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BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th January 2017
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council Andrew Clegg (AC), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Ann Robertson (AR), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc) (Treasurer), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT). In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACk), Inspector Alister Kelly (AK) & Sergeant Kevin McKeown (KMCK) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). 2 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	James Duffie (JD)	
2	Police	
	<p>DR welcomed the Police to the meeting and invited them to give their report. Sergeant McKeown then introduced Inspector Alister Kelly. AK then gave some background to his recent appointment as the Inspector leading the South Ayrshire Carrick Section Community Policing team, which had resulted from an amalgamation of Inspector grade posts within Police Scotland. He was in the process of visiting all Community Councils in his area to introduce himself to the communities.</p> <p>KMcK then gave a summary of events since the previous meeting on 30th November. There had been no actions. Since 1st December there had been 26 reported incidents, of which 10 were attended, and 7 crimes recorded, which included 1 housebreaking: 3 thefts (wheelie bins & a road roller); 1 breach of the peace/threatening behaviour; 1 road traffic offence; and 1 person reported for breaching bail conditions. 16 of the incidents were non-attendance type calls, with 15 notices given of planned shoots and 1 advice call.</p> <p>Information was given regarding Chief Inspector Gary l'Anson's forthcoming Road Safety Campaign, which will be launched on Monday for the next five weeks. AK gave the background to this, the aim of which is to improve Road Safety across South Ayrshire following 8 fatalities on our roads since last April (14 fatalities overall), more than in previous years, and this is of great concern. Officers are also targeting uninsured drivers. The Barrhill area will be first on the list for action during the road safety campaign.</p> <p>Questions were then invited.</p> <p>DR put forward concerns over poor driving standards particularly, but not exclusively, by windfarm workers, citing recent occurrences of overturned vehicles belonging to the latter. KMCK informed that these events had not been communicated to the Police.</p> <p>ASc reported a vehicle demolishing his fence, whose identity was now known and enquired what action could be taken. It was confirmed that this should be reported to Police, as property had been damaged. A member of the public reported watching a lorry demolishing sections of the stone dyke on the station road while attempting to turn, with apparent total disregard. This was in connection with the recent cabling works. (The state of this road will come up at AOB). JT was of the opinion that there were now fewer incidents of bad driving to and from the windfarm as work had entered a different phase.</p> <p>In JD's absence, DR read out an email from him, asking how many traffic control measures had been deployed in Barrhill between 16th December and January 2017, as requested to PC Barclay (GB) at the previous CC meeting. KMCK informed that GB had indeed passed this matter on to him but unfortunately it had not been feasible to implement an Action Plan at that time. He explained the three main reasons why it had not been possible to allocate the available resources to that in December and January. Crime prevention had priority due to a spate of dishonesties in Girvan; staff had to be directed elsewhere due to increased demands in relation to potential disorder due to the festive period; and concentration on the national drink driving campaign (an extra 600 breath tests had been carried out over the Christmas/New Year period). There had therefore not been any dedicated patrols in Barrhill, although one patrol the day following the previous meeting had taken place.</p> <p>Speeding DR referred to the new updated Barrhill Action Plan, which showed that 65% of</p>	

	<p>the landowner, the padlock had been removed by mid-December and the gates opened wide. Recently the gates were closed but are not locked and access to the path is available. Noted Car Park Wall: DR informed that no photographic evidence was available after all and that it appeared not to have been a Council vehicle but one belonging to a building firm.</p> <p>Item 11: Winter Resilience: ARA's James Jamieson had given his presentation on 7th December as arranged, to a disappointing turnout. Only 3 CC members and 1 member of the public had attended. JJ had left equipment for gritting pavements/car park and will send more.</p> <p>Irresponsible Dog Walkers: AR had put a notice regarding this on the Barrhill Facebook page. AC affirmed that he had not noticed any 'dog poo' bags hanging on bushes etc lately.</p> <p>New Cemetery Building: CS had contacted Lizzie Linton, in Peter's absence, for an update. Lizzie had reported to Building Works but to date, had received no information. She will chase it up and hopes the broken windows will soon be fixed.