

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th May, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at approx. 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), John Heath (JH) (for part), Dawn Hutchins (DH), Chris Sampson (ChS) (Treasurer), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), and 1 Member of the public.	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Martin Rennie (MR), Gillian Young (GY). PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST Girvan & South Carrick).	
2	Police Report	
	PC McKinlay had sent the Police Report for the period 30th April to 27th May 2026 as he and PC Thorne were unable to attend, being on day shift. He informed of 5 incidents raised during this period, with 1 crime report created but not detected to date. Incident Breakdown: Road Traffic Matters:1 (poorly positioned signage); Communications: 1; Assist Members of the Public:1; Abandoned 999 call:1; Thefts:1 (windfarm). PMcK informed that the theft related to Arecleoch Windfarm and followed the previous 2 thefts from Arecleoch. Police Scotland are working closely with Farrans. Speed Checks: Last night 2 officers had carried out checks in the village and PMcK himself had attended another that morning. This was noted with relief as AL had requested a Police presence and CS had also reminded Police Scotland of the long promised checks. A discussion ensued with ChS referencing speed activated signs on the A75, which the CC had investigated some years ago. MR had contacted members about a FOI request by a Barrhill resident to get the results of the ARA survey, which results had never been forthcoming, despite many requests. FOI figures apparently showed 78% above 20mph and 40% above 30mph. This will be discussed further. Noted that the defective speed activated sign opposite Nos 69/71 Main Street has been awaiting repair for several years now.	AL
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Wednesday 29th April 2026	
	The minutes were approved, following an amendment to Item 9c Carrick Futures – the initials JS to read JB - proposed by JB, seconded by PMcG.	CS
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes Incl. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension	
	Item 7: Matters Arising from the Minutes: Still no action regarding matters raised re-the risk of accidents at the Knowe Road bad bend/ Duisk Bridge/ 20mph Speed Activated sign & Data Traffic Survey: (see above) Dog Fouling: It was noted that extra signage was now in place on the pavements – AL was thanked for arranging this. Martyrs' Tomb Walk Bridge: CS, who declared an interest, informed that Rachel Shipley (RS) had apologised for the delays to the bridge repairs and again contacted the contractor, who was slow to respond to her. However, he eventually assured the repairs would be completed and CS had checked a few days ago and confirmed this was so, with the bridge looking good. She had conveyed the CC's thanks to RS. Scottish Water Supplies: Following receipt of a copy of the CC's emailed complaint on 13th March, Cllr Clark himself had pursued this for AL. Scottish Water apologised for the delay and investigated. They informed that they had previously contacted the windfarm operators about this problem, accentuating when and how water can be drawn from which hydrants, and felt that the CC and SAC should do likewise, though recognised it was in their remit to ensure wholesome water supplies to customers. CS had contacted SPR'S Ruth Semple at Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension and was assured their contractors did not extract water from the village hydrants. Scottish Water advised anyone experiencing unsatisfactory supplies or observing extraction from hydrants, to inform them. CS will circulate contact details. (Contact Centre on 0800 0778 778) Item 9: Updates d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: JT will contact Foundation	ARA/ KB CS JT

