

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th January 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), James Duffie (JD), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), 2 Members of the public. JT in the Chair.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
	<p>Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH).</p>	
2	<p>Police</p>	
	<p>No Police attended but the report had been received for the period 21/11/21 to 31/12/21. 5 incidents were raised with 1 crime report (not detected) created from these incidents, which were: Abandoned vehicles-1; Road Traffic Matters-1; Assist Member of the Public-1; and Abandoned 999-2 There was no January report as only one incident had been noted up to 24/01/22, which was a Neighbour Dispute.</p> <p>It was noted that due to extreme shortages of manpower the Police did not now attend CC meetings, but all agreed that, while attendance would always be welcome, it was not essential to do so as their time could be better spent elsewhere.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 24th November 2021</p>	
	<p>These were approved: proposed by RH, seconded by PMcG.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	
	<p>Incl. 20mph Speed Restrictions</p>	
	<p>Item 3: Minutes of previous meeting: Clarification of co-option confirmation sent to SAC.</p> <p>Item 4: Matters Arising: Blocked Drains: The BT drain outside the Doctors' Surgery had at long last been properly repaired.</p> <p>Work had commenced at the drains outside Nos. 57 & 61 Main Street but there appeared to be a problem and the large hole is still open with barricades surrounding it. No work had been done for some days. Ongoing</p> <p>Review - Chirmorie Windfarm Access Liaison Group: CS had contacted Stewart Forsyth as nothing further had been heard from him. Apparently the decision re-access has still not been confirmed so SF had no updated information. Noted</p> <p>Litter signs: AC had informed that litter signs had now been put up at Mark Hill entry, the layby between the bridge and Blair Farm, and the second layby north of the village (old road). Sites for the remaining 2 were discussed.</p> <p>Wallace Terrace Playpark Fence/Cherry Trees: CS had still not received any response from Fiona Ross and enquiries informed that she was off work at present, not returning till 31st January. The broken fence was then reported to the Girvan section and Jim Murphy has undertaken to inspect the fence, but had no knowledge of the cherry trees. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 12 AOB: 'Danger to Children Playing' Signage: 20mph Speed Restrictions: The anticipated virtual meeting planned by Sgt Legge for early December had not materialised. JD was of the opinion, as were others, that it was obvious that the new 20mph speed restrictions had been a failure, with vehicles continuing to speed through the village. He suggested that the 20mph signs should be removed and an official request made to SAC to revert to the 30mph ones. PH pointed out that it had taken 7 years to implement the change to 20mph. Referring to the Police scheme, JD said it would result in too few speed checks if Barrhill shared equipment. He took the view that Barrhill would be better to purchase its own equipment for the project. A discussion ensued as to the costs involved, with JT estimating the costs of the various necessary items of equipment. Members agreed that there are sufficient funds available to do this. JD asked for the item to be place on the agenda for the next meeting and JT suggested that in the meantime members give thought to this matter. JD will circulate some facts to members prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>ALL JD</p>

	<p>Item 7: Planning Applications: Chirnorie Windfarm: CS had contacted Planning regarding the complaint of a large number of HGVs using the New Luce road. This had already been investigated following a complaint from a resident. Coriolis had been contacted who informed that work had not yet commenced and that they were not responsible for the reported heavy traffic. Noted</p> <p>Item 8: Proposed OHL: An emailed objection had been sent to the ECU with a copy to the MSP. As yet there was no response from Elena Whitham. PH will pursue this.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: Barr CC Chair informed of CC's decisions re-Knockodhar and emails also sent re-Forestry plans.</p> <p>Biosphere: CS had held off inviting Jenna Cairns in view of Covid and weather issues. Agreed to invite her for the next meeting.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: Defibrillator: The new battery has still not arrived. CS had contacted the surgery but the new Practice Manager was not available and to date has not returned the call. CS will pursue. Regarding the defective cover, following advice that a new one might be necessary, a resident agreed to see if it could be welded. Ongoing</p> <p>Dornal Road: RH again reported that this matter had not been resolved –the road continues to flood. PH will again report to ARA. Ongoing</p> <p>CS had received an email from a resident outwith the village, to report to the CC the excellent service given recently by ARA, which responded swiftly on Christmas Eve to his report of a large 2ft deep pothole on a C road. He wished PH to pass on his thanks to the roads department. CS will forward details to PH.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH CS</p>
	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>AC had passed on copies of his report. After payment for the Badminton grant and the litter signs, the CF balance is now £7,647.64. The CC balance once more remains at £1,196.30 as no CC funds had been used since the last report, giving a current overall balance of £8,843.94.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on the recent meeting and events. Development Officer: The appointee has now commenced work. The Trout: The premises have now been stripped out ready for the contract to be awarded and work to commence. Winter Fuel Payments/Christmas Hampers: These had been well-received by the community, with numerous appreciative messages being sent to the BCIC. Station Car Park: JT queried the situation with the car park at the station. PH informed that work was scheduled to commence the previous week but Network Rail had unfortunately delayed signing the lease. CS had received the same information from the SWSCRIP Chair. A 100 year lease had been agreed to by all parties, including funders.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC's absence from the CC meeting was due to his attendance at the first Carrick Futures meeting since the last CC meeting, so there was nothing to report.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning: CS informed of some items reported in the minutes of the 8th December meeting. Truacanta: An introduction to this was given, relating to local bereavement service provision; Communications Officer: This was a new post to the LPG and the new appointee was now in post. Kirsty Goodfellow then gave the background to her post; Facebook: the LPG now has a new page; VASA: Update given—it has received a second award for 'Investors in Volunteering'; it was agreed to have a break in January with the next meeting scheduled for 9th February.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: Information passed on by AC was that there had been 2 meetings since the last CC meeting. One was purely administrative while the other was a funding round. One success of interest was a large grant to the Glentool and Bargrennan Community Trust of £17K.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p>	
	<p>Decisions Lists: 4 of these had now been received. There was nothing for Barrhill in August or November 2021. In September and October there were further applications for proposed met masts, 'so as not to comply with condition 2 of planning permission (extension of consent) near Chirnorie and Arecleoch. Also in October prior notification from Forestry and Land Scotland for the formation of access (internal road) near Arecleoch Windfarm – all permitted.</p> <p>Planning Applications: SPEN submitted 3 applications under Section 37 of the Electricity Act</p>	

