

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th April 2025, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Martin Rennie (MR), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Kevin Braidwood (KB) (SAC's Director of Housing, Operations & Development). No members of the public were present.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor), John Heath (JH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Jean Shaw (JS), PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) & Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST).	
4	Matters Arising from the minutes In Attendance: Kevin Braidwood, South Ayrshire Council Director of Housing, Operations and Development	
	<p><i>As the Police were not present, parts of this item relevant to KB's attendance taken now.</i></p> <p>Given the amount of actions on previous minutes for ARA, ACk had asked KB to attend the CC meeting. ACk had sent apologies and regretted having to miss the meeting, AL attending in his place. 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>Speed Activated Sign: KB confirmed what Daniel Hainey replied to CS after her enquiry to ARA: it is unfortunately still without a Vehicle Activated Signage Contract. The matter has been raised with the Procurement Team as a matter of urgency and it is hoped it will soon be out to tender. It was explained why ARA was unable to replace or repair the signs.</p> <p>Blocked Drains: The pavement at No.10 is still flooded – KB queried if it was under Scottish Water's remit but JT asserted it is not, as he knew the street drain is blocked. AC reminded that drains at Nos. 59/69 are still blocked and MR stated when his complaints were first raised (commencing in 2021 and possibly before) regarding drainage at various sites e.g. Nos. 57/59/69 and also 25/27, as well as the car park exit, ARA engineers had attended on site at that time. He will send reference numbers to KB.</p> <p>AL is familiar with the locations and will also brief KB.</p> <p>New Luce Hill Road & Knowe Road (B7027): Still not repaired – KB was asked what criteria is involved in prioritising the order of repairs. A number of the complaints have apparently already had works instructions raised. KB explained there was a risk based assessment to gauge the category, which determines the time allocated until a repair.</p> <p>Timber Lorries: As some are from private forestry, they are not allowed to use the windfarm tracks and use the Knowe Road. KB informed there is a Link Officer who could be contacted, as regular Forestry meetings are held governing the routes of timber lorries.</p> <p>Martyrs' Tomb Walk Footbridge: (CS declared an interest). KB informed this would be under the remit of Fiona Ross' SAC section and not ARA. Ongoing</p> <p>Mark Hill Sub-station Traffic Plan: KB was questioned about this plan in light of complaints regarding the lorries involved with the Mark Hill works. It was known that Girvan CC had recently complained and had contacted CS. AL was aware of the large numbers of lorries waiting at a Girvan car park to begin in the mornings, as they do in Barrhill. CS had asked SPEN's Colin Wylie for an update on the wagon movements for this meeting. He informed that movement works are expected to continue until late June/early July 2025, with about 30-35 wagons per day, doing an average of 2 trips daily. Import of stone has commenced on some return journeys. Numbers may fall off towards the end of this phase. The site team also held another safety stand down with drivers recently to reinforce the driving behaviour expected. KB suggested keeping the item on the agenda – it is a planning enforcement matter. The numbers of vehicles were difficult to count and AL had enquired at the Pinwherry meeting but had no confirmation – to be chased up.</p> <p>SAC Ward Capital Project: JT referred to this, with regard to the idea first raised with ACk in October 2023 of a reinstated path along the Cross Water, from the main street bridge towards The Avenue. KB will put this forward.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>MR/KB AL</p> <p>KB</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AL/ ACk</p> <p>KB</p>

