

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May 2024, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), and 3 Members of the Public.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	None received.	
2	Police Report	
	No Police were present but the following information had been received: Period 01/05/2024 – 28/05/2024: 1 Call made to Police for the area, which was a Road Traffic matter. There have been no crime reports raised during this period. PC McKinlay informed that he and PC Thorne were in the village on 14 th May as part of their Drop-in Surgery, when they attended with the Mobile Police Unit. They also conducted a speed check outside the school, the location being the subject of several complaints. No offences were detected during this time. CC members then discussed speeding, as another check in the village had been noted at the crossroads, with a number of motorists stopped. JS informed of one at Pinwherry too, the location of which was puzzling. Ongoing	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 24th April 2024	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcl, seconded by RH.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 5: Matters Arising: New Luce Hill Road: Still not been repaired. AL had discussed with ARA, photos had been taken, and it was now hoped matters would soon be resolved. He is awaiting feedback. Blocked Drains: MR regretted that ARA had not acted on previous reports. AL assured that he will keep pursuing the matter. AL in contact with ARA and hopes that this matter will also soon be resolved. He will accompany ARA staff when the assessment is carried out. Ongoing</p> <p>Knowe Road: Resurfacing being carried out at present, though AC regretted nearby potholes are not receiving attention.</p> <p>South Carrick Community Bus Service: JB had attended the last meeting. The grant application is now submitted to CF for the larger amount. The CC had been sent an up to date Electoral roll for use in the survey. There will be a test run of the route in June and the plan is a work in progress.</p> <p>AL reminded of the forthcoming Banking Hub in Girvan, following the closure of the Bank of Scotland, which passengers may want to attend if the timetable suits.</p> <p>King's Portrait: Now delivered and is displayed in the small meeting room.</p> <p>Disabled Access to Car Park: It was not clear just what is involved—to be looked at by members of CC and BDT.</p> <p>Item 10: Dog Fouling: KB reported that in conjunction with Environmental Health action had been taken and 100 leaflets delivered in the village and signs placed. Hopefully this will deter the offending dog owners, who do not pick up. The visit was a 'recce' patrol and is to be repeated. The Primary School will also be approached to involve pupils. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 11: Correspondence: SAC: Community Map Scotland Project: No action at present.</p> <p>SAC: PWS: Information re-feasibility of rural connections to a Mains Water Connection Project. It was agreed that due to few supplies being to multiple properties and the demographics, this would not be a viable project in this area and to take no further action. Noted that the property owner has to submit an application.</p> <p>Item 12: AOB: Bridge Repairs: CS had notified ARA of the CC's delight at the repaired bridge—then unbelievably soon after the bridge was damaged yet again by a lorry heading to the Solway yard getting stuck on the bridge. ARA had been informed.</p> <p>Speed Activated Sign: ARA had informed that unfortunately the sign couldn't be fixed and it</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>JB/ PMcG</p> <p>CC/ BDT</p> <p>KB</p>

	<p>will be replaced when the new flashing signs contract is in place - hopefully soon. Noted Road Sweeper: KMCL reported that the large machine, which AL assured had been requested, had not materialised and the small one was used again. To be monitored.</p> <p>Item 3: Speakers: SPEN, Mark Hill Sub-station Extension: Response from Colin Wylie (CW) was discussed. It was felt that the points raised by the CC regarding the vehicle movements had not been sufficiently covered. CS to email CW to seek reassurances.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	CS
5	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank now total £1,255.96, following payment for consumables. The CF balance is now £10,314.22 after expenditure for the 4 grants previously approved, giving an overall bank balance of £11,570.18.</p> <p><i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT informed that at the last meeting (attended by the new directors), the new Office-Bearers had been appointed, with matters going as planned.</p> <p>b) BDT: The BDT Chair, Gillian Young (GY), reminded that the AGM had unfortunately been postponed, as members were aware. It is hoped a new date will be announced shortly, possibly the next week. AC enquired if this would still be within the required timeframe for AGMs and was assured it was. GY informed that Dean (Handyman) is to undertake a course on spraying and that Pat (Hallkeeper) a First Aid training course.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC reported that no meeting had taken place since the previous CC meeting.