

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024, in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.**

| No | Item  | Action                                   |
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|    | <p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> 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 &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer) (for the start), Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer).</p> <p><i>KB attended for the last time, to bid farewell to the CC members, as she has been moved elsewhere. The new Link Officer, Lee Kirkwood, was welcomed to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>All appreciated KB attending and thanked her for her assistance during her time with Barrhill CC. She then left the meeting.</i></p>  |  |
| 1  | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>None received.</p>   |  |
| 2  | <p><b>Police Report</b></p>   |  |
|    | <p><i>(The Police Report for the period 28/8/2024 till 25/9/2024 had previously been circulated to members. Incidents were as follows: Communications x1; Tasked Incident x1; Planned Shoot x3; Road Traffic Matter x1; and Assist Partner Agency x1. 1 Crime Report was raised in this period in relation to the Communications Incident, which has been detected.)</i></p> <p>The latest report was received today, with PCs McKinlay and Thorne on dayshift and unable to attend in person. The Police report is as follows: Calls to Police:1; Road Traffic Matters: 2; Animals: 4; Assist Members of the Public: 3; Police Info: 1; and Fraud: 1.</p> <p>1 Crime Report was raised: Fraud – undetected to date.</p> <p>KMcL raised the matter of speed checks– these had been talked of but to date had not been carried out. PC McKinlay to be contacted .</p>  | CS                                       |
| 3  | <p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b></p> <p>These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by KMcL.</p>   |  |
| 4  | <p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p>  |  |
|    | <p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising: Blocked drains:</b> AL informed that he had visited Barrhill and accompanied by JT had viewed the reported problems. Despite pursuing this, the problem of the blockage at No. 10 had still not been solved, in spite of numerous complaints by both the resident and the owner, with concerns regarding possible structural damage. AL will again pursue with ARA, whose responsibility it is, and not Scottish Water's.</p> <p><b>New Luce Hill Road and Road Sweeper:</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>Locked Gates at Kildonan:</b> AL had now visited the location with JT and had contacted Rachel Shipley regarding the problem. To date he had no further information from RS on the situation or on the opinion of SAC's Legal section. AL will again contact RS.</p> <p><b>Postal Delivery Service:</b> A reply, circulated, had again been received from Royal Mail, with apologies for the inconvenience. Once again low staff rates were blamed, due to sickness as well as vacancies. The assertion that deliveries take place 6 days a week, when possible, when there is mail to deliver, was viewed with scepticism. Recruitment for postal workers continues. The CC to consider further action.</p> <p><b>Item 8: Small Grant Applications: Blister Pack Recycling:</b> CS had contacted SAC's Waste Strategy section following the rejection of this application, to enquire if SAC has any plans regarding recycling of these packs as they can no longer be placed in the blue bin. SAC is aware that this needs to be addressed and continues to pursue the matter with Zero Waste Scotland and will keep the CC informed of any developments. Noted</p> <p><b>Barrhill Men's Group:</b> Following notification that only the transport costs of the application were approved, the CC was informed that the application was not being proceeded with.</p> <p><b>Dog Waste Bags:</b> AR informed that the bags had now been ordered and received. KMcL complained of increased dog mess on pavements and AL will report to Environmental Health to arrange for an Enforcement officer to visit Barrhill.</p> <p><b>Item 10: National Park in Galloway:</b> Further information from NatureScot confirmed the</p> | <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AL</p> |

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|   | <p>consultation commences on 7<sup>th</sup> November and that meetings will be held in various locations. These will be notified. AL asked for the CC's opinions and apart from one member opinion was against the NP. Reasons given were the appalling state of both the A77 and A75 and lack of accommodation for visitors.</p> <p><b>Item 12: AOB: SPEN Grants:</b> MR had notified SPEN of suggestions for this but no further information had been received. Noted</p> <p><b>Blocked Drains:</b> MR referred to ARA's inaction to remedy the blockage to the drains outside the Car Park, which he had reported numerous times. <i>Other matters on agenda</i></p>  | AL  |