	<p>CS queried if a footpath between the village and the 2 caravan sites, which she and JS had considered putting forward with agreement from the CC, is a suitable project. Residents would also welcome this. KB informed this would be a project for CAG, as an active travel project, and not the Capital Project. He will raise it with ARA'S David Manson, for the CAG. RH informed of the defective drain cover on the road outside the Surgery. KB to investigate. MR also reported other defective manholes, which had sunk and also a sunken road gully outside the school. He had reported these to ARA online. KB informed that where public utilities are responsible, e.g. BT, ARA cannot act.</p> <p>JB reported collapsed road edges near Lochton Mill (Knowe road), which had exposed the fibre optic cables. Station road edges have also collapsed. <i>KB assured he would pursue all matters and was thanked for his attendance by JT. He left the meeting at 7.50pm.</i></p>	<p>KB KB KB</p> <p>KB</p>
2	Police Report	
	<p>PCs McKinlay and Thorne were unable to attend as they were on day shift, but sent the report for the 2 months since the previous CC meeting. The report is as follows: 27/02/25 to 29/04/25: There have been 6 calls to the Police: Road Traffic Matters: 3; Assault: 1; Assist Members of the Public: 2. 2 crime reports were raised with 1 being detected (Drugs).</p>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 26th February 2025	
	These were approved: proposed by KMcL, seconded by JB.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes (continued)	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: SPEN's Biodiversity CVP Fund: MR had received a response from SPEN to his application (for red squirrel feeders), advising that a larger amount of funding should be applied for. MR had put in for an increased amount with a quote to plant trees down The Avenue and he awaits a decision. Ongoing</p> <p>Barrhill New Cemetery: No sign of the molehills being dealt with. As Barrhill has its own proficient molecatcher, it was agreed to investigate if he could be asked to action this. Agreed also that the CC could pay if necessary. To be investigated.</p> <p>Item 11: Place Planning: In LK's absence there was no news of the Place Planning, with the box for completed survey forms still in the hall entrance. It was not known if Audrey Gatt had been contacted yet by the Barrhill Primary Head Teacher. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 13: AOB: Community Skips: There had been no information from LK or ACK so CS had contacted Waste Management. It transpires that following the introduction of the new 'POPS' legislation the situation is being reviewed, as the affected materials (found in upholstered seating) had still been placed in skips, resulting in SAC being charged premium rates for the whole skip contents. AL confirmed what had occurred</p> <p>Item 4: Locked Gates at Kildonan: There was no further information on this. Ongoing</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda</i></p>	<p>MR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
5	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank are now £1,819.57, following expenses payments including auditing and the 2 end of year donations of £50 each to Girvan & South Carrick First Responders and Girvan Academy Prom Committee (agreed by email). Income was a gift of £500 from Foundation Scotland. The CF balance is now £11,191.54, resulting in an overall bank balance of £13,011.11. AC was thanked for his report.</p>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT reported on the last meeting. He reported that investment options are still being investigated. The AGM will be held shortly, once the accounts have been audited. The Net Zero project is ongoing, with the assessment of properties being discussed, which will be cost affected. The next Net Zero meeting with SPR is on Monday 12th May.</p> <p>b) BDT: AC informed that the AGM will be held on 14th May 2025. Community Skips: In light of SAC's halt to the provision of skips (<i>see above at Item 4 continued</i>), the BDT is arranging for these to be provided in the village. Cross Water pub: The search for a tenant has now commenced. The building works are still waiting to be signed-off.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC informed that the last meeting was a funding round and that 2 grants had been awarded to Barrhill. One was to the Events Group, which was awarded £8,000 (£12K was sought) and the other to the Community Council. The CC had applied for £26K to fund the Action Plan but only 50% was awarded, which was disappointing. AC also informed that after 13 years he had resigned as the CC's representative on the CF board. JT expressed the CC's appreciation of AC's long service on this. The CC now</p>	

	<p>has no representative and all members were asked to consider being nominated. JB was the only one to express an interest and will consider it.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS attended on 9th March - main items as follows: No change to Parking difficulties at Crosshouse Hospital. Could ease if more clinics held in Girvan; Key Priority: Managing Long Term Health Conditions: Presentation by 3 members of Chest, Heart & Stroke Association – hoped to commence Carer/Patient drop-ins at Girvan Hospital in May; Communication: Article pending in Girvan Going Out; Girvan Hospital Review: Diabetic Eye Screening Clinic starts on 24th May; Davidson Ward review still out to consultation. Updates: Girvan & SC First Responders: 1 new volunteer doing training and Mark Bradley is doing CPR training in Carrick villages. VASA: Ageing well had organised a Social Fit event in Colmonell to give Functional Fitness MOTs; Thriving Communities Programme including Child Minding Society information; Carers' Support Group: Now holding fortnightly drop-ins at Ballantrae. LPP Meeting 9th April: CS had not attended but main points from the minutes: Corporate Policy: New role of Policy Officer in Community Planning Team– an introduction; Learning Disability Team Policy: This has been updated with 2 models of care – discussion on respite facilities; PB Process: Chairs' meeting discussed how this would be distributed – small grants process preferred; Girvan Hospital Review; Consultation resent; Social Fit Event in Colmonell - 14 attended for a Health MOT - next one at Barr, with Dailly also interested. (<i>CC members agreed to request same in Barrhill – CS will enquire.</i>) The Chair and a Girvan member had met with the NHS Clinical Director, following up on the incident of a cardiac arrest and no ambulance available. 'Take 5 to Age Well' event in Girvan on 30th April.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Fund: MR had nothing to report.</p> <p>f) Barrhill Events Group: MR reported that the ABBA tribute band event on Saturday night had gone very well. There is to be a VE Day anniversary event at Arnshean Park on Sunday 4th May. Not all members were aware of this event. Community Transport JB informed that a new Development Officer had now been appointed for this and that Barr community now wished to be included in the group.</p>	CS
7	South-West Scotland Environmental Information Centre (SWSEIC) Nature Connections Project Proposal	
	SWSEIC had clarified that Barrhill is indeed included in this project, although it is not located in the Stinchar Valley. Malcolm Haddow (MH) accepted an invitation to address the CC at the June meeting but is keen to have two events in Barrhill this year and one earlier than June, with hopes that a volunteer would be found to host a moth trap in their garden. AC volunteered for this and CS will inform MH.	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	Planning Applications: In her absence JS had emailed the relevant information, as follows: An email had been received from Alan Edgar, SAC's Planning Case Officer, regarding an application from SPR to delay commencement of the construction of Chirmorie Windfarm by eighteen months. This had been circulated to members but no comments were received. Prior Notifications: Arecleoch Windfarm site: Application to upgrade an existing track (<i>from Fox Davies Forestry</i>); and Gowlands Farm: Application for a change of use for one of the agricultural buildings (the former cattle market) to be converted to a dwelling house.	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Proposed Pickleball Group: An application for £322.57 to fund hall hire and the purchase of the necessary equipment for a proposed Pickleball Group was approved.</p> <p>ii) Barrhill Community Council: The CC's own application for funding to purchase replacement pads for the defibrillator at the Barrhill Surgery was also approved. Exact amount not yet known but is in the region of £90.</p> <p>Barrhill Bowling Club: As previously agreed, the grant approved at the last CC meeting on 26th February can now be paid as the new financial year has commenced. AC informed that BDT had made the decision to charge an extra £20 hall hire charge if an event continued after 11pm, with no event to be later than midnight. A lengthy and lively discussion ensued with some members in strong opposition to these new measures. It was</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>AC/CS</p> <p>AC/CS</p>

