

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th April 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: John Heath (JH), Robert Houston (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Vice-Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), Ainsley McCrindle (SAC Link Officer), Jenna Cains (Community and Education Lead Officer, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, and 5 Members of the public.</p> <p>The presence of the new Link Officer, Ainsley McCrindle, at the meeting for the first time was welcomed. JT in the Chair.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD).	
2	Speaker: Jenna Cains, Community and Education Lead Officer Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere	
	<p>JT introduced Jenna Cains (JC), one of the Biosphere's eight staff in Community and Education, who proceeded to give the background to the G & SA UNESCO Biosphere, illustrated by slides. It is designated by UNESCO - a first for Scotland and one of only 7 in the UK (727 in the world). It is a status given in recognition of special natural qualities, valued by local people, and is a large area, now acknowledged on village road signs.</p> <p>JC explained that there are 3 goals: Conservation, Learning and Development. There are also 3 management zones in the Biosphere: a core zone, buffer zone and a transition zone, Barrhill being located in the last named.</p> <p>JC went through the core functions of the Biosphere and explained what the team does. It is easy for a community to become a 'Biosphere Community' and those already formed each have their own website, including Ballantrae.</p> <p>Questions were then invited. PH referred to the SAC 'Scotland Loves Local' scheme and enquired if that would be supported by the Biosphere—it would. Members queried what has to be done to become a Biosphere Community and JC explained the criteria, which process would have to be discussed at a future CC meeting to gauge support. JT also enquired if there would be any restrictions re-farming and was informed that the Biosphere works closely with agriculture. JT thanked JC for her interesting talk - she then remained for the CC meeting.</p>	
3	Election of Office-Bearers	
	It was agreed to postpone this item until the AGM, in view of the absence of 3 members.	
4	Police Report	
	<p>No Police attended and it was regretted that no Police Report had been received either, in spite of the requested notice period having been given.</p> <p>No information had been received regarding the proposed second Zoom meeting to discuss speeding. PH informed that Sergeant Legge still hoped to organise this, but there had been a disappointing response from other CCs. Ongoing</p>	
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 30th March 2022	
	These were approved: Proposed by PMcG, seconded by RH.	
6	Matters Arising from the Minutes Incl. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations / CC Co-options	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: 20mph Speed Restrictions: PH had enquired as to the situation regarding adjustment to the 30mph speed activated sign in the 20mph zone. ARA had ordered the parts but delivery is still delayed, by 6 months—it is impossible to get the parts at present.</p> <p>Skips: This matter is still being looked at by the BDT, whose Development Manager will seek clarification from AC. Ongoing</p> <p>Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: CS gave an update on current plans. About 12 residents regularly attend the Events meetings, including PMcG and JH. The day is now taking shape,</p>	BDT/ AC

	<p>with events on the Saturday to include a procession down The Avenue, with a Queen and attendants (identified by the Primary School), preceded by a decorated pony and trap. This will be followed by a Fun Run and a family picnic at Arnsheen Park, weather permitting. At night there will be a dance in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>The Primary School will also be involved in planting fruit trees at Arnsheen Park (on a school day). <i>See also Item 10.</i></p> <p>Item 6c Updates: Defibrillator Project: CS had contacted the LPP Chair, who then raised the matter of an external case for Barrhill being included in the project. The LPP agreed to support the cost of the external case, using funding from the Small Grants underspend, and one will be ordered for Barrhill. The CC is most appreciative of this.</p> <p>Item 9: CC Elections: CS had contacted SAC's Tracy Whiteford regarding the co-option, who had informed that despite the very recent elections a new notice must be displayed, again inviting nominations for the 2 vacant CC places. This was approved by members: again proposed by CS and seconded by PMcG.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: SAC Funding Alerts: In view of the possibility of funding being sought for the Jubilee Celebrations, cancellation of information was postponed for the time being. PH informed that the new External Funding Officer, Milissa McCulloch, is extremely competent and most helpful in finding out relevant information on all types of funding and recommended contacting her if the need arose.</p> <p>Another helpful agency in these difficult times is the Energy Agency, whose staff can always be approached. Noted</p> <p>GNPA: The requested leaflets had arrived that day—distributed to all and copies to be placed in the shop and Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry: Felling Permission Application Loch Mayberry: This email was replied to, with a query regarding felling already underway before the end of the consultation period, but no response was received. JT thought the felling carried out may well be in D & G area and not S. Ayrshire. Not possible to clarify affected area from the maps provided. Noted</p> <p><i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	<p>JH, PMcG & CS</p> <p>CS</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
	<p>In AC's absence, the copy of his report was read out. After deduction of the CC's grant application (and last month's Angling Club grant), which had been approved via email prior to the meeting, the Carrick Futures balance is now £6,514.65. The CC balance is now £1,051.81 after payment of £20 for the accounts' auditing, giving a current overall balance of £7,566.46.</p>	
8	<p>Updates</p>	
	<p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on the recent meeting and events.</p> <p>The Trout: Work continues apace at the pub with good progress being maintained. The building has been ripped out, beams installed and the drains are now open ready for testing. Updates are communicated on the Barrhill Past & Present website. In reply to a question regarding an opening date, JT informed this was not yet known.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: Meeting being held tonight, hence AC's apologies for absence.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): CS informed of some items from the minutes of the 13th April meeting.</p> <p>Future Locality Model: Input on the future direction and opportunities.</p> <p>Wellbeing Pledge: Money allocated - £21K available for Girvan and SC LPP.</p> <p>Defibrillator Project: <i>See above at Item 6:</i> PH had been present when this was discussed at the LPP meeting and supported the facts given by the CC. He had also informed that the CC had replaced the batteries.</p> <p>Update from Chair: Information given of the process for the re-launch of Locality Planning. The previous review was held in 2019. There will be a sabbatical for the group from May to August. Noted</p> <p>VASA are hosting Seniors events in June i.e. Girvan QuayZone 13th June.</p> <p>Health Classes will be held from 22nd April e.g. Invigor8, HARP and Weigh to Go.</p> <p>PH informed that there is a serious shortage of staff throughout the Health section, which is causing concern.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC had given information that there were no matters relevant to Barrhill at the latest meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Planning Applications</p>	

