

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th October 2023, in
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.

No	Item	Action
	Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), Councillors Alec Clark (ACk) & Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC) and 2 Members of the public.	
1	Apologies for Absence John Heath (JH), Marie Oliver (MO) (VASA)	
2	Speaker: Marie Oliver, VASA Presentation: Ageless & Active Champions Board and Age Friendly Communities Unfortunately Marie had today cancelled for a second time. Another date to be arranged.	CS
3	Police Report No Police were present but the report had been received for the Period from 22/08/23 – 24/10/23: Total number of incidents raised was 13, with crime reports being created from these of which none have been detected to date. Incident breakdown as follows: Abandoned 999: 2; Animals: 1; Disturbances: 1; Assist members of the public: 5; Theft: 1; Road Traffic Matters: 2; Communications: 1; and Police Information: 1.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 30th August 2023 These were approved: proposed by JB, seconded by PMcG.	
5	Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>JT had arranged for a microphone to be used if necessary.</i> Item 5: Matters Arising: Locked Gates at Kildonan: ACk confirmed that RS continues to do her best to resolve matters. CS had also been informed by her that the landowner is now arranging to go out to the site to look at creating a gap next to the gate to allow pedestrian access. RS will get back to him again, to see if he has carried this out. Ongoing Local Access Forum: ACk had forwarded further information from RS about this. Erosion of Cross Water Banking: ACk had discussed this with ARA's Kevin Braidwood (KB), who confirmed previous contact with the complainant and that a large rock had been placed to shore up the banking. ACk is seeing KB tomorrow and will make further enquiries. Hopefully the matter can be resolved in spite of it being viewed as a private road now. Regarding the reinstatement of the original footpath alongside the Cross Water Burn from the Main Street bridge to The Avenue as a project for funding allocated from the Capital Fund, ACk had put this forward for future consideration. A meeting is being held tomorrow. Justice Service: CS reported that Dean Barlas' community Payback Team had now been in the village and cut the overgrown grass so the Martyrs' Tomb Path is passable again, which was much appreciated. CS had passed on the Bowling Club's request and the Club was delighted to have benches painted with Cuprinol by the team. In addition, the bridge over to Arnsheen Park had been sandpapered prior to Cuprinol being applied shortly. Item 9: Proposed Glenvernoch Windfarm: Response sent to developer EnergieKontor. CS had attended the Public Exhibition in Glentool (in a personal capacity) and felt it was a poor display compared with other PEs, while acknowledging it was only at scoping. A large group of protesters from the newly formed 'Hands off our hills' demonstrated outside. Item 10: Small Grant Applications: Cheque had been issued to Barrhill Wee Whist Group following the assurances requested, but there had been no response from the Photographic Club so no cheque issued. Noted Item 11: Rural Public Transport: Response sent to SPR, who will hold a meeting at a later date. <i>See below at Item 7(d) LPP Community Transport.</i> ACk reported the absence of some trains through Barrhill due to the fire at Ayr's Station Hotel. The line from Girvan to Ayr/Ayr Prestwick is expected to remain closed until New Year. Item 12: SAC Councillor's Report: 30mph Speed Limit: The lack of a 30mph sign preceding the 20mph one on the Knowe Road has been raised with ARA—awaiting a response. Ongoing	ACK/ AL

	<i>Other matters on agenda.</i>	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>AC circulated his report - the CC balance in the bank is now £1,639.98 following payment for ink cartridges and the Information Commissioner's fee. AC queried what exactly is the purpose of the CC being made to pay this £40 fee.</p> <p>The Carrick Futures balance is now £9,344.45, following payment of grants, resulting in the overall bank balance of £10,984.43. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
7	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: AGM: JT informed that the BCIC's AGM had unavoidably been postponed - the decision had been widely circulated. The company could not access its data base to inform all members of the arranged AGM. Access has now been restored and the AGM will be re-arranged as soon as possible, probably not before Christmas. Noted</p> <p>The Trout: Work proceeds on the pub, with plans requiring to be re-drawn by the architect and cleared by SAC's Clerk of Works. A grant application is being submitted by BCIC to fund solar panels, air source heat pump and battery storage for the pub. The upper floor has to be upgraded to accommodate larger pipework.</p> <p>b) BDT: An update had been emailed to CS by the BDT Secretary, which was read out.</p> <p>Machars Action: Now working with BDT to provide admin support and advice on governance. The Trust has also been in touch with Development Trusts' Association Scotland (DTAS) to hopefully make use of its experience with Development Trusts. Both organisations will help with putting new policies and procedures in place.