	noted that the BDT AGM is on the 14 th May when these measures will no doubt be raised.	
10	Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils	
	The consultation for this ends on 15 th May and SAC are inviting comments from members of the public, Community Councils and other groups. All agreed that the length of the documents was somewhat overwhelming and guidance from SAC as to the main changes would have been welcomed. After discussion it was felt that there was not sufficient knowledge to make any comments and that the working group's views would be accepted.	
11	Correspondence	
	<p><i>A list of correspondence received between 26/02/2025 and 31/03/2025 was previously circulated to members – details on request. April's correspondence as follows.</i></p> <p>SAHSCP: Usual emails including information on: Ayrshire College: Board of Management vacancies; Gillian's Walks: Guided Arts & Heritage Coastal Walks; Alzheimers Scotland: 'What's On'; ADP: Lunchtime Briefing sessions into June; Vibrant Voices Group; Aberlour: Family Matter Drop-ins in Girvan; Scottish Action for Mental Health; Carers' Café – now in Ballantrae 1st & 3rd Fridays; Big Cheerio Event: 28th May in Ayr; VASA: South Ayrshire Volunteer rewards; Adult Carers' Strategy: Engagement Objectives; Connect Hub advice events in Ayr; Green & Blue Health Information -Health Improvement event in Colmonell 15th May ; SACT Out & About leaflet;</p> <p><i>Other items also previously circulated:</i></p> <p>TV Opportunity - Gogglebox; SPR information re-blasting at Arecleoch; SAC: Information re- PWS/Wildfires/Emergency water supplies; Stranraer Marina Expansion plans; geViews/Glasdon: Plant information/bins leaflets; Lithium Battery Safety Campaign update; Scottish Civic Trust – My Place Awards; Biosphere Green Fayre in Newton Stewart & Communities Network meeting; Community Benefits discussion: This took place in the hall on 9th April, arranged by the Scottish Community Development Centre. CS will send out notes received to those who did not attend.</p> <p>ECU: Proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm: Additional information submitted relating to further information to address comments by SEPA relating to peat and groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems. The CC did not have any comments to add and its objections already submitted remain valid.</p> <p>Foundation Scotland/Scottish Rural Action newsletters.</p> <p>SAC: LDP3 Evidence Gathering; Adult & Family Learning Awards – October 29th .</p> <p>AMEY: Various road works.</p> <p><i>Other items covered by Agenda. (Details of above items available on request)</i></p>	CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>MR reminded all of the VE Day event on Sunday. The Army will be in attendance.</p> <p>Knowe Road: RH raised yet another site requiring repair – near Knockycoid Cottage, where flooding occurs after heavy rain, due to inadequate repairs following Openreach's installation of fibre optic cable.</p> <p>CC Meetings: KMCL felt the period since the last meeting was too long and that the March meeting should be reinstated. CS acknowledged that the amount of correspondence for the 2 months had been overwhelming and agreed. After discussion all agreed to this. KMCL also queried the absence of the road sweeper recently. Although the road was dry, dust had increased. CS to query.</p> <p>A714 grass verges: JB raised this as he was concerned about the state of the verges near Eldrick. This is due to the soft ground and is difficult to avoid.</p> <p>AL assured that he would raise the matter of the suggested walking path between the village and the caravan parks with ACK and CAG, as a project for CAG.</p> <p>Cross Water Burn: MR had reported fallen trees on the banking both sides of the burn to SEPA, which risk causing flooding. This was apparently not within SEPA's remit and he was advised to contact SAC. No reply yet.</p> <p>Overflowing Litter Bins: The BDT had informed of these in the layby across from the former church. CS had contacted SPEN, as it appeared the Mark Hill lorries were the cause, and it was resolved before re-occurring. SPEN was again contacted.</p> <p>Community Advisory Group (CAG): JS had attended (online) the Dundonald meeting on 6th May and submitted a report to the CC members. Noted that Barrhill did not feature.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</i></p>	<p>ARA</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AL/ ACK</p>

13	Date & Time of Next Meetings	
	<u>All Wednesdays: 28th May (plus AGM), 25th June, 27th August, 29th October & 26th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September & December.	