</p> <p>Some members felt the community could spruce up the building. ACk will enquire about supplying paint. It was reported that water is pouring down the side of the graveyard again. ACk will report this and also enquire re-the broken windows.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Walk: CS had informed the landowner of concerns expressed regarding fallen trees. He was of the opinion that there was no likelihood of the trees indicated being swept into the river. Some members disagreed with this opinion. Felling of the wood is still awaited. CS informed that some irresponsible person had set fire to a bag of rubbish at the side of the path, leaving behind tins and broken glass.</p> <p>Public Processes Panel: ASc had attended this meeting on 7th December and had emailed to all a very comprehensive report. It remains to be seen what the final outcome will be regarding funding to Community Associations. Noted (All other items on the agenda)</p>	<p>ACk</p> <p>ACk</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>ASc reported on the latest developments with BOS. He had previously emailed to members progress of the endless saga to enable him to operate the account. He still had no access to the account, in spite of a password and user name being put into the system, and having several meetings at the bank. After awaiting confirmation and recognition, his application for access to online banking was not carried out by the branch in Newton Stewart, according to BOS, contrary to what they said. He had found out today, officially, that he is a signatory but he has dispensed with the services of the local branch and has registered successfully on-line for internet banking. ASc now requires 2 signatures from two of the approved CC signatories and hopes to receive a bank card shortly. He can then start fulfilling his duties as Treasurer in the manner he wishes. He hopes to have a normal report next meeting. DR then thanked ASc for his report.</p>	
6	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC JT and DR reported the following from the last meeting:</p> <p>Fuel Payments: Payments of this had now been made.</p> <p>Co-option: Fionnadh Ratchford had been co-opted on to the Board until the next AGM, to fill the current vacancy.</p> <p>Tree Planting: The Ayrshire Rivers' Trust project with the primary school to plant trees is now being developed, with a suitable site identified.</p> <p>Car Park: The solar panels have now been connected to the grid.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC informed that 2 grants were awarded at the last meeting. BRIC received £75,000 towards Care Home facilities in Ballantrae, which will serve South Carrick, having requested only £35,000. The Visually Impaired Group received £884, also more than sought, but CAN's application for £3,000 was rejected as it was felt funding was not necessary at present.</p> <p>c) CCCF/South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership The last scheduled CCCF meeting on 10th January was postponed until February 14th.</p> <p>Locality Planning AR and CS had attended on 7th December, when the main items were:</p> <p>Role of Scottish Health Council—speaker Katrina McFarlane, who informed on the NHS involvement in decisions about health, and the website 'Our Voice Scotland'.</p> <p>Update on review of Hillcrest— speaker Frank McMenemy. It currently costs £80 per annum for a residential placement in Hillcrest. A final decision is expected in early 2017.</p> <p>Update on Community Listening Project by Dawn Parker.</p>	

	<p>The next Participatory Budget event 'South Carrick Decides' will be held on Saturday 18th February, with a deadline for applications of 1st February. Girvan Youth Trust will work with Locality Planning on the day.</p> <p>d) War Memorial: AC reported that he had finally received the estimate promised last year, which had been submitted to the War Memorials' Trust Scotland. He was then told there were not enough details. These will now be sent and as not all the work qualifies for the grant, it was thought perhaps that a local builder could do the groundwork. ASc had discussed tradesmen with AC, and CS had received helpful information from Jim Faulds and also from David Steel of Gatehouse of Fleet, the latter having dealt with the Trust. Ongoing</p> <p>e) Barrhill Community Action Plan: DR reported that all households in the area had received a copy of the CAP. AC confirmed that it was on the Barrhill website. AS reported that SAYLSA would be happy to support any plans for a car park at the railway station.</p> <p>f) Kilgallioch Windfarm: DR informed there had been no further meeting. Gillian Arnott of SPR had informed that 2 tenders had been received for setting up the plan, the better one of which was from Foundation Scotland. The Mem & Arts had been set up and each of the CCs involved will receive separate cheques.</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	CS reported on the lists since the previous meeting. The November Decisions List contained nothing for Barrhill while the December one showed permission to install a met mast near Mark Farm. The weekly list of 2nd December included one for Barrhill – a further application to renew planning permission for the Memorial Hall.	
