APPROVED 28/10/2026

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th August, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: John Heath (JH), Dawn Hutchins (DH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair), Gillian Young (GY). **In Attendance:** Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), David Porte (DP)(SAC Link Officer). PCs Andrew Thorne (AT) & Paul McKinlay (PMcK) (Ayrshire LPST Girvan & South Carrick). No members of the public were present.	
1	**Apologies for Absence**	
	Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair)	
2	**Police Report**	
	PCs Thorne and McKinlay were in attendance and gave the report for the period from 25/06/2026 to 26/08/2026. 6 incidents were raised during this period, but no crime reports raised. **Incident Breakdown:** Concern for Person:1; Road Traffic Matters: 2; Road Traffic Crash: 2; Suspect Person: 2; Noise:1. There was no further information regarding the windfarm thefts and JT enquired about standards of onsite security. As previously informed, 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. The subject of locked gates was then discussed. CS enquired if there was any development re- speeding traffic on the Knowe Road, following her email to Police, and the reported traffic incidents were noted. A discussion on speeding generally ensued, with MR again raising the subject of last year's survey, and he circulated a copy of the results obtained by a resident under FOA. Police were present in the village some weeks ago monitoring speeding but no information was available yet. It was appreciated how short-staffed the Police are currently, with members shocked at the size of the area being covered by only 2 officers. JT raised the subject of the Rural Crime unit, which was then discussed. *JT thanked AT and PMcL for attending and they then left the meeting.*	
3	**Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday 24th June 2026**	
	The minutes were approved, proposed by JS, seconded by PMcG.	
4	**Matters Arising from the Minutes** **Incl. Mark Hill Sub–Station Extension**	
	Item 5: Matters Arising: AL related information on the actions previously raised: ***Knowe Road*** bad bend / ***Duisk Bridge:*** no action indicated from ARA yet; ***20mph Speed Activated sign*** opposite Nos 69/71 Main Street: spare parts no longer available for this – AL queried if a new sign could be purchased; ***Data Traffic Survey:*** ARA still not sent this, but MR circulated copies dated July 2025 *(see above)*; ***Road Closures:*** AL again reminded ARA to inform the CC of relevant road closures – he resent his email to the Head of Roads. **Kildonan House:** No definitive information obtained but GY understood the licence had been transferred from the previous holder. **Mark Hill Sub–Station Extension:** No recent update had been received, but the trans-former had been delivered and difficulties were encountered getting up the hill. *Other matters covered by the agenda.*	
5	**Treasurer's Report**	
	In the absence of ChS, the details of the bank statements, which CS had obtained, were given. On 30th June, the closing balance was £27,502.71, (previously £26,974.14) following the refund from SAC of the Zurich Insurance renewal fee of £97.20 and the payment of SAC's yearly admin grant of £431.37. At long last the new signatories had been finalised by BOS, with ChS and JT now added. It is understood that ChS intends to bank online and as no-one was sure what this involved, compared with cheque payments, JT asked DP to seek clarification from SAC.	DP
6	**Chirmorie Access Liaison Group**	

	JT reported on the first meeting of the Liaison Group, which he had attended in New Luce the previous night. JB had not been able to attend. It was agreed to hold ongoing meetings of the group. Matters discussed included road closures, in particular unannounced ones for blasting, with JT asking that times be notified. In addition, confirmation of expected closures was requested as the previous week's notified closure had not gone ahead. Liberty Global agreed to put notices on the C72 and also confirmed that lorries will be numbered for identification purposes. Sections of the C72 will be repaired, under licence from ARA. JT referred to the deep potholes on this road, as seen by AL recently.	
7	**Updates**	
	a) BCIC: JT again reported that the Barrhill Greener Homes project continues satisfactorily. He informed that on Wednesday 9th September an open day to celebrate the Greener Homes project is being held in the Memorial Hall. **b) BDT:** JS informed of the following matters: ***Memorial Hall ceiling***: The damp issue is being investigated; ***Skip maintenance***: There are problems due to abuse of use, with forbidden items e.g.builders rubble, being deposited; ***Hall heating***: Upgrade being installed 9th September; ***Public Toilets***: Renovation due to commence 14th September; ***Paths****:* Still waiting for quotes re- the upgrade of the Martyrs' Tomb Walk Path and round Arnsheen Park. CS, who declared an interest for the former, informed that the landowner of most of the path had given a letter of permission for the Martyrs' Tomb path work. ***Outbuildings at the Crosswater pub:*** Funding applied for to the BCIC; ***BDT Newsletter*** now completed. **c) Carrick Futures:** In JB's absence, no information was available. **d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):** CS attended the meeting on 29th July, 2026, which was called to discuss the Connect Site Report and was well-attended. (It was agreed that the minutes be recorded by 'Magic Notes'.) An overview was given of the national programme 'Getting it Right for Everyone' (GIRFE). The survey discovered that people did not know where to obtain information and felt nothing happened in their area. These findings led to the development of the 'Connect' model. The Senior Social Worker then went through the appraisal for the location of Connect. Four locations were assessed: Girvan and Glendoune Community Centres, Girvan Town House and Nursery Court. It was noted that concerns had been expressed re-Nursery Court, but in spite of this, Nursery Court was chosen as the preferred option. This decision will be reviewed in six months time. AOB: A member raised concerns that subjects discussed at meetings increasingly emphasised Social Care and not Health issues. Noted **e) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund:** MR reported that 2 members (non-CC members David Russell (former CC Chair) and Richard Brown (former BCIC Director)) had now resigned from the fund. At the previous meeting the sum of £1.5 million had been distributed for funding applications. He had attended the AGM held on 19th August, at which GY was ratified as the second Barrhill director. GY was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Other members had submitted a proxy vote, ensuring the meeting was quorate. GY confirmed that she now receives the relevant emailed notifications from Foundation Scotland. **f) Kilgallioch & Arecleoch Extensions' Community Benefit Fund:** Now disbanded. **g) Barrhill Events Group:** GY informed that the Fun Day on Saturday 18th July had gone well and that several other events are being planned. She reported that members were receiving 'anti-Terrorist Training', as were others, which was a new requirement. PMcG reminded that the judging for the Barrhill Bright and Beautiful competition takes place on Monday 31st and MR informed that a licence for the Fireworks Display had been applied for. ***Fun Day Insurance:*** PMcG and JT confirmed that the problem with the insurance had been rectified prior to the Fun Day. **h) Stranoch Liaison Group:** No further meeting had been held.	
