

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th February, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor), Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), and 2 Members of the public.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>Robert Houstin (RH), Martin Rennie (MR), PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) & Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST Girvan & South Carrick). Following KMcL's resignation at the last meeting, an email was sent thanking him for his service to the CC, and wishing him well.</p>	
2	<p>Police Report</p>	
	<p>PC McKinlay had informed that he and PC Andrew Thorne were unable to attend tonight due to operational commitments and day shift working. He reported that between 28th January and 25th February 2026 4 calls had been made to the Police, as follows: Assist Members of the Public: 2; Suspect Vehicle: 1; and Road Traffic Matters: 1. One crime report was created for a road traffic offence, which was detected.</p> <p>Speed Checks: No news was given of these in the report. <i>(To be pursued.)</i></p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Wednesday 28th January 2026</p>	
	<p>The minutes were approved: proposed by JB, seconded by PMcG.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
	<p>Incl. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension</p>	
	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising: ACk had forwarded an update that day from Kevin Braidwood (KB), regarding the ongoing matters, as follows: New Luce Hill Road/Knowe Road: An instruction has been issued to put concrete Hessian bags in to strengthen the edge and top with tar – to be programmed for the next financial year; Duisk Bridge: ARA have spoken to Design and while there are no outstanding issues the misaligned parapet is being monitored – this will require scaffolding and traffic management at the Mark Hill Windfarm access; 20mph Speed Activated sign across from 69/71 Main Street: still no word of the new contract for parts but SWERCO are carrying out inspections for SAC on these signs; Data Traffic Survey: 10 surveys are currently being carried out in the Girvan area - location is required for further information. ACk had pointed out to KB that the results requested were for a survey already carried out. It was noted they had been requested on numerous occasions to no avail. Knowe Road accident at the bad bend at Lochton Mill: ARA have now raised a fault report – will look at the bend.</p> <p>Dog Fouling: Environmental Health had not yet been informed. ACk will do so ASAP.</p> <p>'Welcome to Barrhill' Biosphere signage in Gaelic: This is still being looked into. Ongoing</p> <p>Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension: Update received earlier in the month had informed that a helicopter will be used on 5/6th February to move poles to the site of the OHL. In addition, wagon movements, about 15 wagons, would commence on 2nd February for a few weeks. The road sweeper will be in operation during this period. Noted</p> <p>Ardgay CC: LK had pursued this and asked for a copy of the insurance document. CS in possession of this and will forward to JB.</p> <p>Christmas Lights: CS not yet spoken to David Girvan re-this, but hopes to do so shortly.</p> <p>Item 6: Treasurer's Report: No further information had been received from Audrey Gatt regarding the Place Plan. ACk is meeting with her tomorrow and will make enquiries.</p> <p>Item 13: AOB: ACk had passed on the complaint of Mark Hill Sub-station lorries driving onto the pavement when meeting traffic on Main Street – ongoing.</p> <p>Speed Survey: See above. <i>Other matters covered by agenda.</i></p>	<p>ARA</p> <p>ACK ARA</p> <p>CS/JB CS</p> <p>ACK</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank are now £17,077.77, following payment for the domain renewal and ink cartridges, and paying out some of SPEN's Biodiversity CVP grant for trees and planting materials. The CF balance is now at £11,388.97 following</p>	

	payment of last month's approved grant applications. The overall bank balance is now £28,466.74. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT updated on the recent BCIC meeting. Surveys regarding the Community Energy Grants and Greener Homes project commenced last week, carried out by Procast. Funding from different sources is now being looked at. JT informed AC of the Barrhill project, which is a first for SPR, and the involvement of Hubbub. A member of the public present queried the use of Smart Meters, which was explained.</p> <p>b) BDT: AC informed that the lease for the Crosswater pub had now been signed but unfortunately there were still problems with the demands of Building Standards paperwork. A fence still has to be erected and therefore the licence cannot be signed off yet. Insurance has also still to be clarified. A required notice re-the alcohol licence has now been advertised and is on display at the pub. (<i>See Item 8, Licensing Application.</i>)</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: JB informed there is no meeting until April. The CF Chair has recently resigned, with the Vice-chair now acting Chair.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): Main items at the meeting of 11th February 2026 as follows: ADP Strategy Refresh: Engagement work undertaken to ensure the strategy meets the need of the community and those accessing ADP services; Engagement Strategy: SAHSCP is currently engaging with communities on the Locality Plan (Amy Duthie attended Barrhill CC 's last meeting) - all appear happy with the 5 priorities as it goes through 'refresh'; Locality Plan Refresh: Amy Duthie engaging with communities, as above re-5 priorities; Colmonell 'Super Mondays': funding had been obtained to run this project; MSK Community Appointment Day: This will be held at Girvan Community Hospital on Friday 20th March; Big Cheerio Event: Wednesday 25th March in The Wave, Girvan, between 10am and 1pm.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: In MR's absence there was no report.</p> <p>f) Kilgallioch & Arecleoch Extensions Community Benefit: JT re-iterated that the fund is now open and hoped that all members had submitted the survey forms regarding this.</p> <p>g) Barrhill Events Group: PMcG informed that the last scheduled meeting did not take place, due to lack of attendees. 'The Snug' project is on hold due to the lack of signatories for cheques to purchase materials. A number of committee members had resigned suddenly, including the Treasurer, and new signatories had to be arranged, which was leading to problems as the bank was slow to respond.</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	Planning Applications / Decisions List: JS reported nothing relevant to Barrhill.	
8	Licensing Application	
	PMcG informed that, as the CC's Licensing representative, she had received notice of the licensing application for The Crosswater pub . The notice of application by the BDT for a Provisional Licence is being displayed in the pub window for 3 weeks, should anyone wish to object or make representations, in order to comply with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2004.	
9	'Warm Hubs'	
	JS informed that BDT had been contacted by SPEN's Heather Heaton (HH) regarding the Memorial Hall becoming a 'Warm Hub'. She is working with Councils on their resilience plans in the event of a crisis event and wished to attend a BDT meeting to discuss and advise. HH would also like to attend a CC meeting –no contact to date. Funding would be required for essential equipment – would BCIC fund this? JS also referred to the necessary use of a generator in the event of a powercut and this aspect was discussed. All members agreed a 'Warm Hub' is a worthwhile project and await developments.	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	Individual for Gentle Exercise Class: The application, which arrived too late for inclusion on the publicised agenda, was for the sum of £113.40 to purchase 5 sets of weights for use in the Gentle Exercise class. (CS declared an interest.) The BDT is the sponsoring organisation and the weights are to be stored in the Memorial Hall. The application was approved in full.	AC/CS
11	Correspondence	
	January 2026's correspondence as follows: <i>Most items previously circulated:</i>	