</p> <p>Arnsheen Park: A beam on a piece of play equipment was condemned at the last inspection. This has been taped off to prevent access. Once the repair is completed the tape will be removed and the equipment put back into action.</p> <p>Playpark Equipment: What types of inclusive equipment is available is being looked into and what can be installed to make Arnsheen Park a playground for children and young people of all abilities.</p> <p>Fireworks Display 4th November: BDT currently awaiting the licence from SAC and also waiting for confirmation on the lighting.</p> <p>Pub update: Unavailable at present. <i>(See above at a) BCIC)</i></p> <p>Car Park Lights: These were blowing fuses and leaving the car park in darkness. On inspection a leak was detected in the building where the fuse boxes are and was repaired by the Handyman and are now back in working order</p> <p>OSCR: The BDT is in communication with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, as a relatively new board, to gather information from it.</p> <p>Hall Loop System: This is being looked at as it is often difficult to hear at meetings. A discussion followed the BDT report, regarding the item on faulty playground equipment. ACK reminded of the SAC scheme whereby communities can have a contract with SAC to maintain playpark equipment. SAC's Fiona Ross is the person to contact and CS will pass this information on to the BDT to see if they are interested.</p> <p>Regarding community projects, ACK referred to Action Plans, and Barrhill's update is due now. SAC have just appointed Audrey Gatt, who has Place Plans within her remit, with funding available. She is willing to come and speak to the CC. CS to contact.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: AC informed that the meeting is actually tonight. It is a funding round, but only 3 applications were being considered. Numbers of applications had fallen noticeably since Kilgallioch funds became available.</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): CS had been unable to attend the last two meetings, but some agenda items from the minutes include: 13th September meeting: Community Transport: Eileen McCutcheon in touch with John Reid and others regarding rural transport and hopes funding can be sourced to hire a mini-bus to serve the villages. Justice Services: Presentation from Dean Barlas regarding Community Payback. Mentally Healthy Communities Toolkit: Update from Eileen McCutcheon. Agreed Priorities: Survey has been circulated. Updates: Defibrillator Project: 25-30 people attended the events on 25th/27th August at the QuayZone to demonstrate use. CS had been in touch with Mark Bradley, who is willing to demonstrate at Barrhill and has suggested a Friday evening if before New Year. Enquiries showed no available Fridays until shortly before Christmas and it was agreed by a</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>majority to arrange a date in 2024, with 2 members preferring this year. CS to contact MB.</p> <p>First Responders update. VASA: 'Celebrating Older People' event in Colmonell.</p> <p>11th October meeting:</p> <p>Community Transport: Further update from Eileen McCutcheon – meeting being planned with representatives from other Carrick villages and SPR.</p> <p>Priorities Survey: Results identified 5 main ones. 5 people interested in attending meetings of LPP.</p> <p>Updates: Participatory Budgeting; Community First Responders – 5 new people are being referenced and waiting to start; Thriving Communities programme information; Mentally Healthy Communities. Community Advisory Group (Active Travel): ACK informed the CC that he had attended the latest meeting in Troon but the next one will be in Girvan and is worth attending.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Fund: The meeting is tomorrow night, so no information available.</p>	CS
8	Planning Applications	
	<p>Planning Applications: W/e 8/9 and 15/9: Laigh Altercannoch, Barrhill: Application for the 'Erection of storage building'. W/e 22/9: Glenalty Cottage: 'Installation of heat pumps'.</p> <p>Decisions Lists: August: Two for Barrhill – High Drumlamford: 'Siting of 3 log cabins for holiday accommodation' – approved; Tilhill Forestry: 'Prior notification for proposed forestry access road near Dornal' – Prior approval not required.</p> <p>September: Killantringan: 'Change of use and alterations of former coach house to form residential accommodation' – application approved.</p>	
9	Small Grant Applications	
	<p>i) Barrhill Badminton Club: The sum of £480 was sought to cover the costs of hiring the hall from January 2024 to 17th December 2024 - a total of 48 weeks at £10 per session. Approved unanimously, with AC declaring an interest and not voting.</p> <p>ii) Barrhill Events Group: The sum of £200 sought to fund the costs of supplies (toffee apples, candy floss, swirly cones and lollies) for the Children's Hallowe'en Party. This application was approved by email due to time constrictions, with one objection.</p>	
10	CC Vacancies	
	<p>Another resignation had been received, as James Duffie is leaving the area, resulting in 2 vacancies on the CC. While there are only 3 meetings left to the end of the CC year it was agreed to advertise for 2 co-opted members, who will be in place until 31st March 2024. They can then apply for full membership if they so wish. CS to publicise. JD was present and was thanked for his service to the community, which will be officially acknowledged.</p>	CS CS
11	Correspondence Incl. Local Biodiversity Action Plan	