8	**Planning Applications**	
	Planning Applications: JS reported none relevant to Barrhill this month. **June Decisions List:** The application for 'Extension to industrial shed, installation of external equipment and associated alterations' at Solway Precast Products Ltd - approved.	
9	**Barrhill Action Plan / Place Planning**	
	CS had contacted AG, who informed that the CAP was now on SAC's website. AG was	

	asked when printing would take place and was notified of possible amendments needed prior to this. There was no response for over a month, then an apology for the delay explaining the reasons, which included AG moving to another post. Printing was ready for the go-ahead to be given before AG moved on. The amendments confirmed to AG were : affirmation that Barrhill is a Biosphere Community; the access to Rabiana, taken from its website, was incorrect in stating 'Balluskie Farm access'; and information re-the number of CC meetings. AG's departure was regretted by all. DP was asked to investigate if a replacement has been appointed as it was noted a Place Plan is still to be done. No further information received re-the printing of the CAP.	DP
10	**Small Grant Applications**	
	a) Barrhill Men's Group (re-Cancellation Fee): The trip to Kittochside was cancelled due to the excessive heat and a late cancellation fee of £42 levied. CS expressed disappointment that some members had not responded to emails requesting views on the matter. It was agreed that the fee would be paid but discounted from future funding. CS to inform the group accordingly. **b) Barrhill Wee Whist Club:** The application for £345, to fund the hall rental for fortnightly whist drives September – May, then monthly June, July and August, was unanimously approved. The funds to be paid directly to the BDT. CS to inform.	CS/ ChS CS/ ChS
11	**Correspondence**	
	Most correspondence received since 24th June has been forwarded, but lists of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting, as follows: **<u>From 24th – 31st July:</u> SAHSCP: *Aye Girvan:*** Holiday Hub flyer; ***Connect South Ayrshire:*** Digital Support sessions; **Thriving Communities:** Travel Consultation (2); ***LPP:*** Amended meeting dates; ***AILN Coffee Morning***: Maybole Connect, Thursday 3rd September; ***AILN:*** Roadshow information; ***ADP:*** High risk alert re-drug related deaths; ***LPP:*** Small Grants funding. **Non-SAHSCP items** as follows: ***EDF: Stranoch Windfarm:*** Updates (numerous emails including reports of speeding traffic through New Luce); ***SAC's Audrey Gatt:*** New updated CAP/Place Plan draft; ***Corwar Woodland Creation:*** Thank you email for CC's response; ***Scottish Rural Action:*** News and updates; ***Biosphere Connections:*** Agenda for meeting in Thornhill on 29th July; ***SPEN:*** Update from Colin Wylie - re-wiring of OHL now north of A714/Knowe Road section completed; ***Strathclyde Passenger Transport:*** Annual Report now available; ***Andy Clegg: BOS*** informed him that the banking request 'now fully approved' - being processed and will notify when complete (still waiting weeks later); ***Men's Group:*** Informed that outing to Kittochside cancelled, incurring a fee of £42, and asking if CC will pay this – members consulted; ***Accounts Commission:*** Report re-Recruitment of personnel; ***Forestry & Land (Scotland):*** Forest Management Scheme; ***SAC's Connie Lobban: PWS*** Water Scarcity Report and further email informing of raising scarcity to early warning status; ***Foundation Scotland:*** July E-bulletin; ***Zurich Insurance:*** Summer Udates/Reminder of 'get ready for Martyn's Law'; ***SAC'S Connie Lobban:*** Notification that PWS water scarcity raised to 'Alert' status/Information re-emergency bottled water supplies *(The CC was shocked to be informed that pallets had disappeared without trace from the collection point at Blair Farm.);* ***SPEN's Colin Wylie:*** Information re-delivery of transformer to Mark Hill; ***Carol from Carrick Money Advice & Family Support Service:*** E-mailed thanks for CC's response – she is going to contact BDT re-attending the Friday Coffee Morning; ***Chirmorie Windfarm's Peter Kane:*** Emails re-Updates and Access Liaison Group; ***SPEN:*** OFGEM Early Construction Funding secured for 2 major tramsissions projects; ***New Powers for CCs:*** Newsletter No. 10; ***Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund:*** Notification of AGM on 19th August; ***Chirmorie Windfarm:*** Request for advice re-adverts. **<u>From 1st - 26th August</u>: SAHSCP: LPP:** Several reminders of Small Grant Funding; ***Independent Commission on Community & Cohesion:*** Participation in National Conversation Survey; ***Teeny & Young Carers' Informations Session*** 2nd September; ***AILN Coffee Morning:*** Maybole Connect 3rd September; ***Ayr Gaiety:*** Memory Lane Cafe – Autumn/Winter flyer; ***South Ayrshire Annual Flower Walk*** & Community Afternoon; ***OT Falls Prevention; Unbound Health & Climate discussion; VASA:*** Reminder of Christmas Day referrals **Other items:** ***AMEY****:* Press notice re-Cairnryan investigation on A77; ***SAC's Connie Lobban:*** Change of contact at Straiton for bottled water supplies; and PWS Alert Status	