	Scotland regarding lack of information. Item 13: Correspondence: VASA: Response informed of support if needed – willing to come to speak to the CC and advise if and when required. Noted and appreciated. Justice Service: CS had replied to Dean Barlas seeking advice on what materials to purchase for the benches – no reply to date. It was suggested the BDT could advise on this. Barrhill Resident: LK had contacted the appropriate SAC section, whose advice was that if a member of the public specifically expresses a desire to see a copy of the draft minutes of a meeting they had attended they are within their rights under the new Scheme, but it is not necessary, however, for the draft minutes to be publically displayed. Minutes of meetings have to be ratified at the next meeting and then put out for public domain. This was conveyed to the resident who responded to CS but did not accept this explanation and repeated the points raised. Advice was again sought from SAC and CS was advised not to reply to the latest email and should a further email be received from the resident in relation to the same matter, to inform him to direct any correspondence to the following email address only:- communitycouncils@south-ayrshire.gov.uk ". Noted Item 14: AOB: Road Closures: AL had contacted ARA on this matter, and had assumed this would be acted on. Unfortunately, this was not the case as another road closure, on the Knowe Road, advertised in the Ayrshire Post, had not been notified to the CC. Mark Hill Lorries: Colin Wylie had confirmed that lorries are indeed driving even further away from Mark Hill, which he had not been aware of. This was due to the period contracted for the original destination having expired and it was not possible to renew at that location. Mark Hill Sub-Station Extension: Colin Wylie's update informed that the contractors on the OHL are at the far side of the village and have dropped information around the local properties at the East Altercannoch access. To carry out the wiring across the A714 and B7027 roads safely temporary scaffolding will be erected at either side of these roads, in the fields. Contractors will work the weekend of 30/31st May to accelerate activity near the edge of Barrhill – residents have been advised. <i>Other matters on the agenda.</i> <i>JH left the meeting approx. 8pm</i>	CS AL
5	Treasurer's Report	
	ChS, the new Treasurer, reported that his role as Treasurer was not yet set up, so was still not a signatory for the CC account. He was therefore unable to give the usual report. Another bank statement had been forwarded to CS, who passed it on to ChS. There was no change in the accounts. It was not yet known if JT had been confirmed as a signatory either and cheques due to be paid could not yet be raised. As previously stated, at 31st March the balance in the CC account was £28,253.60. Following presentation of cheques already raised, the total including Carrick Futures money, will be £27,204.14. ChS will continue to organise the addition of his own name to the signatories and familiarise himself with the accounts.	ChS
6	Updates	
	a) BCIC: JT reported that the AGM was held the previous week. It had gone well and was the shortest one yet. The Barrhill Greener Homes project continues. b) BDT: JS passed on information on the Crosswater pub. The BDT is still waiting for SAC's Building Standards to issue a Section 50 certificate so that the provisional licence can be made into a full licence. Everything was signed off and the paperwork sent to SAC again on 1st May 2026. AL will chase this up – JS to send him a list of questions. The architect has produced plans for the conversion of the outbuilding for public use – now trying to get quotes for the specified work. Public Toilets: Grant applications have been made for renovating the public toilets to bring them up to standard, and the upgrading of the hall heating system. Paths: Companies are being invited to tender for paths around Arnshean Park and to upgrade the Martyrs' Tomb Walk Path (CS declared an interest). The reinstatement of the path round the burnside from Main Street to The Avenue was discussed. This had been referred to the Active Travel group, as had a suggested path from the caravan parks to the village, but the meetings had ceased and there was no news of these projects. AL will investigate. c) Carrick Futures: JB reported there was no meeting until next month. Noted d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had not attended the meeting on 13th May 2026 and had not yet received the	JS/AL AL

	minutes. Main points on the agenda as follows: Presentation on Nursery Court/Connect; Locality Plan Refresh – the Priorities have been confirmed; Big Cheerio Event – took place on 6th May at The Wave in Girvan; Updates: Adult Carers – Carers’ Week takes place 8-14th June; Young/Teeny Carers; Harbour Ayrshire: Will attend at Barrhill the first Friday in June following a break due to Easter/staff shortages (first Friday in the month); Colmonell Community Association; and the Learning Disability Team. e) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: In the absence of both MR and GY there was no news. (See above – <i>Item 4 Matters Arising</i>) f) Kilgallioch & Arecleoch Extensions Community Benefit: JT informed that the first payment of approximately £50K will soon be paid. g) Barrhill Events Group: In the absence of both PMcG and GY no information was available regarding the Events Group..	
7	Planning Applications	
	Planning Applications: JS informed of 1 application relevant to Barrhill: Extension to industrial shed, installation of external equipment and associated alterations Barr Ltd, Main Street, Barrhill - Solway Precast Products Ltd. While not for Barrhill, JS felt another application should be brought to everyone's attention. EIA screening request by SSE Renewables for maintenance works to turbines at Hadyard Hill, Dailly. These turbines have not been operating since December following signs of movement of the turbines.	
8	Barrhill Action Plan / Place Planning	
	Audrey Gatt (AG) had received a list of points raised from JB, after she had sent another copy of the CAP and put it online, with a closing date of 31st May for comments. She was prepared to attend tonight but it was felt a separate meeting was required to put the final touches to the CAP. CS will get back to her and arrange a date for a meeting. It is hoped that other members of BCIC and BDT will attend this time. AG had also sent through an explanation of the difference between community action plan and a local place plan, which was helpful.	CS
9	Small Grant Applications	
	No applications had been received since the previous meeting.	
10	Correspondence	
	Most correspondence received since 29th April already forwarded, but a list of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting, as follows. SAHSCP: Usual emails including: Forwarded from SPEN: Funding Opportunities; SAC Libraries: Stay Connected Digital Workshops at Rozelle and Carnegie Library (2); Commonwealth Games Day in Glasgow; ‘What Matters To You’ Roadshows – now open for bookings (4 emails); Circles Advocacy: Another advert for a Recovery Advocate for their South Ayrshire service; ADP Community Events in August; NatureScot: Futures Routes for Nature Fund – for young people 11th May to 19th June; Teeny Carers, Big Hearts: Support Service launching in Ayr Town Hall on Tuesday 8th June for under 5s carers; CRAG Community Arts Events: ECO Fair Day and other events. Non-SAHSCP items as follows: SAC: Connie Lobban – Extreme and very high wildfire warning for South Scotland – 30/4 to 2.5.26; JB: Carrick Futures Awards Summary; Chirmorie Windfarm: Thank you email from Peter Kane; Zurich Insurance: Spring Update and ‘get ready for Martyn’s Law’; Forest Policy Group: Reminder for the ‘Shaping the Future of Scotland’s Forests’ survey – deadline 5th June; Scottish Water – email exchange re-complaint to Scottish Water – apology received for not picking up the complaint in March (see <i>Item 4 Matters Arising</i>); SAC Rachel Shipley: re-Martyrs’ Tomb Path Bridge (3 Emails – see <i>Item 4 Matters Arising</i>); SAC: Audrey Gatt – several emails - CAP now on the SAC website, inviting comments; SPEN: Update from Colin Wylie -re-wiring of OHL – now using East Altercannoch access – work from 18th May – residents on the Knowe Road have been informed; geViews: Information on Orbea Planter Range; Cllr Clark: Correspondence with Scottish Water; Stranoch Community Liaison Group: Next meeting provisional for 16th June – later confirmed as 6PM at the Millennium Centre, Stranraer; Chirmorie Windfarm: Peter Kane in New Luce - will meet if requested; SAC: Digital Survey; AMEY: Ballantrae Bridge Refurbishment – 26th May - 18th December; SPR: Arecleoch Windfarm Extension – Preparatory Works/Delivery Plan delayed due to	JT

