

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November 2022, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Collette Bailey (CB), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD), Robert Houstin (RH), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p>In Attendance: Councillor Alec Clark (ACK) (SAC), 4 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	John Heath (JH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Rob Rimmer (RR) and (notified at end of meeting) Ainsley McCrindle (AMcC) (SAC Link Officer).	
2	Police	
	PC Thorne had emailed the report for the period 27/10/22 to 29/11/22: 7 incidents were raised as follows: Dishonesties-1; Frauds-1; Damage-1; Abandoned 999-1; Assist Member of the Public-1; Road Traffic Matters-1. Crash-1; and Concern for Persons-1. 3 crime reports were created from these, of which 1 is currently detected. Analysis is as follows: 1 x Crime Report for Section 57 Civic Government (S) Act (Detected); plus 1 for Fraud and 1 for Vandalism to motor vehicle.	
3	Speaker; Jenna Gains Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	
	Following the delay in the Biosphere Community launch (originally 16 th Nov, previously notified to CC members) Jenna had agreed to attend the meeting to clarify matters. However, she is now confident that both the CC and the BDT are in favour of a closer relationship with the Biosphere and suggested the launch now goes ahead on 12 th December. As a result, she felt it unnecessary to attend tonight's meeting, which proposal the CC members agreed with.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 26th October 2022	
	These were approved: proposed by CB, seconded by KMCL.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes Incl. Constitution / CC Self-Assessment	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising: <i>Outside Leisure Equipment:</i> Still ongoing. JT informed, however, that the Zip wire in Arnshoen Park had now been repaired.</p> <p>20mph Street Signs: ACK had been informed that ARA are waiting for these signs to be produced. Noted</p> <p>Locked Gates at Kildonan: CS and ACK had heard nothing further from Rachel Shipley, so assumed there was no response as yet from the owner. The Whithorn Way continues to be re-routed along the A714. ACK will ask Rachel to communicate in future with CS. <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>Dornal Road: This is still ongoing - ACK will follow up yet again. JT had spoken to the roads foreman recently and was informed the work would be done sometime.</p> <p>Item 8: Small Grant Applications: The missing receipts and Terms & Conditions forms are being chased up, with all expected to be received shortly.</p> <p>Item 9: Constitution/Self-Assessment: The Constitution had been printed off and duly signed, but as AMcC was not present to countersign ACK kindly offered to take the copy to Ayr to be signed by SAC. SAC had confirmed that the question regarding the Constitution on the Self-Assessment form did refer to the new one. CS was asked to change that answer from 'Yes' to 'No' and re-submit the form to SAC. The signed copy would now be forwarded to SAC.</p> <p>Item 11: AOB: <i>Gowlands Terrace Road Closure:</i> CS, as requested, had forwarded the addresses of those residents known not to have been notified, but as expected, no information had been received regarding the firm's investigations.</p> <p>CC Communications List: SAC had replied clarifying that if the contact list was circulated by creating an official email group, permission would be needed from all concerned that their email address could be shared. Agreed to maintain the status quo.</p> <p>Damaged Grass Verges: ACK apologised for the delay in raising this—he will chase it up and informed that in other areas BT Openreach were instructed to re-instate the grass verges to a satisfactory condition.</p> <p><i>Other matters on the agenda.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">BDT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACK ACK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACK</p>

6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC went through his report. The CC balance in the bank remains at £1,722.36, no expenditure being undertaken since the October meeting. The Carrick Futures balance remains at £13,768.59 and the overall bank balance at £15,490.95. Noted.</p> <p>Defibrillator: KMcl confirmed that the replacement pads had still not arrived so the defibrillator at the Surgery is still temporarily removed from the Circuit. He pointed out however, that the defib would still operate. AC was thanked for his report.</p>	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC/BDT: JT reported on recent meetings.</p> <p>BCIC: This year's Winter Fuel Payment is to be £500 per qualifying household. No hampers will be distributed this year due to the return of the Senior Citizens' Dinner/Children's Party following the absences the last two years due to Covid.</p> <p>BDT: The Trout: Ongoing –work continuing, with opening at Easter still hoped for. As previously reported, reasons for the delay are outwith the BDT's control.</p> <p>Christmas Activities: As before: 9th December-Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner; 17th December - Children's Christmas Party; and Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December. KMcl again enquired about the outdoor Leisure Equipment—this has been looked at.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures: AC reported that the AGM had recently taken place. The Chair had resigned and did not seek re-election. AC himself resigned as Treasurer and also did not seek to be reappointed. A new Chair and Treasurer were appointed.</p> <p>c) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP): CS informed that no minutes had been received for the 9th November Zoom meeting, but agenda items included Mentally Healthy Communities – a video has been produced regarding a survey, which it is hoped as many as possible participate in; Small Grants Fund; Defibrillator Project; Relaunch of the HSCP; Updates; and Membership. CS enquired if anyone was willing to participate in the Zoom meetings and CB volunteered. CS will forward details.</p> <p>d) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company: AC will attend a meeting next week. (The previous meeting was administrative only.)</p>	CS/CB
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Decisions Lists: October: Cornerstone Telecommunications had applied for Prior Notification for the proposed base station upgrade at existing telecommunications site (Vodafone). This is not required.</p> <p>Planning Applications: None relevant to Barrhill.</p> <p>Pre-Planning Consultations: 3 received regarding Shared Rural Networks (SRN):</p> <p>Mela Consultancy: To improve 4G Network—installation of a lattice tower within Black Clauchie Wildlife Area (unavoidable).</p> <p>Clarke-Telecom: Pre-application Consultation for a mast within forestry ground near Wheeb Bridge (Land at Glentroll Forest)</p> <p>Gillan-Consulting (for EE Ltd): SRN mast near Chirmorie—Benbrake Hill.</p> <p>The CC was in support of these proposals and as with the Vodafone pre-application, CS to notify the firms of this.</p>	CS
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>Barrhill Badminton Club: An application for the sum of £480, being the club's hall rental for a year, was unanimously approved. AC's interest in the application was noted, being a member of the club.</p>	
10	2023 Road Closure – Gowlands Terrace	
	<p>Notification of a road closure in early 2023 had been received. SAC had refused to allow this to go ahead sooner, following the recent road closures in Barrhill. The firm had invited CC members to attend a site meeting to discuss this, and several did so on 10th November. JT reported that the road was to be dug up across from the toilets, due to a blocked pipe as the wrong one had been installed—no-one knows when or by whom. It is hoped the road will only be closed for a day and that local traffic will not be too inconvenienced as steel plates will be installed over the site. The CC had stressed that access to the rail station was important. No ARA official attended on site, contrary to everyone's expectations. ACK will look into this.</p>	ACK
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Stranoch Windfarm: Notification of changes to road closure dates—agreed this is not likely to affect Barrhill residents.</p>	

