

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd February 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair). In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), 17 Members of the public. JT in the Chair.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>None received</p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>No Police attended but the report had been received for the period 25/01/22 to 22/02/22. 4 incidents were raised with 1 crime report (not detected) created from these incidents, which were: Abandoned vehicles-1; Road Traffic Matters-1; Alarms-1; and Theft-1. The report continued: <i>“Sergeant Legge continues to promote the introduction of Community Speed Watch Schemes and encourages Carrick CCs to discuss this during their meetings and come to a conclusion as to whether they are intending on becoming involved”</i>.</p>	
3	<p>20mph Speed Restrictions</p>	
	<p>Following on from the Police Report, there had been no response to a query as to when the postponed Zoom meeting would be held. PH informed that there is a new Inspector for the Ayr Division and he also knew that Sergeant Legge is keen to proceed with the Community Speed Watch scheme (CSW) as speeding is a constant complaint received. He himself had been aware of the problem for 20 years. JT invited JD, as the Specialist Co-optee for the CSW, to address the meeting. JD referred to the problem in Barrhill of excess speed of traffic, which had been a constant during his 12 years in the village. It was his opinion, and that of others, that the new 20mph speed restrictions had been a failure, with vehicles continuing to speed through the village. His question was: how should the problem be dealt with and should the new 20mph speed signs be removed or not? Views were then sought from those present and a lengthy discussion ensued. The pros and cons of joining Sergeant Legge’s CSW scheme as opposed to Barrhill purchasing its own equipment were discussed. It was pointed out that if Barrhill went alone, it would bear the costs of the regular calibration of equipment required. The CSW also ensured that those involved did not operate in their own village, to avoid possible problems. Emails had been sent to the CC from residents opposed to the idea of Barrhill running its own speed checks. Questions were asked regarding speed bumps, which it was explained had been investigated some years ago and overwhelmingly rejected by the community. Speed activated signs had also been investigated, to no avail. Another resident asked when speed radar lines were last installed, as it would be useful to have an assessment of average speeds to gauge the present level of the problem. This was last done at Scaurhead in 2019, it was thought. The difference now, if any, should be ascertained. PH informed that a speed survey was to be undertaken at Ballantrae the next week for evidence, with the MSP attending. It was acknowledged that the problem of speeding traffic varied according to the time of day, with certain periods being noted. It was remembered by some that at one time a fake speed box and a dummy policeman had been placed in a garden at Ballantrae and had a beneficial effect. CS will contact Ballantrae CC to enquire. The questions of keeping the 20mph limit and whether to go with the Police Scotland scheme were then put to the meeting, with residents almost unanimously in favour. In winding up the discussion JT detailed the views of the meeting: that Police Scotland be asked to install speed radar lines and for the community to participate in Sergeant Legge’s CSW Scheme rather than</p>	<p>CS</p>

	purchase its own equipment. CS to contact Police Scotland. PH pointed out that the Police were still short staffed, which was acknowledged.	CS
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 26th January 2022	
	These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by RH.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Blocked Drains: The large open hole outside Nos. 59 & 61 Main Street had at last been filled in and work completed, though a resident doubted that was the end of the problem.</p> <p>Proposed OHL: PH had contacted Elena Whitham and CS had received a response and apology the following day. The MSP was discussing the matter with her Senior Case Officer and an email received on 1/2/22 informed that she had arranged to speak to SPEN (regarding 'the rationale for the proposed route of the OHL and what consideration is given to requests for undergrounding across a valley.') She will then inform of the outcome. To date no further information has been received. Ongoing</p> <p>Biosphere: After consulting with members CS had postponed inviting Jenna Gains in view of the time anticipated for Item 3.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS had now spoken to the Surgery's new Practice Manager, who had not received the earlier message. The previous manager, who was still assisting her, had emailed with a new supplier of the battery. Approval was given for AC to order the battery at a cost of approx. £140. An inspection of the defective cover determined it could not be repaired and the websites sent by the Surgery will be looked at for a replacement. Ongoing</p> <p>Dornal Road: PH had once more been informed by ARA that this matter was resolved but RH again disputed this. The drainage was still blocked and flooding still occurring. A resident present reported that his contact in ARA recognised there was still a problem and the work would be undertaken. Ongoing</p> <p>PH had duly passed on thanks to ARA following praise by a resident, which had been received with pleasure as a change from the usual complaints.</p> <p>Item 7: Planning Applications: OHL: An e-letter had been sent to SAC Planning regarding the Section 37 application for the proposed erection of an Overhead Line (OHL) from Stranoch and Chirmorie shared connection to Markhill sub-station, objecting to the OHL crossing the Duis Valley and asking for this section to be placed underground.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Fly-tipping: The carpet dumped in the layby (old road) to the north of the village had now been removed.</p> <p>Skips: JT had not yet investigated this and passed it on to the BDT Development Officer.</p> <p>20mph Sign: The defective sign below the War Memorial was speedily repaired by ARA.</p> <p><i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	BDT
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AC circulated a copy of his report. The CF balance remains at £7,647.64. The CC balance is now £1,128.81 following payment of expenses (new laptop battery and Domain name renewal), giving a current overall balance of £8,776.45.	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on the recent meeting and events.</p> <p>The Trout: A contractor has now appointed and commenced work at the pub.</p> <p>Planters: PMcG informed that a new list is being prepared for the residents who are willing to adopt a planter</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC attended the last meeting - nothing relevant to report.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS informed of some items reported in the minutes of the 7th February meeting.</p> <p>South Ayrshire Community Transport: Input by John Reid who informed of the services provided in South Carrick and discussed current services, including accessibility from Colmonell to the medical practice in Ballantrae. The aim is to engage with communities. Regarding Community Transport, CS had exchanged emails following the discovery that Barrhill (and Pinwherry & Pinmore) were not included amongst the S Carrick communities listed with access to excursions. This was apparently an error and John Reid, who is new to the post, had offered to meet to discuss. CS had suggested the CC invited him to attend a CC meeting at some future point for information on services including My Bus availability in S Carrick. PH had attended at Ballantrae CC when John Reid spoke and recommended</p>	

