

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th February 2025, in
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), Kenneth McLaren (KMcL), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), 3 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor), Robert Houstin (RH). (PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) & Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST)).	
2	Police Report	
	PCs McKinlay and Thorne apologised for not attending, but they were dealing with an ongoing matter. The report is as follows: 30/01/25 to 26/02/25: There were 7 incidents raised in the period with 3 crime reports being created, of which 1 has been detected (Road Traffic offence). Incident breakdown as follows: Road Traffic Matters: 4; Police Information:1; Housebreaking with Intent to Steal:1; Abandoned vehicles:1.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 29th January 2025	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcL, seconded by JB.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>ACk had sent apologies and regretted having to miss the meeting, due to other appointments. Given the amount of actions on the minutes for ARA he had asked Kevin Braidwood (KB) to attend the next CC meeting in March (sic). <i>(The CC does not normally meet in March but will consider changing from April if necessary. JS suggested meeting in both months - see below at AOB.)</i> KB is Director of Housing Strategy and is the main conduit between SAC and ARA. He will take matters forward. Items covered are as follows:</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Blocked drains; New Luce Hill Road; Item 6b: Updates: BDT: Martyrs' Tomb Walk Footbridge; and Item 12: AOB:Timber Lorries/Knowe Road.</p> <p>AC further informed that sub-contractors also use the Knowe Road and are not subject to SPEN'S instructions.</p> <p>Locked Gates at Kildonan: CS informed that following the MP's Case Worker's investigations, the resident had received a response from James Hall, Senior Planning Officer, who copied in the CC. The matter is now with SAC's Legal Services who will issue a letter to the registered owner of the land (following a search with the Registers of Scotland to confirm) and if no response is received, a Notice will be issued to the owner. If this is not complied with within 30 days SAC has the power to take action itself to reopen the gates.</p> <p>Item 7: Proposed National Park: It was noted that members had submitted their own personal responses before the closing date.</p> <p>Item 9: Small Grants Applications/Discussion on SPEN's Biodiversity CVP Fund: MR had obtained the necessary form and will discuss this with SPEN.</p> <p>Item 10: Light Pollution at Entrance to Kilgallioch: CS had contacted CW but other than an acknowledgement no further information had been received. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 13: AOB:SAC Capital Projects: CS had trawled through previous minutes and sent extracts to ACk. These confirmed the CC had put this matter forward in October 2023 for consideration and that ACk had discussed this with Kevin Braidwood. All agreed the matter should be pursued.</p> <p>Barrhill Old Cemetery: Removal of moss on the path. Ongoing</p> <p>Public Toilets: LK had reported back to SAC but to date JB had not received any queries regarding this matter of land ownership.</p> <p>Barrhill New Cemetery: Removal of molehills. Ongoing</p> <p>SAC: Updated Scheme for Community Councils: A discussion on this took place, with members of the opinion that this review was too soon after the previous one, resulting in unnecessary expense for few changes. No items to be raised were forthcoming – to be left to the working group to review.</p>	<p>SAC</p> <p>MR</p> <p>ACk/ KB ACk</p> <p>ACK</p>