| 5 | <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b><br/><b>Incl. Micro Grant Guidance</b></p>   |     |
|   | <p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank now total £1,707.08 (following payment of £40 to the Information Commissioner). The CF balance is now £9,012.23, after payment of various small grants approved last month, leaving an overall bank balance of £11,069.31. Regarding CF funds, the maximum that can be held is £10K. If less than £5K is held, this can be topped up with another £5K.</p> <p><b>Micro Grant Guidance</b> AC's document had been circulated to all. Some of the wording was from the Foundation Scotland document. AC reported that while Carrick Futures have revised the small grants criteria, the rules were not laid down at the last meeting, as expected. A sum up to £1,000 can now be awarded. If an individual is awarded funding, receipts must first be produced. JB enquired as to when BCIC funding should be sought as opposed to the CC's CF Small Grants fund. Generally speaking, if more than £500 is sought, an application should be to BCIC, otherwise, as JT reiterated, the CC fund would soon empty. All to study the proposed guidance again to discuss at the next meeting. Noted. AC was thanked for his report.</p>   | ALL |
| 6 | <p><b>Updates</b></p>  |     |
|   | <p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> JT informed that the Board had held a joint meeting with the BDT. Funding was discussed, including the amount held, with investigations ongoing into investing funds for the future. <b>Winter Fuel payment:</b> This will be £500 for the coming winter.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> JB informed that the two vacant positions had been filled. Linda Wild is the Administrative Assistant and Gemma Horrod the relief hallkeeper. These appointments were welcomed by all. JB assured that good progress is being made. KMcl asked if the office would be open to enquiries when Linda is there, but this will not occur.</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC confirmed that, as stated above, the raise to £1K was still not approved. This will be decided at the December meeting. (See above at Item 5)</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS attended on 11<sup>th</sup> September - main items as follows:<br/> <b>Dentistry Services:</b> Reply awaited from the Service Manager;<br/> <b>Mental Health &amp; Dementia Strategies:</b> Engagement session to give background on developing strategies - engaging with the public beforehand for views on priorities;<br/> <b>Girvan Locality Plan:</b> Approval awaited from the IJB;<br/> <b>Participatory Budgeting:</b> As notified before, the 24 applications were reduced to 16.<br/> <b>Girvan Hospital Review:</b> Existing opening hours of 8.30am to 5.30pm maintained.<br/> <b>Updates: First Responders:</b> There are now 13 First Responders and 4 awaiting training. Mark Bradley may be leaving the area, which would be regretted.<br/> <b>Carers' Gateway:</b> A new Support Worker for this new group has been appointed. It is hoped to include the rural villages.<br/> <b>Stinchar Valley Transport:</b> An update was given.<br/> CS and PMcG attended the 16<sup>th</sup> October meeting – main points as follows:<br/> HSCP Funding remaining after <b>PB event</b> was allocated– £1K each for the QuayZone, for transport of schoolchildren to Maybole pool and to ACE's Blue Health Hub for outdoor activities. 13 groups received the full amount applied for and 1 part funded.<br/> <b>Hospital Review:</b> Diabetic Retinal screening being planned, and there are aims to make the MIU more sustainable. A hospital visit is planned for members on 28<sup>th</sup> October.<br/> <b>Diabetes Survey</b> reminder – a hospital clinic is planned. <b>COPD Event</b> outcome – 34 attended. <b>Updates: SC First Responders</b> - severe shortage of volunteers/2 going for training shortly. Posters out for <b>Carers' Café. Connect</b> opens on 1<sup>st</sup> November in Ayr, with a base in Girvan that hopes to extend to the rural villages.</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Community Fund:</b> AC had nothing to report.</p> |     |

