

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, in**  
**Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7pm.**

No	Item	Action
	<p><b>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council:</b> Jamie Burgess (JB), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), James Duffie (JD), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Councillor Peter Henderson (PH) (SAC), PC Paul McKinlay (PMcK) (Ayrshire LPST), John Reid (JR) (South Ayrshire Community Transport) and 1 Member of the public.</p> <p><b>Link Officer:</b> It was noted that Ainsley McCrindle, Barrhill CC's Link Officer, has been relocated and that SAC is in the process of identifying a new one. It is hoped to have the new Link Officer in place for the May meeting.</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Collette Bailey (CB) (Vice-Chair), John Heath (JH). <i>(See below-Resident's Letter.)</i></p>	
2	<p><b>Police</b></p> <p>PC Paul McKinlay presented the Police Report in person, which was welcomed by the members, and gave an update on the present situation with Police Scotland in Carrick. There were 7 incidents within the period covered <b>29/03/23 – 25/04/23</b>, with no crime reports raised from these incidents. Incident breakdown is as follows: Assist Members of the Public- 1; Suspect Persons- 1; False Calls - 2; Dropped 999 - 2; Planned Shoots – 1.</p> <p>CS gave the details from the previous Police Report for the period <b>01/03/23—28/03/23</b>, emailed after the last meeting: 10 incidents raised, with no crime report resulting. Incident breakdown: Fraud-1; Road Traffic matters-1; Planned Shoots-8.</p> <p>PMcK referred to the ongoing situation at Kildonan, which is of concern to the community. He then invited questions.</p> <p>JD enquired about an abandoned Range Rover outside the village –this had been attended to - and JT queried the current situation with the Wildlife report. The CC had not received any of these for some time. PMcL and PH then informed on these, which have continued and were most useful to the farming community. This was endorsed by JT, especially in regard to thefts of quad bikes.</p> <p>CS enquired about the results from a recent speed trap in the village - PMcK will ask his colleagues. JT thanked him for attending and he then left the meeting.</p> <p><i>JT then welcomed the new Community Councillor, Jamie Burgess, to the meeting. KMcl's continuation as a Community Councillor was also welcomed.</i></p>	PMcK
3	<p><b>Speaker: John Reid, South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT)</b></p> <p>JR introduced himself and gave an account of the background of SACT and ran through the various services provided. It is a charity, with Community Transport viewed as good for health and well-being. It is based in Maybole and Girvan. A Midas service is provided 6 days per week, between 8am-6pm, with the minibus available to hire by affiliated members, either self-drive or with a driver at an additional cost of £14 per hour. The service is of benefit to those living in rural isolation and helps those disabled.</p> <p>SACT has operated the Barr bus service for some years now, school runs, and is also involved in an E-bike project. Midas training is also provided.</p> <p>The SACT Car Club gives members access to an E-car. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>JT referred to SPR's support for schemes such as the hire of E-cars, with each village being provided with an E-car to enable a car hire scheme to operate. JR went into the costs involved with the various schemes and gave examples of trips organised by SACT. The MyBus scheme was also referred to. JT thanked JR for his interesting talk, and JR offered to return at a future date if the CC wished. <i>(Leaflets are available if required)</i></p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p>These were approved: proposed by KMcl, seconded by AC.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	

	<p><b>Item 4: Matters Arising: Dornal Road:</b> RH informed that at long last this work had now been carried out.</p> <p><b>Police:</b> PH had received information on the road survey, previously circulated to all, but definitive results not yet available.</p> <p><b>Locked Gates at Kildonan:</b> CS had received further information from a resident, who had contacted Rachel Shipley, SAC's Access Officer, again to be informed that she had finally spoken to one of the owners and advised of the public access rights. He was requested to make a gap/small gate adjacent to the main gates to allow for pedestrian access. He is checking the situation re-access rights with his solicitor. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Constitution/Self-Assessment:</b> PH had posted this out to CS.</p> <p><b>Fly Tipping:</b> No further information.</p> <p><b>Item 5: Treasurer's Report:</b> KMCL reported that the defibrillator at the Barrhill surgery is once again fully operational.