8	Small Grants Applications	
	<p>Barr Burns Club An application (previously circulated) had been received for £100 to fund prizes at the annual Burns competition at Barrhill Primary School. This was approved unanimously. CS will inform Andrew Gillon accordingly.</p>	CS
9	Barrhill Memorial Hall	
	<p>CS read out information received from the BMHCA Chair, Sarah Malone, regarding procedures since SAC had relinquished the Hall lease. A formal acceptance of SAC's financial offer has been made although to date no money has been received. (ACK will look into this.) All groups etc hiring the Hall will be responsible for setting up and clearing away as at present there is no Hallkeeper, until funding for one is in place. Bookings should be made with Sarah and the booking record completed after use—this is kept in a folder in the kitchen.. Rot and essential repairs will be made once monies have been received from SAC. AR suggested that a joint meeting between all 3 organisations should be held, which was agreed. DR will consult with BMHCA and BCIC. ACK informed that information on how best to proceed had been given to BMHCA by the Enterprise Officer.</p>	ACK DR
10	Correspondence	
	<p>MSP's Office: DR had received an email from Jeane Freeman's office administrator - the MSP would like to attend a CC meeting. This was welcomed - CS to send a list of dates.</p> <p>Skip Provision: Notification received of dates for 2017. CS had emailed with concerns that the number of skips had reduced yet again for 2017 – with only 6 scheduled. Reply received informing that current budget restrictions mean the provision cannot be extended. ACK will look into this---CS to forward email chain to him. Dave Bowling is happy to continue placing the notices, for which the CC is grateful.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Feedback requested on Patient Experience. Notification received of flexible visiting at 'all of our hospitals' in the region. CS had discovered, however, that this does not apply to Girvan Community Hospital.</p> <p>Performing Arts: The Gaiety Theatre is looking for Leader funding for a touring network in rural South Ayrshire and sought support. All but 3 CC members replied and all supported the idea, which was communicated to the Gaiety.</p> <p>Road Closure: See above at Item 4.</p> <p>Community Justice Plan for Ayrshire: Notification of a consultation period.</p> <p>Surgery Opening Hours during road closures: Information has been forwarded to all. Other items already circulated.</p>	CS CS
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	

Incl. Aftermath of SPEN works	
<p>359 Bus Service The future of this service will be discussed at a forthcoming D& G Council meeting when the bus contracts are up for renewal. It is hoped the service will not be cut. To be monitored.</p> <p>Utilities Bill Charges Claire Monaghan is to meet with Community Association representatives in Girvan on Monday 30th January.</p> <p>SAC Councillor Representative ACk repeated his explanation of his continuation as representative, that in view of the SAC elections in May with the retirement of the other 2 Councillors who attend at Barrhill, it was felt it was preferable to maintain the status quo for the time being. All were pleased with this decision and to have ACK's attendance until May.</p> <p>Hillcrest ACk informed, to everyone's relief, that it appeared that Hillcrest was now safe from closure. SAC had been impressed with the strong support shown by the Carrick communities and having discussed matters with Councillor Miller it appears that a new Hillcrest will be built. This will be very sheltered housing with communal space. Plans will be in the hands of the new Council after the May elections.</p> <p>Barrhill Primary ACk informed that the school has a new Head Teacher, Mrs Paula Murphy.</p> <p>The Quay Zone: ACk reported on the current state of the new Quay Zone, which he had seen for himself, having just attended a site visit prior to coming to Barrhill. All is looking well and on schedule for an April opening. Financial arrangements are being confirmed.</p> <p>Link Officer: CS enquired if Barrhill would be allocated a new Link Officer in place of Peter. All agreed it would be beneficial to have support. ACk advised contacting Claire Monaghan about this, which CS will do. It was again noted that PL had attended at Barrhill for 17 years and although he was verbally thanked at his last meeting it was agreed to send a note of thanks to him.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm A member of the public enquired when this would be operational. DR understood it is expected to be completed by September.</p> <p>Aftermath of SPEN Works CS had received a number of complaints regarding the appalling state of the station road/The Avenue in the wake of the completion of the trenching works to install the cable to Mark Hill sub-station. This had been documented in the previous minutes and the road conditions reported to Kevin Braidwood. To date nothing had been done to remedy the situation. It was agreed that a complaint should be sent to SPEN, who had not carried out the anticipated clean-up/repairs to damage done. This was extremely disappointing and gave the impression that now the work was completed SPEN (Scottish Power Energy Networks) were not interested in making good the extensive damage caused.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.40pm.</i></p>	<p>CS CS</p> <p>CS</p>
Date & Time of next meeting:	
<p><u>Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7.30pm</u></p> <p>Other meetings in 2017:</p> <p>29th March</p> <p>26th April</p> <p>31st May</p> <p>28th June</p> <p>30th August</p> <p>25th October</p> <p>29th November</p> <p>NB: There are no meetings in July & December.</p>	