding - a questionnaire will be distributed. Agreed to initially have a paid driver then volunteers. Debate whether to charge a small fee or not-- some felt the service would be better valued if a small fee is applied. Mental Health Strategy information; Listening Service-- funding may apply from April; Dementia Projections for Carrick; TATL - front door service from 15th April; Girvan Hospital: funding secured for a Staff Nurse's post for the Minor Injuries Unit. A review to be carried out to see if the hospital can be used more; Ayr Hospital ICU: removal of this to Crosshouse Hospital is causing extreme concern-- discussed. All CCs encouraged to object;. Draft Locality Plan out for discussion; PB funding event: 21st February in Carrick Buildings; and Updates: including First Responders - 2 volunteers have passed their training / 7 call outs.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Fund: AC informed that the next meeting will be on 14th March.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Planning Applications: There were no applications relevant to Barrhill.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: No decisions list had been received since that for November 2023.</p>	
9	South Carrick Community Bus Service	
	JB and PMcG had attended the meeting on 1 st February and JB updated the CC. The running	

	of the service had been discussed and various decisions made. The initial pilot will be for 12 months with a paid driver. Timetabling had been worked out and the question of funding discussed, with an application to be submitted to Carrick Futures. AC informed that CF would be supportive and more than adequately cover costs. A questionnaire is now out online regarding possible useage of the bus service and also asking if people would be willing to pay. JB had circulated the latest response figures. To date there had been 62 responses, with 23 of these from Barrhill. The closing date for the survey is 15 th March and more information, including paper forms, will be put out into the community to encourage more responses.	JB/ PMcG
10	Small Grant Applications	
	Barrhill Development Trust: Details of the application for funding for Dog Training Classes was explained to the meeting by the BDT Vice-Chair, Sarah Malone. After discussion the application for the sum of £500 (a block of 6 lessons for 10 dogs) was unanimously approved.	CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p>UnderSky: Info on outdoor play events- 'Fun, Family Events'. To be passed on to BDT.</p> <p>SPR: Update on Kilgallioch and Arcleoch Extensions. Anticipates meeting will be held in late spring to discuss Community Benefit packages. The tendering process is now underway. SPR will be back in touch end of March to set a date.</p> <p>BT Openreach Pledge: Broadband will be improved.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry: Blair Hill Project. Respond by 1st March. CS will send comments.</p> <p>SAHSCP: Usual emails including information on: the <i>Demential Group; Memory Café; Survey on support for Neurological Conditions; Tea and Talk sessions on Thursdays; Mentally Healthy Communities Newsletter; Mental Health Training; Communities Survey; Draft Locality Plan; Youth Awards; Well-being Pledge; and RNIB Event.</i></p> <p>SA Community Transport: Spring programme information.</p> <p>Foundation Scotland: E-bulletin.</p> <p>SPEN: Transmission Net Zero Fund - now open for applications.</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action: Newsletter.</p> <p>SAC: Community Skips – updated Hazardous Waste List of prohibited Items: Materials Containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS). The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa) has introduced new legislation regarding how SAC uplift and dispose of Pops. Pops is found in domestic upholstered soft furnishings. An updated list will be displayed alongside the usual skip notice and circulated online etc. A discussion ensued regarding compliance by residents and it is sincerely hoped residents will abide by the rules. Failure to do so could result in the service being withdrawn as SAC would be liable for considerable extra expense. Noted</p> <p>Cabinet Office: King's Portrait: Offer of a portrait of King Charles - BDT was consulted as the portrait would be displayed in the Memorial Hall. Agreed the CC would order the portrait.</p> <p>CAG Active Travel: Next meeting at Maybole, then Prestwick.</p> <p>UK Forest Certification: Notification that a Forest Stewardship Council Programme for Forest Management assessment, carried out by UK Forest Certification Ltd, will be actioned in April 2024. A full list of the forest / woodland locations within their Group Scheme was enclosed with the consultation document. There were no comments from the members on this.</p> <p>Tilhill Forestry: Dornal Forest Plan: CS to repond to the consultation as discussed.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>Events Group: PMcG informed of the Valentine's Dance and the forthcoming Craft Fair. The BDT Chair, Gillian Young, asked AC for clarification of requirements for receipts/invoices etc before a cheque is paid out, in light of the payment to Kippy & Co for the dance, which was then discussed. It was confirmed that before a cheque can be paid out, an invoice is necessary, regardless of whom the payee is. Noted</p> <p>Dog Fouling: It was noted that there is an increase in dog fouling and the presence of dogs on Arnsheen Park. KB suggested that the appearance of an Enforcement Officer might act as a deterrent—she will report to Environmental Health. Posters are also available for community groups. She will contact EH.</p> <p>Knowe Road: JB reported the poor condition of the Knowe Road near High Altercannoch. AL will contact ARA.</p> <p>Blocked Drains: RH reported the continuing leakage on the Station Road, between the water tank and the old market. The saga of the flooded area of the A714 beside the car park was</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>

	<p>also raised, due to poor drainage.</p> <p>Postal Deliveries: JT raised the subject of the recent lack of postal deliveries, which all complained of. Enquiries were informed these were due to lack of staff at the Girvan sorting office but the situation is getting worse, with detrimental consequences if e.g. notification of hospital appointments is not delivered in time. AL will make further enquiries.</p> <p>Biosphere: The Spring bird recording event on Saturday 13th April is fully booked.</p> <p>BDT Newsletter: CS reminded that the BDT has asked for a CC item for this, preferably by the end of March. CS will respond.</p> <p>A77 Closure: Notification received from Ballantrae CC regarding the full weekend closure from 1st-4th March of the A77 for roadworks north of Cairnryan.</p> <p>Net Zero Meeting with SPR: CS informed that this meeting on 14th February, regarding Barrhill Community Energy, was well-attended, with C Councillors, BDT Trustees and BCIC Directors present. JT gave an outline of the meeting, which discussed the different types of heating. BCIC has applied for £500k of funding to help the community achieve Net Zero. SPR will return at a future date to hold an information event in the Memorial Hall and to gauge interest. JT thanked those who had attended the meeting.</p> <p>The subject of solar panels was discussed and AL suggested consulting the architect who designed the new Net Zero building at SAC's depot at Bridge Street in Girvan. JS suggested that the sheds at the Solway yard would be ideal for solar panels.</p> <p>Helipad: KMCL raised the idea of a local helipad in light of the closure of Ayr Hospital's ICU.</p> <p>Disabled Access to Car Park: A member of the public raised the question of difficulty in accessing the village from the car park for the disabled, and asked if improvements could be considered as part of the forthcoming Action Plan. This was noted by all.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: No definitive report as such.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>AL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CC, BCIC, BDT</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>Other meetings in 2024:</u></p> <p><u>29th May (plus AGM), 26th June, 28th August, 30th October, 27th November</u></p> <p><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	