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|           | <p><b>f) Barrhill Events Group:</b> PMcG informed that a successful Children’s Hallowe’en Party had taken place, with funding obtained. Future events include the Remembrance Day re-dedicating of the Memorial Hall on its centenary and MR gave details of a tree planting and burying of a time capsule, which the Primary School pupils had been involved with. Refreshments will be provided. Funding provided by the BCIC.</p> <p>PMcG further informed that a number of other events are planned, including the Children’s Christmas Party on 20<sup>th</sup> December, followed by Carols Round the Tree, and a Christmas Dance on 21<sup>st</sup> December.</p> <p>MR informed that due to a scarcity of fireworks, the Fireworks Display unfortunately has been postponed until 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Events Group members involved are to have training sessions re-Health and Safety. Noted</p>   |  |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Stranoch Windfarm Liaison Group</b>  |  |
|           | <p>While no CC member attended this first meeting on October 2nd, the minutes had been received – forwarded to all. A report in the Free Press had indicated that New Luce and Barrhill Groups could apply to a £20K ‘Sponsorship Fund’, but no information on this had been received. A leaflet since received indicates Dumfries &amp; Galloway groups should apply. The next Liaison Group meeting is to be in January and JS volunteered to attend this. JT was mindful of the need to look to the future as regards windfarm funding.</p>  |  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Planning Applications</b>  |  |
|           | <p><b>Planning Applications:</b> JS reported none relevant to Barrhill.</p> <p><b>September Decisions List:</b> There were two application approvals for the Barrhill Community Council Area. 2/09/24 Application Approved for ‘Temporary siting of static caravan’ at Laih Altercannoch (B7027 From Main Street Barrhill To Council Boundary at Loch Maberry.) 10/09/24 Prior Approval Not Required: Prior Notification for works to existing forestry road Arecleoch Sub Station (C72 From Gowlands Terrace Barrhill To Council Boundary South Of Chirmorrie).</p>  |  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Small Grant Applications</b>   |  |
|           | <p><b>i) Barrhill Events Group:</b> Original application for £500 to fund a Children’s Christmas Party (with presents, Santa, Santa Sleigh, Face-painting and food) and Carols Round the Tree. AC had asked for a complete breakdown of costs, which came to £426. The items costed were then subject to a lengthy discussion. The application was then approved by all those members not on the Events committee.</p> <p><b>ii) Barrhill Art Group:</b> The application for £207.88 to fund costs of materials for glass painting was approved in full. In line with CF criteria, receipts of purchase must be submitted prior to a cheque being raised. AC and CS to notify.</p> <p><b>iii) Barrhill Wee Whist Club:</b> This application was too late for inclusion on the agenda but was considered, contrary to the applicant’s expectations. The amount sought was £315 to cover the hall hire costs for 18 whist drives from November 2024 to September 2025. This was approved in full, with the cheque to be paid direct to the BDT.</p> | <p>AC/CS</p> <p>AC/CS</p> <p>AC/CS</p> |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Place Planning</b>   |  |
|           | <p>Following the last CC meeting, CS had exchanged emails with Audrey Gatt regarding the poster to be displayed. Members had been consulted and alterations to wording/design suggested. CS to inform AG that with a final alteration matters can at last proceed.</p>  | CS                                     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Annual Self-Assessment (RAG Analysis Form)</b>   |  |
|           | <p>This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The points were then discussed and agreed. CS to submit the form to SAC.</p>   | CS                                     |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Correspondence</b>   |  |
|           | <p><b>SAHSCP:</b> Usual emails including information on: Ayrshire Climate Hub Citizen Science sessions – free nature recording workshops for volunteers; Mental Health and Dementia strategies surveys; ADP weekly briefing sessions; Green Health Autumn calendar; Power of Attorney leaflets; Alzheimer Scotland information; COPD pathway; AILN Information event; Diabetes Survey re-eye screening service; National Severe Asthma Pathway consultation survey; Carrick Carers’ café; Ageing Well Strategy event in Ayr; Wider Access education; and Reclaim the Night walk 26<sup>th</sup> November. (<i>Details of above items available on request</i>)</p> <p><b>NHS:</b> Research volunteers needed for the <b>Share Register</b>.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Second consultation re-Sexual Entertainment Venues; Equality &amp; Diversity Forum; CC Webinar (Hearing Children &amp; Young People’s Voice in the Community);</p>   |  |