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had attended the latest meeting on 8th May. The main items discussed are as follows: Locality Plan & Health Profile: Updated versions (2022) now available – enhanced to include relevant hyperlinks and logos. (Available to view) Funding/PB Proposal: Overview given - applications to go live in June with online voting. South Carrick event in w/c 23rd September. Funding pot to be split in two – Girvan groups and the villages, which will be based on population - split to be 54%/46%. Reservations on several points were discussed –online voting/funding split/location. What portion of HSCP funding should be used for PB? UK Shared Prosperity Funding also goes to PB. To be decided at the next meeting. Girvan Hospital Review: Occupancy only 60/65% at present - could be used for clinics if staff available. Well-being course to be held in September/October for unpaid carers. Updates: Including First Responders – 3 new members, 2 in Barrhill and 1 in Girvan. There have been issues with the Scottish Ambulance Service regarding provision of training. Thriving Communities: Courses have commenced. Health Improvement: Eileen McCutcheon's work now aligned with topics rather than locality. She updated on Community Transport - application to Carrick Futures submitted for a one year pilot. Decision expected in late July, with an August start hoped for. (See above at Item 4.) Emergency Services: Concern expressed regarding a 999 call in Girvan – the ambulance had to come from Kilmarnock as the Girvan vehicle unavailable. Presentation on AYE Girvan (Accessibilty Yields Empowerment). 3 Sections – After School Care/Workshops/Hygiene Banks. Agreed to grant £350 funding for this.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Fund: AC informed no meeting had taken place.</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	<p>Decisions List: April: Nothing relevant to Barrhill.</p> <p>Planning Applications: One for Barrhill: Former Arnshen Church: Listed Building consent sought for alterations and extension to dwelling house.</p>	
8	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Individual: Men's Forum: Application for £500 submitted, for costs of hall hire and refreshments - no details. A discussion ensued with reservations regarding the lack of a breakdown of the £500. The 2 hours hall hire also questioned as the group apparently meet for 3 hours. CS to contact to ask for further details and MR offered to discuss with the applicant the details required for resubmitting the application form.</p> <p>ii) Girvan Academy Parent Council: Following the receipt of this application CS, on AC's advice, had contacted the applicant to explain that Carrick Futures criteria do not allow</p>	CS/MR

	multiple applications to different Community Councils and that an application direct to CF should be submitted. Applicant had replied asking the CC to use its discretion but after discussing the members reluctantly agreed to refuse the application. CS to contact.	CS
9	Place Planning	
	SAC's Audrey Gatt (AG) had been in touch asking if the CC had any information e.g. CAP updates, to put on a webpage showing an interactive map with a page for each locality. There is still no input from Foundation Scotland regarding the CAP and as this is now overdue it was agreed to contact AG with a view to commencing the Place Planning. KB made reference to the views of Barrhill Primary pupils being sought in addition to the community's. AC suggested engaging a firm such as CIS to assist and stressed that an Action Plan differed from Place Planning. Prior to engaging with AG, it was agreed to have a preliminary meeting with BDT/BCIC to discuss what questions to use on the form. CS to arrange.	CS
10	Correspondence	
	<p>SAHSCP: Usual emails including information on: Vibrant Voices Choir; Harbour Helpline; Mentally Healthy Communities Newsletter; Adventure Carrick website; Ayrshire Healing Centre's Beach Party (next night at Turnberry); Well-being Pledge Showcase: SACT's Out & About summer programme; Locality Plan and Locality Health Profile update; forthcoming Learning & Development Plan into 2027; Chef Vacancy at Carrick Centre, Maybole; Alcohol related brain damage; and details of current Cosy Spaces drop-in venues, including Barrhill's Friday coffee mornings. (Details of above items available on request)</p> <p>Forestry & Land (Scotland): UK Forest Certification: Notification that a Forest Stewardship Council Programme for Forest Management assessment, carried out by UK Forest Certification Ltd, will be actioned in April 2024. A full list of the forest / woodland locations within the Group Scheme was enclosed with the consultation document. June 7th deadline for comments - there were none from the members on this.</p> <p>SAC: Bicycle Referral Scheme—Biosphere Bikes involved in this. Noted</p> <p>SAC: Coastal Communities Fund information.</p> <p>Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere: Jenna Cains notified of the delay re-village signage. Members puzzled by this as the Barrhill sign states 'Biosphere Community'.</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action newsletter/Foundation Scotland Bulletin.