</p> <p><b>Item 9: Gowlands Terrace Road Closure:</b> Notification received, circulated, that the closure is on 18<sup>th</sup> May and that access will be maintained at all times to the rail station. Noted</p> <p><b>Item 10: Village Events:</b> PMcL reported on the progress of the Coronation Celebrations. The day will commence at 11am, with a bouncy castle funded by the BDT for the children, then at 12 noon a piper will lead a procession down to Arnsheen Park. Teas will be served in the hall, then from 7 to 11.30pm there is a dance in the hall.</p> <p><b>Item 11: Correspondence: Kilgallioch Land Management Plan:</b> Following the CC's comments CS had received a reply from the Woodland Officer regarding this. Circulated to all.</p> <p><b>Item 12: AOB:</b> The defective <b>red dog waste bin</b> will be removed and replaced as soon as a new supply of litter bins is delivered.</p> <p><b>Unstable stones on Bridge Parapet:</b> ARA's bridge inspector had inspected both the Main Street bridge and the Duisk bridge. Both had suffered some vehicle impact resulting in minor damage, which does not require immediate action. The required maintenance work will be programmed in, in due course.</p> <p><b>Road Survey:</b> PH had no further information on this. <i>(See above) Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	
	<p>AC circulated his report, which was the start of the new financial year. The total bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> March was £14,374.68p after payments of some grants and travel expenses. The 2 donation cheques had yet to be cashed. The admin grant of £1,461.26 had been received from SAC and following this and payment of the fee for auditing the 2022-2023 accounts, the CC balance in the bank is £1,441.26. The Carrick Futures balance is £12,147.23 and the overall bank balance is now £13,588.49. Noted. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
7	<p><b>Updates</b></p>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC:</b> JT informed that a meeting had been held with Scottish Power Renewables.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> PMcG informed that new compost bins are being purchased for the bowling green.</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC reported the last meeting had been a funding round. Amongst those organisations receiving grants were for Girvan Reward Day, Children First and Place2Be. PH referred to funding granted to Cosy Spaces and the Food Pantry, which had been so welcome. He hoped it could continue for longer..</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (LPP):</b> The first face to face meeting since before Covid was held on <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>. CS and CB had both attended. Items included: Presentation by Dr Peter McLean, Haematology Consultant, Ayr Hospital, on the <b>Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy consultation</b> currently being held, regarding keeping the Kyle Ward as the Tier 3 treatment centre; <b>Improving the Cancer Journey Service</b> by a McMillan Programme Lead; <b>Proposed closure of Ayr ICU</b>—Girvan CC to meet with NHS; <b>Defibrillator Project</b>—will now be 14 defibrillators in Girvan; <b>Relaunch of LPP</b>—no date yet but new Locality Managers now in place; <b>Community First Responders</b>—2 more in training—there were 5 call-outs within 7 days recently—hoped to have a recruitment drive in the villages within 6 months; <b>Mentally Health Communities</b> information; and <b>Small Grants Funding</b>—16 projects received funding (full list available.)</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> April meeting</b> minutes included: <b>Update on CAN</b>—now transport 3 patients at a time to hospital due to a shortage of drivers; <b>Pilot on CAYR local</b> ongoing—to help people set up Micro-Enterprises—5 so far; <b>Terms of reference</b> discussion; <b>Barr Surgery Closure</b>—LPP writing to NHS objecting to proposal; <b>Defibrillator Project</b>—11 of the 14 now installed, with 3 still to go in Dalrymple Street—location list available; <b>New Locality Manager</b> now</p>	

	<p>appointed but no starting date yet; <b>Updates on VASA, First Responders</b> (2 completed training now); and <b>Proposed Closure of Ayr Hospital ICU</b> – Rhona Walker informed that Girvan CC hopes to set up a working group to fight against this.</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Benefit Company:</b> AC informed that the last meeting had been a funding round. Amongst those receiving grants were Biosphere Bikes to purchase premises in Girvan. JT and AC had received notification of a meeting they will attend on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Kirkcowan, to discuss the distribution of community benefit funding re-the Kilgallioch Extension.