	<p>Stranoch Liaison Group: JT and AC were now able to report on decisions made at the meeting last month. It had been agreed to split the fund 6 ways between the various communities, with New Luce as the nearest community receiving the major share. The next meeting is expected in August 2025.</p> <p>Barrhill Action Plan: ACK had informed that he had discussed this with Audrey Gatt who thought this could be run in tandem with the Place Plan. Ongoing <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	
5	Road Repairs	
	AC had asked for this to be an agenda item due to the recent repairs on Knowe Road, which had initially left holes in an unsatisfactory state. However, since then further repairs had been carried out. MR informed that ARA had at long last cleaned the drains on the road outside the car park, which had always flooded during heavy rain, and a blockage was discovered in the gutter outside the car park. Other drains are still to be cleaned.	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank are now £1,624.37, following payments for ink cartridges and the domain renewal. The CF balance remains at £12,360.66, including this year's top-up of the Micro Grant of £5,000. The overall bank balance is now £13,985.03. AC was thanked for his report.	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the last meeting. He reported that owing to the large amounts of money in the account, investment options are being looked at to obtain interest on the account. Details of contracts are being investigated.</p> <p>b) BDT: JB informed the meeting that he had resigned from the BDT, both as a trustee and the Chair. Having reviewed his work schedule he had reluctantly concluded that the pressure of this together with his work with the BDT was too much. He apologised for having to do this and the members in turn expressed their regrets. JT thanked him for all the work he had done for the BDT.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC informed the last meeting discussed Net Zero - he was not able to attend, however.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS did not attend on 12th February but main items as follows: Meeting with GPs re-Out of Hours bed cover at Girvan Hospital - 27th February date to be confirmed. Key Priority: Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing, and Physical Health: Presentation by Public Health consultant and Eileen McCutcheon. This affects everything in life – one in four residents in South Ayrshire are taking medication. Strategic Plan presentation: linked with mental and physical health. Girvan Hospital Review: Carers' Wellbeing Programme starts on 13th February; Spirometry Clinic commenced last week. MSK issues -10 to 11 week waiting list for an appointment – looking at Community Appointment Days. Eye screening clinic opening date – delayed. Davidson Ward is being reviewed. Updates: SC First Responders: 2 more volunteers keen to join and defibrillator training being carried out in Carrick villages. Cosy Spaces held Weekly in Girvan/Carers Gateway programme being promoted. Girvan Dental Practice – no longer taking on new NHS patients. Audiology Clinic: 2 days a week in Girvan. Hospital Parking difficulties at Ayr and Crosshouse Hospitals raised.Stinchar Valley Community Transport: This service continues to go well and funding has been obtained for a Development Officer.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Fund: MR had attended the meeting last week, but reported nothing affecting Barrhill.</p> <p>f) Barrhill Events Group: PMcG had not attended the last meeting but MR reported the events programme is being progressed. The recent Whisky and Gin Tasting event was well attended – 32 were present - and had gone well.</p>	
8	Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension	
	The situation with the large number of lorries continues, with various comments made by residents, though on the whole the majority of drivers are conforming with the speed limits. A member of the public, however, reported lorries speeding out of the village and giving an insufficient berth when passing pedestrians using the road. The comments also relate to the	

	<p>Harbour Ayrshire: Help for alcohol and drug addiction.</p> <p>Dangers of Lithium Ion Batteries: Repeat email from a Parliamentary adviser requesting support for a campaign to improve the safety of these and prevent fires. It was agreed that publicising the dangers should be supported, but unsure how this could be achieved. (See below at AOB)</p> <p>Scottish Community Development Centre: Webinars on Community Benefits from renewables. My Place Awards: Deadline 30/04/25.</p> <p>geViews/Plantscape: Leaflets on plants etc. SAC: National Lottery community funding. Foundation Scotland/Scottish Rural Action newsletters.</p> <p>Forest Consultation: Management carried out by UK Forest Certification Ltd. It was noted that none of the forests listed were in the Barrhill CC area, therefore no response was required. JS queried this and proposed there should be a reply, pointing out the effects on PWS that forestry works entail, with the possibility of damaging supplies. Following a discussion it was decided, however, that no action would be taken.</p> <p>Biosphere: Notification of free event in Glentool Hive on 03/04/25.</p> <p>Nature Connections programme regarding the Stinchar Valley: Noted that Barrhill, which is in the Duisk Valley, is not mentioned by name. CS to ask for clarification.</p> <p>Zurich Insurance: Notification of insurance renewal. Stranoch Windfarm: Notification of latest blast at 1pm on 27/02/25. SPEN: Notification of traffic lights on A714 at Bargrennan. <i>Other items circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
13	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>PMcG relayed a resident's complaint of a defective street light at the war memorial – CS will report to ARA. She also informed of incidents of staff rudeness to passengers on the replacement bus from Ayr to Barrhill Station, during the absence of trains. Money was also asked for, which should not have occurred. CS to inform ACK.</p> <p>Defibrillator Pads: KMCL informed AC that new pads are required for the hall defibrillator. AC will order.</p> <p>Community Skips: CS had still not received any information for this year's skip provision in spite of making enquiries. LB will pursue – CS to send previous correspondence.</p> <p>20mph Speed Activated Sign: Still no news of these repairs. CS to pursue.</p> <p>Lithium Ion Batteries: JS again raised this matter, referring to the excessive heat produced in some pc batteries. The CC does agree with the principle of raising awareness of danger.</p> <p>March and/or April CC Meeting: After further discussions on JS's suggestion to re-instate a March meeting, it was agreed to wait for a response from ACK as to when KB prefers to attend before making a final decision. Date to be confirmed. <i>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS/ ACK</p> <p>AC</p> <p>CS/LK CS</p> <p>CS</p>
14	Date & Time of Next Meetings	
	<p><u>Wednesday, 30th April 2025, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>NB. There is no meeting in March. (Date of next meeting to be confirmed.)</u></p>	