

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th June, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), Dawn Hutchins (DH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Chris Sampson (ChS) (Treasurer), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair), Gillian Young (GY). In Attendance: No members of the public were present.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	John Heath (JH), Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Martin Rennie (MR).	
2	Police Report	
	PC McKinlay had sent the Police Report for the period 27 th May - 24 th June 2026 He informed that 9 incidents were raised during this period, with 2 crime reports being created, which remain under investigation. Incident Breakdown: Road Traffic Matters: 2; Road Traffic Crash: 1; Suspect Person: 4; Assist Members of the Public: 2. Crime Reports: Both relate to local windfarm operations - 1 x Theft (Materials); 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle (diesel). Action undertaken in relation to thefts at windfarms have included visits by the Locality Policing Team to discuss Crime Prevention Measures and changes to CCTV and operating procedures. Police have attended 3 of the 4 incidents highlighted as Suspect Person calls. These relate to windfarm sites following CCTV monitoring stations highlighting unknown vehicles or individuals being on site. Two of the Suspect Person calls have since been identified as individuals with legitimate access.	
3	Speaker: Jen Williams, Development Officer Stinchar Connections	
	JT welcomed Jen Williams (JW), the Development Officer with Stinchar Connections (SC), who then introduced herself. She gave the background to the timetabled community bus service, which had commenced last September as a pilot. It had brought the various South Carrick communities together and been well received. The village of Barr, while not yet part of the project, was also supportive and was on board. The bus is hired from South Ayrshire Council, who monitor the numbers using the service. SC is now a registered charity, with its own bank account, and has received funding from Carrick Futures and the HSCP. An evaluation of the service has recently taken place and a revised timetable will soon commence, with alterations affecting the Wednesday evening and the latest Thursday bus. Links with the Barrhill/Girvan etc train services have been ensured and stops include Asda, Girvan Community Hospital in addition to the train station. Further funding is now being sought from SPEN. Links at Ballantrae with onward buses also being looked at and the forthcoming changes should ensure more links. Questions were then asked – with numbers using the service queried being one subject. JW informed that while these vary they have recently increased, with the Sunday service being the most popular and the Tuesday/ Thursday services have regular users. The matter of donations was also discussed. Further funding is now being sought from ARIA to purchase SC's own vehicle, which will be available for communities to hire themselves. JT thanked JW for an interesting talk, and she then left the meeting.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meetings of Wednesday 27th May 2026 (Incl. AGM)	
	The minutes were approved, proposed by JB, seconded by JS. In addition, the draft minutes of the AGM also held on 27 th May had been circulated and were presented to the meeting to establish accuracy, while not being approved until next year's AGM. All agreed they were an accurate report. (It is noted they are available to the public.)	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes Incl. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension	
	In AL's absence, there was no news on the items to be actioned by him. These related to Item 2: Police report – defective speed activated sign opposite Nos 69/71 Main Street; and Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: AOB: Road Closures: ARA are still not informing the CC of upcoming road closures as the C72 New Luce road is to be closed for 2	AL