	<p>1989 for the proposed erection of an Overhead Line (OHL) from Stranoch and Chirmorie shared connection to Markhill sub-station. These corresponded to the recent consultation request from the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). It was agreed that CS would send a similar letter of objection to that sent to the ECU objecting to the OHL crossing the Duisk Valley and asking for this section to be placed underground.</p> <p>A short discussion then ensued on procedures involved with such applications, with JT declaring an interest. Permission to construct a pole at one site is still being refused by the landowner, who informed that opposition to the wayleave request will continue.</p>	CS
8	Community Council Elections	
	<p>CS reminded that all members demit office on 31st March 2022. All except any Specialist Co-optee should have received nomination forms and as instructed, she had placed the advert locally. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary for anyone who seeks election. It was hoped that all members present would complete a nomination form for the new CC, which commences on 1st April 2022.</p>	ALL
9	Small Grant Applications	
	None received.	
10	Correspondence	
	<p>Energy Consents Unit: Kilgallioch Solar Farm: CS had received a reminder on 10th December about this consultation and after agreeing with AC's comments at the previous meeting and consulting CC members, responded to the ECU consultation after all. Clarity was requested regarding the purported amount of traffic that will be using the Knowe Road. The ECU replied that the queries had been passed on to the applicant and the CC would be informed when a response had been given. To date, no further information has been received.</p> <p>Energy Consents: Extension to Kilgallioch Windfarm has been consented. Noted</p> <p>Forestry Plans: A number of these had been received since the last meeting: Mark Hill Farms: New Woodland Creation; Eldrick Long Term Forest Plan; Eldrick Native Broadleaf Scheme; Ballochmorrie: New Woodland Creation. Any points raised had been communicated.</p> <p>Energy Consents Unit: See above at Item 7, Planning Applications.</p> <p>Smart Meters: Email received from a resident, concerning non-availability of reduced costs in this area. This was forwarded to PH and Cllr Clark as it was not a CC matter. PH informed that he was looking into this.</p> <p>Investing in Communities Funding: Opens in March/April.</p> <p>GNPA: Results of the poll for the country's next National Park –overwhelmingly in favour of a Galloway National Park, which polled more than 50% of the votes.</p> <p>Carrick Futures: Deadline for the next tranche of grant applications -14th February.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Free Electricity: RH informed of a parish in D & G that is to receive free electricity from a proposed windfarm. This was something Barrhill would aspire to, but to date this has not been possible to achieve.</p> <p>Fly-tipping: AC had informed that a carpet and tyre had been dumped in the layby (old road) to the north of the village. A resident present had already reported it and the carpet had been removed but not the tyre. To be monitored and ARA informed if it is not removed.</p> <p>Skips: The timetable for this had been received and circulated. AC had passed on a query regarding the extra skips that BCIC/BDT had previously paid for and asked if more would be provided, in between the SAC skips. JT will enquire.</p> <p>20mph Sign: The sign below the War Memorial is not working—CS has reported this to ARA.</p> <p>Traffic noise: PMcG raised the matter of increased noise resulting from HGV traffic passing through the village - difficult to see how this can be improved at present.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: PH reported that the new Heads of Education and Planning are now in post. The problem of Ash Dieback is spreading in South Ayrshire and is being dealt with. The contract for the new Space Port had just been agreed and signed, which should lead to increased job prospects. The SAC Elections on 5th May mean that after 14th March no political decisions/announcements can be made in this pre-election period. The SAC Budget is due to be decided in the first week in March. Savings of £7 million have to be made.</p> <p>JT thanked PH for resolving the issue of the Memorial Hall business rates.</p>	CS JT

	Date & Time of next meetings:	
	<u>Wednesday, 23rd February & 30th March 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u>	