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|    | <p><b>Biosphere:</b> Grants for Small Scale Tree Planting; Badgers survey training.</p> <p><b>Scottish Rural Action/Foundation Scotland:</b> Newsletters/Survey.</p> <p><b>ARA:</b> Information on A77 roadworks at Ballantrae Bridge. <b>Community Councils:</b> Webinar with 'Ready Scotland' –survey on emergency risks and impact - Insights on Community Resilience in Emergencies. Complimentary conference places at Mackay Hannah online events. (No member expressed interest in the latter.)</p> <p><b>Stranoch Windfarm:</b> Notification of blasting – agreed forwarding of this is not necessary.</p> <p><b>Glenapp Solar Farm:</b> Second consultation event in Ballantrae.</p> <p><b>Plantscape:</b> Information re-Solar Powered Christmas trees. A discussion followed regarding Christmas lights, and JB will investigate for the BDT to see if a small grant can be applied for - this can be pursued by email if necessary.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Information from AL re-oil leaks. Survey on PWS - forwarded to those affected.</p> <p><b>Fairhurst:</b> Information and plans on the Stranraer Marine Expansion Scheme.</p> <p><b>Biosphere:</b> Zoom meeting with the National Park Reporter on 14<sup>th</sup> November at start of the consultation phase. JS and JB have expressed an interest in participating in this.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>  | <p>JB</p> <p>JS/JB</p>        |
| 13 | <p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b></p> <p><b>Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</b></p>   |                               |
|    | <p><b>Dirty Roads:</b> RH, supported by other members, complained of the dreadful state of the A714 within the village following the increase in lorries removing peat from the site of the Mark Hill substation extension. There is an accumulation of glutinous dirt at the roadsides. CS to contact Colin Wylie (CW) of SPEN. It was noted that to date the majority of the drivers were complying with the 20mph limit, which was appreciated. Reports also of a white GTR lorry not being covered. CW to be informed of its number.</p> <p><b>Garden Waste Bins:</b> KMcL queried the security on SAC's website when inputting bank details to pay for this service. AL assured that the website was secure.</p> <p><b>SAC Councillor's Report:</b> AL updated on the Breakfast Clubs in Primary Schools.</p> <p><b>Knowe Road Traffic:</b> AC informed of increased volumes of litter connected to the forthcoming Kilgallioch Extension works. Situation will be monitored.</p> <p><b>New Link Officer:</b> LK was again welcomed to the meeting and he informed that he is a Community Assistant. This is his first experience of being a Link Officer and he is looking forward to attending. The CC hopes he will enjoy his visits to Barrhill.</p> <p><b>Mains Sewage:</b> PMcG enquired on behalf of a resident about the possibility of connecting a property with a septic tank to the mains. It was agreed this was a private matter for the householder.</p> <p><b>Speed Check cables:</b> MR enquired if there was any news on when these cables would be installed. AL will chase this up. <b>Roads:</b> MR also reported the A714 road surface at the Girvan end of the village was breaking up, while JT informed that the edge of the <b>New Luce hill road</b> above the station, approx. 60 yards beyond the feeding place, had been washed away, resulting in a very narrow carriageway. JB referred to leftover cones disrupting traffic on the Knowe Road, south of High Altercannoch. AL to inform ARA.</p> <p><b>Speed Activated Sign on Main Street:</b> This had still not been repaired since being removed in October 2022 and CS again contacted ARA. Unbelievably there is still no update on the VAS contract. AL had also made enquiries. Ongoing</p> <p><b>South Carrick Community Bus Service:</b> This commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> September – not yet known how well used it is.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> AL confirmed that SAC will provide 2 wreaths for the service on Sunday and that he will be attending.</p> <p><b>Kilgallioch Extension Meeting:</b> AC and JT (for BCIC) will be attending on 25<sup>th</sup> November. The CC have been informed that the start of works commences at the end of this week. There is a 'Meet the Buyer' event in Newton Stewart on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Noted <i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p> | <p>CS</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> |
| 14 | <p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting:</b></p>  |                               |
|    | <p><b><u>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>First meeting in 2025: Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u></b></p>  |                               |