	<p>SAHSCP: Numerous emails received, including information on the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund (<i>see above at Item 7(c)</i>); Funding Alerts for local groups; and Winter Warmer event 9th December in Ayr at Ayr United's ground..</p> <p>NHS: Repeat information on the Share Register for Health Research.</p> <p>SAC: A77 Diversion: From Cllr Henderson – traffic redirected through Barrhill this weekend.</p> <p>Ayrshire College: Details received of a Course for Carers.</p> <p>Proposed Knockodhar Windfarm: The CC offered a hard copy for display in the community and asked where delivery should be. Agreed that CS notify Fiona Milligan that this should be delivered to the Memorial Hall for display to the public, when suitable to the BDT.</p> <p>Knockodhar Open Day: This took place on 7th November with most members and some residents attending. A discussion ensued regarding access routes, should permission be granted. A member of the public raised the matter of abnormal loads coming through the village and referred to the routes mentioned at the consultation, which appeared ludicrous. There were several options with no decision being confirmed as yet. One route even encompasses one of the Stinchar Valley walking routes. CS had privately attended a meeting at Straiton and it was mentioned that access routes for other proposed windfarms might also affect Barrhill, which seemed inexplicable. The resident also referred to this and ACK undertook to contact Planning re-routes for access.</p> <p><i>Other items previously circulated</i></p>	<p>CS BDT</p> <p>ACK</p>
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</p>	
	<p>Car Park: Complaint received by JT regarding a fall by a delegate from Ballantrae attending a meeting in the Memorial Hall, who had fallen in the car park afterwards due to the lights not working, She had tripped on the kerbstone at the exit and bruised herself. JT informed the fused lights were now repaired. CS to contact the complainant.</p> <p>Fly Tipping: A follow-up email from the resident informed that SAC intended removing the rubble when resources allowed. In the meantime CS had spoken to the land owner at the site who informed he would get it spread out so it was not noticeable. ACK expressed surprise that SAC agreed to move it when it was the landowner's own material and asked for details of SAC's email to raise the matter.</p> <p>SAC; Scotland Loves Local: CS had forwarded this to the village shop for it to register to use the gift cards if wished.</p> <p>Speed Activated Sign: CS had contacted ARA to ask about the speed activated sign in the middle of Main Street, which was removed when the road was tarred in October. Reply given that it was being repaired and would be re-instated ASAP. Members noted that this sign had been working correctly so were puzzled by this reply. Ongoing</p> <p>SAC Councillor Report: ACK informed the A714 will be used for a diversion from the A77 over a 3 month period - notification is on the ARA website.</p> <p>Equity Fund: ACK also reported on the Scottish Government's Pupil Equity Fund, and gave the costs granted to South Ayrshire schools, including Barrhill Primary School. The amount granted is based on the uptake of free school meals. There is also a clothing allowance for those eligible pupils of £260 per child. It had been noted that the pupil attainment level is now closing at last, with SAC keen to bridge this gap.</p> <p>Girvan Street Party takes place this Sunday, 4th December.</p> <p>Strategic Housing Investment: ACK is pressing for rural areas to receive their share of new housing - not happening at present.</p> <p>CC Member Email Exchanges: ACK informed that SAC now viewed this as miscommunication and the matter is now resolved. KMcl informed that although the defibrillator at the Surgery was removed from the Circuit due to the outdated pads, it does still work.</p> <p>Barrhill Pub: In reply to a query, JT informed the name chosen after consultation with residents is 'The Cross Water'. The closure of the Ballantrae pub was referred to with ACK reporting it will hopefully re-open.</p> <p>Electric Car Charger: Not yet operational in the car park. Noted</p> <p>B7027: AC reported flooding on the road due to blocked drains. ACK will report this to ARA. A member of the public informed of meeting with ARA's engineer after the recent tarring of the A714 and pointing out new areas of water forming i.e. in front of Wallace Terrace bus shelter, and continual blocked gulleys. Cameras have been put down the pipes and the problem</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS/ ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>

<p>remains ongoing after many years. The resident was informed by the engineer that as the water eventually drained away there was no problem. ACk will take this up with ARA.</p> <p>Road narrowing sign down on approach to Duisck Bridge and Missing White Lines on sections of A714 between Girvan and Barrhill. ACk will report these matters.</p> <p>It was noted that this was ACk's last meeting for now, as the new rota commences in January, with Councillor Henderson then attending. ACk was thanked for all his help over his period of attendance at the CC. <i>The meeting closed at 8.30pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>
<p>Date & Time of next meeting: <u>Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> NB. There is no meeting in December.</p>	