

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th June 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

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| | <p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Rob Rimmer (RR), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC), Ainsley McCrindle (AMcC) (SAC Link Officer), and 2 Members of the public.</p> | |
| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| | None received. JT noted the full attendance and welcomed the new Co-opted Community Councillors, KMCL and RR, and also the return of ACk as the SAC Councillor in attendance. | |
| 2 | Police Report | |
| | No Police attended but a report had been received for the period 25/05/22 to 27/06/22. Four incidents were raised, with one crime report created from these, which remains under investigation. Incidents were as follows: Road Traffic Crash-1; Assist Member of the Public-1; Noise-1; and Animals-1. In addition, PH had emailed a warning from Ayrshire Rural Watch, regarding Fuel Theft Alert, with heating oils etc being targeted. JT confirmed that the farming industry is being constantly warned about this as thefts on farms continue to rise. All were warned to be extra vigilant . | |
| 3 | Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 25th May 2022 | |
| | These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by RH. | |
| 4 | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| | <p>Item 4; Matters Arising: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere The BDT Development Officer has now confirmed dates with Jenna Cairns and her team, who will hold a public workshop in Barrhill on 16th July (11am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall), with a further visit 29th August (6.30-8pm) to commence the process of Barrhill becoming a Biosphere Community. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. Noted</p> <p>Skips: JT confirmed that the extra skips are booked, with the first due shortly. Dates will be publicised.</p> <p>Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: All agreed these had been a great success and enjoyed by all. PMcG updated on the various activities: Fun Run, Queen’s procession, Family Picnic on Arnsheen Park; and JT had noted the very well-attended dance in the evening. JT, CS and PcG had attended the tree planting by the Primary pupils the previous Wednesday and it was noted that the fruit trees were most generously donated by a Barrhill couple, who will be informed of the community’s appreciation of this kind donation.</p> <p>The Jubilee coins had been given out as arranged. The CC was most grateful to all who had participated in the Jubilee Events committee to make the events a success.</p> <p>Dornal Road: PH had followed this up and informed that the Clerk of Works had investigated and it was found that the pipe under the road was blocked. An order was out to make a new crossing to solve the problem – not yet carried out.. Ongoing</p> <p>Station Car Park: PH had informed that he had chased this up with ARA but so far it appeared the work to whiten the parking bays is still outstanding. ACk will follow up.</p> <p>Item 10: Correspondence: Chirmorie Windfarm: Stewart Forsyth had emailed on 13th June requesting a time slot for him and his colleagues at the next meeting on 31st August to update the CC on the progress regarding Chirmorie Windfarm. CS had contacted SAC Planning as instructed to enquire about time limits following planning approval and was informed that as the 2nd variation to planning approval was 14th October 2021, the time restriction of 5 years only commenced then. The Planning Officer was of the opinion that ‘purifying’ –submitting required information for conditions to be met – would commence this summer, when the choice of route should become known.</p> <p>Police Scotland: It was regretted that the offer by Sergeant Legge to set up the Community Speedwatch scheme had not received sufficient support to go ahead..</p> <p>Item 11: AOB:Defibrillator: KMCL had contacted the Surgery, to be informed that it no longer</p> | <p>ALL</p> <p>BDT</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ACK</p> |

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| | has an electrician/handyman and the CC requires to arrange its own. CS will therefore contact a local electrician to install the new external case. | CS |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report | |
| | AC went through his report, informing that the Carrick Futures balance is now £10,214.06 after payment of the Barrhill Photography Club grant and receipt of this financial year's £5000 funding grant from CF. The CC balance in the bank is now £1,813, with the CC's funding from SAC having been received, which was more than expected. Expenses included the £100 donation paid out to the ice cream supplier and costs for web site hosting and ink cartridges. The overall bank balance is £12,027.06. AC was then thanked for his report. | |
| 6 | Updates | |
| | <p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on the recent meeting: <i>The Trout:</i> Progress continues, with wiring and fire cables now in place. New windows are also being replaced. <i>Accounts:</i> The accounts have finally been lodged, so all being well the date for the AGM will soon be announced.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC informed that the upcoming meeting will be a funding round.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): CS confirmed the sabbatical from May to August continues, with any relevant emails being forwarded until formal LPP meetings reconvene.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC had attended the last meeting, which was purely administrative. He referred to the forthcoming Kilgallioch Extension, which SPR had informed was now with SAC for consultation. It was noted that so far Barrhill had not yet been notified of this. Ongoing Kilgallioch funding was discussed, with it being noted that in Dumfries & Galloway there are 27 communities receiving grants of £2k each per annum.</p> | |
| 7 | Planning Applications | |
| | <p>Decisions List: May 2022 – none regarding Barrhill.</p> <p>Planning Applications: W/e 29/5/22 - one for Barrhill: consent sought for the 'Installation of ground mounted solar panels at Arnimean'. W/e 11/06/22: An application for 'Alterations and Extension at the former Arnsheen Church' (Listed Building Consent previously applied for). JD had received an enquiry regarding the new name for the former Arnsheen Kirk, namely Arnsheen Abbey, which was thought to be inappropriate. The view of the members was that the name of a person's property is a private matter. A member of the public informed that he understood that following a sale to a private owner, the Church of Scotland does not allow the building to be called a 'Church'. Noted</p> | |
| 8 | Small Grant Applications | |
| | None received this month. AC expressed concern at the low number of small grant applications and stressed that the CF grant money is available for any groups etc to apply for. They should be encouraged to do so. | |
| 9 | Community Councils – Family Members | |
| | <p>SAC had informed that during the elections of Office Bearers it had been highlighted that for some Community Councils the clause within the Scheme of Establishment (page 44) caused some concerns. SAC was therefore looking to get views of all CCs as to whether they agree to an amendment as follows: Current Clause (d) - Office-bearers and/or bank account signatories may not be directly related by birth, marriage, civil contract or co-habitation etc. Proposal: Bank account signatories may not be directly related by birth, marriage, civil contract or co-habitation etc. Following a discussion it was agreed by a vote of 9 to 1 to keep the current clause. CS to notify SAC's Tracy Whiteford accordingly.</p> | CS |
| 10 | Frequency of CC Meetings | |
| | JD had raised this issue at the AGM, with the matter to be discussed at this meeting. There was a proposal to reduce the current 9 meetings per annum to only 6, but AMcC felt this would result in difficulties for the Secretary. It was finally agreed to reduce to 8 meetings, with March thought the most suitable. This was finally agreed by all. The CC will therefore meet in January, February, April, May, June, August, October and November. | |