	update; ***Surf Awards:*** Reminder of 2026 awards; ***Peter Kane; Chirmorie Windfarm*** – notification of blasting /Date of Access Liaison Group meeting; ***SAC's Audrey Gatt:*** Apology for delay in replying/ CAP ready for printing/ Leaving her post; ***Andy Clegg: BOS*** finally informed AC that signatory changes now completed; ***AMEY:*** Notification of Stranraer sea wall repairs – A77 (1st September – 31st October; ***Kevin Dyson (Journalist):*** Seeks CC's views on 'Should CCs get more powers': this was again discussed with the members agreeing to take no action – CS to inform Kevin Dyson accordingly; ***Foundation Scotland:*** August E-bulletin; ***JAK (UK) Ltd:*** Village Gateways leaflet; ***Chirmorie Windfarm's Suzanne Kane:*** Numerous emails re- Access Liaison Group meeting; ***EDF:*** Stranoch Windfarm updates; ***Cllr Lamont:*** Notification of visit to review state of New Luce Road; ***Scottish Forestry Consultation re-Forest Management Scheme*** in September (Arecleoch Extension site excised); ***2 Forestry Consultation Requests for Felling Permission*** – Maberry and Cree Woods (CC members reminded that comments to be submitted by 15th September); ***SAC's David Porte:*** Appointed as CC's new Link Officer; ***Scottish Rural Action:*** News & Updates – International Youth Day etc; ***Merchant Navy Day*** flyer; ***SAC's Update re-Water Scarcity***; ***SPR: Arecleoch Extension:*** notification that preparation works will shortly recommence for component deliveries – timetable for works at Bragrennan Bridge etc; ***Stinchar Connections:*** Meeting minutes/New timetable will commence on 1st September; ***Accounts Commission:*** Annual Review. AMEY's weekly roadworks lists received from a CC member/general emails also received. *(Details on any item available on request)*	CS ALL
12	**AOB Council Members/Members of the Public** **Incl. SAC Councillor's Report / Sale of Colmonell Church**	
	Pavements: PMcG reported defective pavements, with raised manholes: AL will report this. **New Link Officer:** David Porte introduced himself as the CC's new Link Officer to replace Lee. He explained his background in Thriving Communities. JT welcomed him to the CC. **SAC Councillor's Report**: AL reported on his visit to Barrhill to investigate the severity of the potholes on the New Luce road. He has been in touch with ARA re-the road. Repairs had recently been carried out up the Knowe Road and JT questioned why scalpings had not been removed. AL will investigate. JT also queried if there was any information yet on the reinstatement of the path round the burnside from Main Street to The Avenue. AL will also pursue this. GY also raised the matter of defective pavements in the village plus the need to cut back growth on the **pavement up to the rail station**, which was not carried out as usual last year. AL will report. **Japanese Knotweed:** CS had received concerns from a member of the public regarding the proliferation of Japanese Knotweed on the riverbanks and elsewhere near Kildonan Estate. She enquired if SAC would be able to liaise with Ayrshire Rivers Authority to investigate the matter. AL will pass this on. **Village Planters:** JH referred to the beautiful display of flowers in the planters – all agreed. **Sale of Colmonell Church:** CS had been contacted by a Colmonell church member informing that the Church of Scotland had put Colmonell Church up for sale, which had raised concerns. Ideas are being discussed by the Trustees to purchase the church for the use of all the neighbouring areas and local support is being sought. Following a discussion, the CC agreed to support this move - CS to notify the informant. *Meeting closed 8.50pm.*	AL AL AL AL AL CS
13	**Date & Time of Next Meeting**	
	Wednesday 28th October, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. ***Further meeting in 2026: Wednesday 25th November.*** ***NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.***	