	<p>SAHSCP: Numerous emails received, including information on Combat Stress, Mentally Healthy Communities, Democracy Matters etc. There is a Carers' Day on 24th November, 12n -2.30pm at Girvan Academy.</p> <p>Ayrshire Police Division: Changes notified – a new interim Divisional Commander, and from 9th October, a new Chief Constable. Noted</p> <p>Active Travel CAG: More information on this new Group involving ARA, looking at Active Travel routes. ACK attended the Ayrshire Link meeting and recommends the CC gets involved. Further email regarding a survey now out for consultation, with suggested routes. AC referred to the absence of anything south of Girvan but ACK disputed this was the case.</p> <p>ARA: Winter Resilience information.</p> <p>LPP Partnership Engagement Officer: Amy Duthie and Stuart Marshall are keen to engage with villages and willing to attend CC meeting. Noted.</p> <p>Stranoch Windfarm: Notification that the new A77 junction has now opened and updates on road closures.</p> <p>JACS (UK) Ltd, Elan City & Village Gateways: E-leaflets on street furniture/speed signs.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension: Notification that the meeting for the community benefit consultation re-the Kilgallioch fund has been delayed until the end of the year.</p> <p>Biosphere: Offer to provide further information sessions, leaflets and interpretation boards etc. Agreed to accept –CS to contact Jenna Cains.</p> <p>Further emails from Jenna's colleague re-bird recording day next spring. TBA.</p> <p>Local Biodiversity Action Plan: Following on from the letter received from Symington CC a discussion on the subject took place. SAC is currently drafting a plan and it was suggested</p>	CS CS

	<p>that in Barrhill the matter of invasive species (Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed could be put forward - agreed. ACK advised that SAC's Jane Bradley be contacted re-this.</p> <p>Climate Action Network: Letter read out from SCCAN (Scottish Communities Climate Change Action Network) regarding a proposed Ayrshire Hub. A discussion ensued with various opinions expressed, but no clear proposed action was identified.</p> <p>Ayrshire Beats: Drop - in session in Girvan, Tuesday 4th November 10am-2pm.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
12	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</p> <p>Barrhill Events Group: PMcG informed of the various events now arranged, including the Hallowe'en Party on Saturday and the Fireworks display on the 4th November. Noted</p> <p>Dog Waste Bin: CS had chased this up to be informed that a new one had not been ordered as was thought. SAC apologised - it is now ordered and should be here shortly.</p> <p>Complaint re-A714 Flooding/Tree Growth: SAC have arranged for trees to be cut back and for the flooded areas to be monitored.</p> <p>SPEN: Colin Wylie asked to update the CC on the extension to the Mark Hill Substation – it is arranged that SPEN will attend the next CC meeting on 29th November. JT had heard that peat being removed from site is to be hauled away, with all lorries going through the village. ACK was not aware of this and will investigate. The CC will question at the next meeting.</p> <p>SAC Councillor's Report: ACK introduced Cllr Alan Lamont, the successful candidate in the recent SAC By-election, who will now attend at Barrhill and JT welcomed him to Barrhill CC. ACK referred to the recent cancellation of HS2, with the A75 to receive funding as a result. It is hoped that the A77 will also benefit. It was requested that a group be set up to deal with these matters, with both ACK and Cllr Bob Pollock participating. The railway is to be given priority, with SAC pressing for this, with a spur between Cairnryan and Stranraer suggested.</p> <p>G&SA Biosphere is supporting the application for a new National Park in Galloway, with the organisations working together to achieve this. ACK is a member of the committee.</p> <p>Councillor Lamont then spoke a few words, informing how pleased he was to be in Barrhill. In spite of being new to the job, he assured all that he would do his utmost to help in any matters affecting the community. He will be available to all, should help be requested.</p> <p>Knowe Road bench: RH enquired if the bench on Knowe Road would also be painted with cuprinol as it was very shabby. A resident involved in the Bowling Club benches volunteered to inspect it and report to the BDT if necessary.</p> <p>Defibrillator: KMCL reported that the defib had been used once last month and then been absent for a few days – now back in place.</p> <p>He also referred to a lack of nettles/grass-cutting down the Avenue. A resident present informed that he often cut the grass and explained the position of SAC/ARA with regard to the road being an adopted one, though private.</p> <p>A714 Grass verge: The same resident enquired why grass-cutting only occurred on the church side of the A714 on the north approach to the village. It was assumed the reason was the footpath between the road and the grass on the other side. AL will enquire.</p> <p>Retiring Member: James Duffie thanked the CC members for his enjoyment of his time on the CC and wished everyone well. The CC wished him well for the future.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.45pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	ACK/ AL
13	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p> <p><u>Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u> <u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></p>	AL