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| 11 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Glasdon: Usual product leaflet e.g.Litter bins etc.</p> <p>UnderSky: Email received from this local company, which organises outdoor events for community play, themed around wildlife. Charges vary according to length of course.</p> <p>SAC: Notification of new booking system for recycling, from 4th July. Noted</p> <p>Audit Scotland: Annual report received – Secretary will forward if requested.</p> <p>Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS): The Draft Communities Strategy consultation is open until 23rd August. It seeks views on the objectives of local communities. FLS hope communities will get more involved. Noted</p> <p>Planning Democracy: A survey on this runs until 18th July.</p> <p>Foundation Scotland: Notification of changes to the grant management.</p> <p>FLS: Lamdoughty Forest Plan: Notification of this, but noted it is not in the Barrhill CC area. Available if anyone interested in viewing.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated</i></p> | <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> |
| 12 | <p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</p> <p>Missing Footpath signpost: KMcl raised the matter of a missing signpost for the walk near Lochend Farm between the B7027 and A714. This was created under the previous owner with grant funding under an old scheme. The path is on private land and not a right of way/core path therefore there is no compulsion on the present landowner to restore the signpost. Noted</p> <p>Restricted Access: A member of the public informed that the pathway route forming part of the Whithorn Way had been restricted by placing gates on the route between Barrhill and Pinwherry, above Balluskie Farm. This was not the first report of this and a similar situation had also occurred on the Pinwherry to Colmonell section. As the route is on the recognized Whithorn Way and access should not be restricted, ACk will raise the matter with SAC's Access Officer, Rachel Shipley.</p> <p>Road Signs: The CC was informed by a member of the public that the incorrect Gaelic signs at the entrances to Barrhill had now been corrected. (Previously identical to Barr village signs.)</p> <p>Biosphere Community: A workshop is to be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th July.</p> <p>SAC Councillor: ACk referred to the new administration now in place at SAC. He had been appointed as Portfolio Holder of Tourism and Rural Affairs. He informed that at last week's Regulatory Panel meeting applications for approval of two windfarms, one at Straiton, had been refused. The application for the new 'all weather pitch' in Girvan had been approved.</p> <p>Credit Crunch: SAC is extremely concerned by the present financial situation in the country. To encourage local trade, local cards have been introduced, with 8 retailers signed up so far.</p> <p>Outside Leisure Equipment: KMcl enquired if the provision of this for older people is being considered by BDT for Arnshean Park. A discussion followed as to location, with Wallace Terrace Playpark area being suggested. JT confirmed it would be considered. Regarding BDT expenses, AC suggested an application be submitted to Carrick Futures for funding of 50% of the Development Officer's salary. Compared with other villages, Barrhill rarely applies for CF funding and reminded all that Barrhill do not receive any funding whatsoever from the Arecleoch Windfarm, contrary to public opinion.</p> <p>The Trout: In reply to a query, JT informed it is hoped the pub will be open by Christmas.</p> <p>Knowe Road: JT referred to the deteriorating road surface, with large potholes present once more. ACk will inform ARA.</p> <p>Electric Vehicle Charging Points: JD had received queries regarding the lack of these in the village Car Park. (This had instigated an email discussion.) JT informed that work had actually commenced the previous day to install 3 EVc points in the car park for BDT. ACk also informed that ARA are seeking funding to install points elsewhere in SAC (e.g. Barrhill Station). A member of the public brought up the matter of the EV charging of SAC's own vehicles. Noted</p> <p>20mph Street Signs: KMcl enquired if it was possible to have more of the round 20mph signs placed along Main Street, as there are so few at present. ACk will make enquiries.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.20pm, with JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p> | <p>ACK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>BDT</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> |
| | <p>Date & Time of next meetings:</p> <p><u>Wednesdays 31st August, 26th October, 30th November 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>NB. There no meetings in July, September & December.</u></p> | |