	<p>Decisions Lists: March 2022: 3 relevant to Barrhill, all from SPEN relating to the 3 sections of the OHL to connect the consented Stranoch & Chirnorie Windfarms to the Mark Hill Substation. All were permitted, although the final decision rests with the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). CS referred to an article in the Ayr Advertiser, quoting Councillor Clark querying why, when he had received many objections from Barrhill, whose residents wanted the OHL to be placed underground where it crosses the Duisk Valley, there was no reference to these objections in SAC's Planning report to the Regulatory Panel. PH informed that this matter is being looked at by the Panel.</p> <p>JT, who made a declaration of interest for himself and JH, as their land is affected, informed that he had attended a meeting with SPEN and SAC officials, at which Private Water Supplies were discussed. Information given was that to go underground crossing the Duisk Valley was more environmentally damaging than going overhead. Noted.</p> <p>Planning Applications: There were 2 for Barrhill, both relating to the former Arnsheen Church building. W/e 1/4/22, Listed Building Consent sought for alterations and extension to the former Church and w/e 14/4/22 consent sought for the erection of a boundary wall and gate (already erected) to the Listed Building. Noted</p>	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>A total of 3 applications were discussed, 2 being received after publication of the agenda.</p> <p>i) Barrhill Community Council: (Re-Platinum Jubilee) The application was for £500 to put towards the purchase of Jubilee coins for all infants and school age children in the community, and those whose 70th birthdays fall in 2022. The initial total cost was £600, with £500 being requested, the balance of £100 to be paid by a generous donation, and this was approved by email prior to the meeting, due to time restraints. The amount sought, however, was reduced due to the high number of coins ordered, with the sum of £487.50 now being requested, this being the total cost. This was approved unanimously and the grant confirmed. The best use now for the £100 cheque donation to be a decision for the Jubilee Events Committee.</p>	CS
	<p>ii) Fun Day Committee: An application by a member of the Fun Day Committee was for £422.34 to fund the costs of various activities for the Family Fun Day to be held on Saturday 4th June 2022. The full details of items were read out. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>iii) Barrhill Bowling Club: The application was for £378.25 to purchase various materials to enable efficient watering of the bowling green to keep it in better condition. This was also approved unanimously.</p>	CS CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Elan City: New leaflet received re-road signs.</p> <p>SAC: PAS (Planning Aid Scotland): Information received.</p> <p>SAC: New Scheme on the Establishment of Community Councils: Emailed information, but hard copies for all to be received shortly. Noted</p> <p>LPP: Notification of surveys—on Carers and Wellbeing. <i>Other items previously circulated.</i></p>	
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public	
	<p>Dornal Road: In spite of previous information, RH informed that this job had still not been completed. PH will seek clarification from ARA.</p> <p>Link Officer: AMcC was pleased to have met the CC members and informed that she would attend all meetings when she is able to and is available to help at all times, which is much appreciated.</p> <p>Wallace Terrace Playpark: CS informed that as well as the newly planted trees, the fence had now been fully repaired. Acknowledgement to be emailed to SAC.</p> <p>Station Car Park: Noted that this was all but complete, with only the line markings to be done. CS will confirm with Lynn Wilson that this will be done, following information that the work was completely finished.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting: Reminder – to be held on 25th May, prior to the ordinary meeting.</p> <p>SAC Councillor: Ahead of the local elections next week, with the future unknown, PH informed the CC he had enjoyed attending meetings and wished the CC well. In turn he was thanked for all his help and support and the CC in turn wished him well.</p>	PH CS CS
	<p>Date & Time of next meetings: <u>Wednesdays 25th May (plus AGM) & 29th June at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p>	