	<p>this. Agreed Decisions Days: These were unable to take place due to Covid and a small grants awards procedure followed. 11 groups shared £10.700. It was agreed the underspend would go towards the provision of external defibrillators. Community First Responders' Update: 5 new volunteers waiting to be trained by the S A Service. The group is to access First Aid at work certificates to enable support at community events.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC attended the last meeting - nothing relevant to report.</p>	
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Decisions Lists: None received.</p> <p>Planning Applications: The weekly list of w/e 28/01/22 contained 3 applications relevant to Barrhill, all from SP Energy Networks and all for EIA Scoping opinions: Proposed erection of Kilgallioch Solar Farm; Proposed erection of an OHL between proposed Knockodhar Windfarm and Mark Hill substation; and Proposed erection of an OHL between Clauchrie Windfarm and Mark Hill substation.</p> <p>Re-Kilgallioch Solar Farm, after consulting members following receipt of the planning list, SAC's Planning was emailed notifying them of the e-letter sent to the ECU regarding concerns over traffic using the Knowe Road during construction. Following receipt of this a reply from Planning's Ross Lee informed that SAC is also concerned about this matter. A copy of SAC's consultation response was attached. Planning has also requested from the ECU an update on timescales for passing on information to the CC. Noted</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Speed Awareness Group Application withdrawn—see <i>Item 3: 20mph Speed Restrictions.</i></p> <p>ii) Barrhill Bowling Club Application not allowed due to strict Carrick Futures criteria.</p>	
10	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	
	<p>SAC had sent information regarding help available for advertising and funding of events planned to celebrate the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee in June. A database is being prepared. SAC had enquired as to what is planned in the community. A discussion ensued as to what form celebrations would take. It was also queried if the Primary School had anything planned for the children. Various options were mentioned: Fun Day, Picnic, Dance etc. It was noted that there had been an active Events Committee prior to lockdown and it was hoped that this could be reformed.—to be looked into.</p> <p>CS to contact Barrhill Primary to see if anything is planned there.</p>	ALL CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Draft NPF4 Consultation Events (online): Deadline for response is 31st March. PH urged all to respond as comments can be made regarding the inadequate state of the A77 and A75. A resident will place access details on Facebook—CS to forward.</p> <p>LPG: Notification of a Winter Support Fund. Noted</p> <p>Zurich Insurance: Renewal notice for £86 due on 1st April.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry & Land: White Clauchrie: Consultation on Riparian Clearance.</p> <p>Planning Delays: CS had received a query from a resident regarding the time taken dealing with planning applications. The resident had applied back in October and SAC sought further information from the resident bit by bit with a month's delay between each question but there was still no decision. PH informed that after Covid/staff shortages things were now returning to normal and expected the resident to soon have a decision.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	CS AC/CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>SAC Councillor's Report: PH informed that the SAC Budget will be decided on 3rd March. He referred to the £150 reduction in Council Tax for Band A –D premises –not yet decided how to return this - and also the £200 loan available, which should be considered carefully before applying for. He stressed that this is a very difficult and worrying time with such high inflation, especially regarding energy costs. Advice can be given by the Energy Agency. Recovery from the pandemic is ongoing with staff slowly returning to offices. There will be a 'One Shop-One Stop' facility in all SAC offices .The SAC Elections on 5th May mean that after 13th March no political decisions/announcements can be made in the pre-election period.</p> <p>Link Officer: SAC informed that the CC now has a new Link Officer: Ainsley (McCrimdale). She</p>	

	<p>had arranged to phone CS to ask questions re-the CC but this had yet to take place.</p> <p>First Aid Course: An 'Emergency First Aid at Work' Certificate Course for community groups (one from each) will take place on Thursday 31st March from 9am to 5pm in Girvan.</p> <p>Station Car Park: The SWCRP had informed that work will now commence this next Monday, 28th February, with the MSP, Elena Whitham, attending for the 'breaking of the ground'.</p> <p>Station Car Park Query: received from Portwilliam residents about car parking facilities at Barrhill Station—notified of forthcoming construction.</p>	
	<p>Date & Time of next meetings:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday, 30th March & 27th April 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p>	