	Police Scotland resourcing. Bargrennan Bridge traffic lights to be removed approx. mid-June; SAC's Audrey Gatt: Information on the difference between a CAP and a Local Place Plan; Stinchar Connections: Update February – April; Cllr Clark: SPEN update (repeat information); Foundation Scotland: E-bulletin; Stranoch Windfarm: Further update and info on crane movements; VASA: Response re-communication regarding support assistance for all 3 Barrhill organisations re-SPEN Community Benefit – VASA willing to come to Barrhill to advise any groups; Ron Bailey: Disposal of Lithium-ion Batteries; SPR: Response from Ruth Semple re-Knowe Road traffic; SAC: Rural Water Agenda: Project Update for May; Barrhill Resident: Further email - see <i>Item 4 Matters Arising</i>; East Ayrshire Council: Information Notice re-Local Place Plans; New Powers for CCs: Newsletter No. 8. The following items were received after the above list was circulated. SPEN: Further Update from Colin Wylie (<i>see Item 4 Matters Arising</i>); SPR: Ruth Semple: response re-brown Mains Water; Scottish Rural Action: News and updates; Chirmorie Windfarm: Request for information re- putting out information; Proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm: Additional Information relating to a Grid Connection; Woodland Creation Proposals, Corwar Mains– approx 60 hectares. Any comments to be submitted by 1st July. (<i>Details on any item available on request</i>)	
11	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	LK confirmed this had been his last meeting at Barrhill as the CC's Link Officer. He thanked the CC and said how much he had enjoyed his spell here. All thanked him for his time and help and wished him well in his new post. There is no news yet on a replacement. SAC Councillor's Report: AL expressed satisfaction that the matter of the Martyrs' Tomb Path bridge was now resolved. He also informed that arrangements had been made to supply topsoil as requested by PMcG. Road Closure: CS reminded of the closure of the B7027 Knowe Road from 1st -15th June, between 8am - 5pm, from Drumlamford to the Dumfries & Galloway boundary. CAP Sub-Group Meeting notes: CS had previously circulated these to all, following the meeting on 27th April. They were approved by those present. Knowe Road grass verges: ChS reported damage to the grass verges on the Knowe Road and enquired if anything could be done. It was noted this had been reported in the past but it appears little can be done and the wet weather has exacerbated the problem. A member of the public also referred to the excessive speed of the Knowe Road traffic. CS informed her that a complaint had recently been lodged with SPR's Ruth Semple at the Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension who had reminded personnel to ensure safe driving standards. <i>Meeting closed 8.55pm.</i>	
12	Date & Time of Next Meeting	
	<u>Wednesday 24th June at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>Further meetings in 2026: Wednesdays 26th August, 28th October, 25th November.</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.</u>	

Action	Action Checklist	Responsible
1. AL to query repairs to speed activated sign - way overdue.		AL
2. CS to amend minutes		CS
3. AL to query ARA on outstanding points		AL
4. CS to communicate Scottish Water details for complaints		CS
5. JT to contact Foundation Scotland		JT
6. CS to contact BDT re-benches, then Dean Barlas		CS
7. AL to contact ARA re-notification of road closures		AL
8. ChS to continue with BOS to organise signatories		ChS
9. JS to send list of questions for AL to put to Building Control		JS/AL
10. AL to investigate Active Travel Group		AL
11. CS to arrange meeting with Audrey Gatt		CS
12. JT to attend meeting of Stranoch Liaison Group 16 th June in Stranraer		JT