	<p>SAHSCP: Usual emails including: Alzheimers Scotland What's On; SAHSCP's survey regarding its website; Climate Change events in Prestwick etc; Big Cheerio Event (as before); Climate Engagement funding information.</p> <p>Non-SAHSCP items as follows: SAC: Information from Education Director regarding closure of Barrhill Primary due to a burst water main (omitted from last month's correspondence); Community Councils: Webinar re- Local Government Review; AMEY: Spittalhill Woodland maintenance / Monktonhead roundabout resurfacing; SAC: Reminder of CC Full Elections; SPEN: Community Benefit Fund now open – closing date 8th May and reminder of ED3 Business plan workshops in Glasgow; Invitation to R110-T3 webinar– register for 23rd February; Timber Transport: Email from a Knowe Road resident regarding logging lorries using the road, contrary to the designated routes. CS has reported this; SPR: Kilgallioch Extension: Updated agreement re-Community Benefit; Info on Electrical Safety Campaign; Plantscape: Leaflet on flower displays; SPEN: Further info on Community Benefit regarding Solar PV and EV projects; Scottish Rural Action/ Foundation Scotland newsletters; Scottish Community Development Centre: Refreshing the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Renewable Energy; Social Investment Scotland: SPEN Community Benefit workshops – online webinars 3rd and 4th March; Local Giving: Information from SPEN's delivery partner for Community Benefits. <i>(Details on any item available on request)</i></p>	
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</p>	
	<p>Stinchar Connections: PMcG informed that a second Barrhill representative is required for the committee, but there were no volunteers. The minutes of the latest meeting will be forwarded to all.</p> <p>Delayed Postal Deliveries: JB reported recent delays in postal deliveries, with information that hospital appointments had been missed. It was noted that correspondence had previously been exchanged on this subject. CS to contact the Royal Mail again.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: ACk informed that SAC had submitted an objection to the Knockodhar Windfarm additional information, relating to the transport route. SAC Budget: This will be set on 5th March – decision had been very difficult to reach. There is a £4.5 million deficit, with HSCP being involved in this. On a positive note, ACk reported that SAC featured near the top of the list for recycling efforts.</p> <p>Knowe Road: JT expressed concerns regard the condition of a swathe of falling trees near the entrance at the crossroads to the Kilgallioch/Arclech Windfarms. Should another storm complete the felling the road would be blocked and there is a safety risk. ACk will report these concerns.</p> <p>Community Council Full Elections: CS informed that there had been no news to date regarding the elections, but assumed the number of nominations had not exceeded the 10 required, as no-one had been asked to consider withdrawing. ACk asked LK to seek information on this.</p> <p>Defibrillator: CS informed that although KMcl had resigned from the CC he is willing to continue the monthly checks on the defibrillator, which is much appreciated.</p> <p>CC Treasurer: AC reminded all that as he is retiring from the CC on 31st March, a new Treasurer will be required. No-one expressed an interest in this post.</p> <p>SPEN'S Community Benefit: JS referred to the information in Liam Cantwell's presentation to the CC – CS to resend information to her.</p> <p>Change of SAC Councillor: ACk informed that this was his last attendance at Barrhill for the current round of representation. Councillor Lamont will attend from next month. ACk was thanked for his attendance over the last year and for all his help. <i>Meeting closed 8.30pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>LK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Further meetings in 2026: Wednesdays 29th April, 27th May, 24th June, 26th August, 28th October, 25th November.</u> NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.</p>	