	weeks and the CC was again not notified. No information has been received from ARA concerning 'no action regarding matters raised re-the risk of accidents at the Knowe Road bad bend/ Duisk Bridge/ 20mph Speed Activated sign (see above) & Data Traffic Survey. Justice Service: CS had contacted the BDT and was advised what paint to purchase. This was subsequently collected by the Community Payback Team who lifted the benches and painted them at the Ayr workshop, before returning. CS had conveyed the CC's thanks to Dean Barlas and his team for the work done. Updates: d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: JT has not yet contacted Foundation Scotland regarding lack of information re-this fund. Item 6: Updates b) BDT: Crosswater Pub: AL had successfully pursued the matter of Building Standards delay in issuing a Section 50 certificate and all is now signed off, thanks to AL. Paths: See below at Item 7b. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension: Colin Wylie's latest update informed that the OHL project was progressing well and expected to move north of the A714 imminently. A transformer will be delivered to Mark Hill sub-station shortly, possibly at the end of July. The delivery date to be notified when confirmed. SPEN have informed its project teams that the Crosswater now has accommodation available and hope to support the new venue when possible. <i>Other matters covered by the agenda.</i>	ARA/ AL JT
6	Treasurer's Report	
	The changeover to the new Treasurer had still not been completed, therefore ChS was again unable to give the usual report. CS reported she and AC had received encrypted emails from BOS, which they were unable to access and this led to more delays. The latest bank statement, issued on 29th May, had again been forwarded to CS, and passed to ChS. It was noted that the closing balance on 14th May was £26,974.14 after deduction of 3 cheques totalling £122.50, which were issued prior to the end of the financial year on 31st March. ChS will continue to await confirmation from BOS.	
7	Updates	
	a) BCIC: JT reported on last week's meeting. The Barrhill Greener Homes project continues satisfactorily and a number of grants have already been paid out. b) BDT: JS informed that the Crosswater pub at long last has now received its Section 50 certificate from SAC's Building Standards, after AL looked into the matter. The provisional licence can now be made into a full licence. The letting rooms have now been completed and accommodation is now available. Paths: No information yet re- the upgrade of the Martyrs' Tomb Walk Path. Regarding the reinstatement of the path round the burnside from Main Street to The Avenue, and a suggested path from the caravan parks to the village, it was not known if AL, who understood the meetings had recommenced, had any information. At the joint CAP meeting on 16th June, however, AG confirmed the Active Travel Group had recommenced and a meeting had recently taken place. She had then contacted the relevant person and requested JS and CS be reinstated to the list of recipients of emails. c) Carrick Futures: JB reported that the meeting on 17th June concerned governing policies. A further meeting will be held on 22nd July to discuss grant applications. JB also informed of matters regarding the Arecleoch Extension, of which neither JT nor CS had received any information. JB will investigate. d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had not attended the meeting on 10th June 2026. Main points from the minutes as follows. Matters Arising – Girvan CC representative expressed concerns re- the contents of the previous minutes of 13th May, regarding the agenda item 'Nursery Court/Connect', as concerns raised by a staff member were omitted. The impression given that the community was not opposed was incorrect. Girvan CC is unanimously opposed to Connect being sited at Nursery Court. The whole minute page was from the HSCP perspective and she felt it was not a true reflection of the meeting. There will be a report at the August meeting following an options appraisal. Small Grants Timeline: This opens on 27th July until 28th August; VASA will hold a Christmas Day event, with dinner and entertainment and will deliver meals to isolated over-65s; they will not now be opening a food pantry in Girvan - funding obtained will be returned.	JB

	Updates: Adult Carers – Carers’ Week; Harbour Ayrshire: Would attend at Barrhill on 5th June; Colmonell Newsletter: New timetable for Stinchar Connections in August. e) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: In the absence of MR, and with GY not receiving any correspondence from Foundation Scotland, there was nothing to report (<i>See above – Item 5 Matters Arising</i>) f) Kilgallioch & Arecleoch Extensions Community Benefit: No information available. g) Barrhill Events Group: GY informed that the last meeting was inquorate and therefore cancelled - the committee has too few members. It is hoped the next meeting will go ahead shortly, especially as the Fun Day is due on Saturday 18th July. It is hoped to have the Stinchar Connections bus available that day. JT enquired if the use of the gazebos purchased by the BCIC for the use of the community, was now covered by insurance. PMcG, who had been looking into this matter for the BCIC informed that the insurers had demanded a Risk Assessment, as the gazebos were to be used by another organisation, i.e. the Events Group. The matter is to be investigated further by the BCIC. h) Stranoch Liaison Group: JT alone had attended this meeting in Stranraer on 16th June. BDT’s Andy Clegg, although no longer a Community Councillor is still a member but was unable to be present. JT informed that while little was decided that night, it was agreed that Foundation Scotland should administer the funds on behalf of the BCIC, which acts for the CC. This required ratification by the CC and this was unanimously approved by the CC members.	PMcG, JT
8	Planning Applications	
	Planning Applications: JS reported none relevant to Barrhill this month.	
9	Barrhill Action Plan / Place Planning	
	The meeting with Audrey Gatt (AG) had taken place on 18 th June and there were 11 community members in attendance, including more CC, BCIC and BDT members. The CAP was again gone through page by page and what is hoped to be the final draft agreed on. AG will now place this on SAC’s website. (CS had circulated meeting notes to all present, plus all CC members, which were approved.) At the meeting, the section in the CAP on the action for the development of Kilgallioch Windfarm’s renewables path commitments was investigated by AG, following discussion. AG confirmed there was no actual promise for the leisure tracks and had revised the Action paragraph for approval. This was unanimously approved – CS will inform AG accordingly.	CS
10	Small Grant Applications	
	No applications had been received since the previous meeting.	
11	Correspondence	
	Most correspondence received since 27th May has been forwarded, but a list of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting, as follows. SAHSCP: Usual emails including: Stinchar Connections: Community Transport Pilot Evaluation & Infographic; Carers’ Week 2026/Carers’ Monday Funday - reminders; SAC Nutrition Training information; AILN Coffee Morning, Maidens Church Hall; ADP: Volunteer Peer Worker Project open to applications; SAC: Reminder of Digital survey – deadline 30th June; VASA: Christmas Day referral form – to be submitted by 1st December; ‘Back in the Day’ poster for event at Carnegie Library; Insect ID and Citizen Science Event 29th June at Riverside Sports Arena 10am-1pm; Aye Girvan: Holiday Hub flier; Young Carers Summer Fun. Non-SAHSCP items as follows: Chirmorie Windfarm: Several emails re-Access Liaison Group; Carol: Carrick Money Advice Family Support Service (Stepping Stones for Families) - it was agreed to inform Carol of the Friday Coffee Morning; EDF: Stranoch Windfarm Updates (numerous emails); BOS: CS asked to approve a banking change request; Forest Policy Group: Reminder for the ‘Shaping the Future of Scotland’s Forests’ survey – reminder with deadline extended; SAC: Audrey Gatt – Emails exchange re-CAP; Resident: Email re-crash on A714 at East Lodge – tanker in ditch; Dean Barlas: Email exchange re- Community Payback Team painting benches (<i>see above at Item 5 Matters Arising</i>); Surf Awards – deadline 7th September; geViews: Information on Self-watering Planter Range; SAC: Funding information on Path Funding – Walking Scotland; Foundation Scotland: E-bulletin; New Powers for CCs: Newsletter No. 9; Peter Kane (Chirmorie Windfarm): Information of closure of C72 New Luce Road for the	CS