</p> <p>Strategic Services Review: The Fire Service issued an invitation to a meeting on this in Ayr next month (30th June). JB will attend on behalf of the CC. Consultation is also online. Information on Procurement Process forwarded by AL.</p> <p>DPEA: Information on Appeals Process available online on 12th June.</p> <p>Newton Stewart Initiatives: Copy of Place Plan received.</p> <p>BDT: Notification regarding the change to the policy of providing refreshments for meetings in the Memorial Hall at no extra cost if requested, due to the BDT's necessity to raise money for the hall's upkeep. Charge to be £1 per head, though local groups allowed to store provisions in the hall. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the presence of a speaker at a CC meeting, when refreshments are usually offered. Finally agreed the CC will obtain its own supplies.</p> <p>SAC: Funding alerts for May 2024.</p> <p>SAC: Enquiry if there are any events within the community to include on the SAC website. CS was aware the date of the Events Committee's Gala Day was known, but asked to be made aware of any other events to forward to SAC.</p> <p>CAG: Active Travel: Latest meeting will be held in Dundonald on 4th June. Noted</p> <p>EDF: Stranoch Windfarm: Notification that construction on this has now commenced.</p> <p>SAHSCP: Information that Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere is launching the 'Blue Biosphere' on 19th June at the McKechnie Institute in Girvan, 2-2.30pm. <i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	<p>JB/ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p>
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>Mark Hill Sub-station Extension Traffic: RH queried if compensation could be claimed regarding the number of lorries that will be travelling through the village, as he had heard of previous arrangements. Not known by other members but enquiries will be made.</p> <p>MR queried the need to notify correspondence items when most are circulated anyhow. It was pointed out that these are not always read.</p> <p>KB informed that when she was delivering the dog fouling leaflets in the village, the attitude</p>	CS

	<p>of some dog owners was disappointing, although the majority were sympathetic. KB also informed that sufficient notice would be sent to the CC this time for any holiday programmes being held locally this summer by Thriving Communities.</p> <p>Timber Lorries on B7027: JB reported that timber lorries are again using the B7027, contrary to ongoing agreement. JT and CS had also received complaints regarding this and AC informed that he had already looked into this. His previous contact (Neil Murray) from FLS had moved on but gave a contact (James England) in D & G Council, who contacted him. A meeting is to be held shortly regarding timber haulage at which this matter will be raised. No information received yet. JT had another name (Simon Stewart) and AC will contact.</p> <p>Verge Grass Cutting: PMcG reported that the wet cut grass is blocking the street drains. Noted that it always seems to be wet when Barrhill's verges are cut.</p> <p>SPR's Net Zero Partnership Event: This was held in the Memorial Hall - well attended.</p> <p>B7027 Closure: Knowe Road currently closed beyond Lochton Mill for resurfacing. Ayrshire Post advert—closure till 2nd June. CC had not been notified. Bargrennan-Straiton road also to be closed between 3rd - 28th June.</p> <p>Battery Storage (BESS) at Land at Auchencrosh, Glenapp: Reminder of a Community Engagement Event on Thursday 6th June in Ballantrae -1pm to 8pm.</p> <p>Locked Gates at Kildonan: CS had emailed SAC's Access Officer Rachel Shipley (RS) to ask for an update, as nothing had been heard since last September. It transpired that SAC's Legal section had still not responded to her query and that despite numerous phone calls, RS could not contact the landowner. AL will look into this—CS to provide background information.</p> <p>Cross Water Bridge: An engineer is yet to inspect this bridge, after the Community Payback team expressed concerns last September, which CS had reported to RS.</p> <p>Arnsheen Park Notice: A resident had queried why the notice at the entrance to Arnsheen Park referred to the nearest phone box, when the village's only phone box was removed several years ago. BDT will investigate.</p> <p>A714 Bargrennan Bridge: JS informed of a practice run of blades for the Klgalloch Extension, which had got stuck on the bridge at Bargrennan and blocked the road. She was concerned as to future traffic issues.</p> <p>Exercise Bikes: KMCL asked when exercise bikes would be available on Arnsheen Park – BDT to discuss.</p> <p>BDT Newsletter: The BDT Vice-Chair informed the meeting that while it was not possible to produce a paper newsletter at present, one had now been placed online, which included the CC's contribution (submitted in March).</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: No update available.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>AC</p> <p>CS/AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>BDT</p> <p>BDT</p>
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday, 26th June, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Other meetings in 2024: 28th August, 30th October, 27th November</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	