	formation of a 'bell-mouth' for the windfarm and confirmation that the lorries involved in construction will be numbered for identification of drivers; Stranoch Community Liaison Group: Meeting agenda received for 16th June meeting – JT to attend; Zurich Insurance: A reminder for 'get ready for Martyn's Law'; Minution Estate: Report on recent Countryside Classroom event , which Barrhill Primary pupils had attended; VASA: Christmas Day referral form; Audit Scotland newsletter; SPEN: Update from Colin Wylie - re-wiring of OHL –see <i>Matters Arising</i> , above; Council Consultation Play Sufficiency Assessment Survey (outdoor play); Biosphere Connections Event: Next meeting is in person at Thornhill 29 th July. <i>(Details on any item available on request)</i>	
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	Woodland Creation Proposals, Corwar Mains: The CC was consulted on this plan, with the deadline for comments being 1st July. DH informed that as a neighbouring property she had submitted her own queries and received assurances. The usual points were discussed re- water supplies and tree species. CS will submit a generic comment. Kildonan House: It was noted that this property had re-opened as the Rabiana Restaurant, and PMcG, as the CC Licensing representative, and others, queried why no licensing application had been received by the CC. In AL's absence, no information was available. Clarification will be sought later. Knowe Road Traffic: JB informed that his wife had had a narrow escape from a traffic accident due to dangerous driving on this road and had informed the Police. The CC will also bring the matter to the Police's attention. SAC Councillor's Report: None available this month. <i>Meeting closed 8.55pm.</i>	CS CS/AL CS
13	Date & Time of Next Meeting	
	<u>Wednesday 26th August, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Further meetings in 2026: Wednesdays 28th October, 25th November.</u> NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.	

Action	Action Checklist	Responsible
1. Check proposed timeline for matters previously notified to ARA. (Knowe Road bend, Duisk Bridge, 20mph Speed Activated sign repairs, Data Traffic Survey results)		AL
2. Query ARA why the CC is still not being notified of road closures (latest being the C72).		AL
3. Foundation Scotland to be asked for updates on Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund.		JT
4. Clarification to be sought from Carrick Futures re-Arecleoch Extension Fund.		JB
5. Insurance cover for the Fun Day to be clarified by the Events Group/BCIC.		PMcG/ JT
6. Audrey Gatt to be notified of approval of revised paragraph in the CAP.		CS
7. Carrick Money Advice to be informed of the Friday Coffee Mornings.		CS
8. Generic response to be sent re-Corwar Mains Woodlands Creation proposal		CS
9. Police to be contacted re-dangerous driving on the Knowe Road.		CS
10. AL to be contacted to clarify situation re-Kildonan House Licence.		CS