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Planning Applications::</b> W/e 10/03/23: <b>Forestry and Land:</b> Prior notification of proposed forestry access road at 'proposed windfarm at Markhill'; w/e 14/04/23: <b>WHP Telecoms:</b> Prior notification for the proposed installation of telecommunications apparatus. Regarding the latter application, the CC had been sent a consultation email, which had been circulated. Opinion was not favourable for a mast in the pavement near properties. CS had emailed WHP for clarification following information from a resident that the proposed site, when excavated, was found to be totally unsuitable due to the number of facilities items below ground already. No response had been received yet.</p> <p>The CC had also been consulted by email from Gillan Consulting of a proposed communications mast for the Shared Rural Network, by EE. Noted</p> <p><b>Decisions Lists: February: Forestry &amp; Land:</b> Prior notification for the proposed forestry access road at White Clauchrie – this is not required. <b>March:</b> Prior notification for proposed forestry access road at 'proposed windfarm at Markhill' - not required.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Barrhill Community Council:</b> AC had applied on behalf of the CC for a new laptop for the CC Secretary as the present one has developed some issues, including low battery life, slow start-up and dropping internet connection, Total cost including Microsoft Office 2021 licence and delivery is £479.66. This was approved unanimously.</p> <p><b>Confirmation of Applications agreed by email: Barrhill Angling Club:</b> Application for £500 to restock the fishing lochs with rainbow trout and <b>CC Coronation Celebrations:</b> PMcG had submitted this on behalf of the CC, for the cost of sandwiches (£225) and cakes (£250) and beverages etc for an afternoon tea. Invoices will be provided for the final costs. Both applications were approved. A discussion ensued re- the question of giving schoolchildren Coronation souvenirs --opinions had been canvassed amongst the children etc but there had been no firm agreement as to which to purchase and it was suggested that free ice-creams on the day would be more appreciated. This was agreed.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>CC Election</b>	
	<p>The results of the CC By-Election had been published, with Jamie Burgess and Ken McLaren being elected. Votes were as follows: JB 72, KMcl 66 and Rob Rimmer 49. KMcl referred to the omission by SAC to include his statement in the voting papers, which had been most unfortunate . SAC had apologised for its administrative error and did its best to rescue the situation. An emailed letter of thanks has been sent to RR for his previous service on the CC.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>NHS Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy Public Consultation:</b> Numerous reminders of this received—all urged to complete the survey before 19<sup>th</sup> May. Noted</p> <p><b>SAC Fireworks Workshops:</b> Forwarded to BDT as relevant to them.</p> <p><b>St John's Ambulance Patient Transport Pilot Scheme</b>—information received.</p> <p><b>VASA:</b> SAC notified that Marie Oliver is interested in attending CC meetings to give a presentation on 'Ageless and Active Champions Board and Age Friendly Communities'. Agreed to invite her –CS to contact.</p> <p><b>SEPA Survey:</b> Circulated but as no comments received, no CC response but individual ones.</p> <p><b>Keep Scotland Beautiful:</b> Noted that the Barrhill Handyman litter picks weekly.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Notification that <b>PWS</b> in Barrhill and Pinwherry showed a scarcity in March—forwarded.</p> <p><b>Forestry Stewardship Scheme Consultation:</b> No comments received on this.</p> <p><b>Resident's Letter:</b> A letter received from Christopher Shaw had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. He sent his apologies for absence from the CC meeting and an explanation as to why he will no longer participate in Community affairs. He became disillusioned following attendance at the recent AGM of Barrhill Development Trust and wished to bring his concerns</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>regarding the BDT to the attention of the CC. He had offered to provide assistance (copy of letter received), which had not been accepted. A short discussion ensued with CS instructed to reply to Mr Shaw stating that while his concerns are noted it was felt that as the BDT was an entirely separate organisation the matters he raised were under the remit of BDT to deal with and the CC could not interfere.</p> <p><b>Girvan CC:</b> Barrhill CC asked to join in with protests against the removal of the ICU services from Ayr Hospital. Members agreed to join in a proposed meeting with Girvan and other CCs.</p> <p><b>Biosphere: <i>Session on Food Matters</i></b> being held tomorrow at Colmonell.</p> <p><b>Elan City/Glasdon:</b> Brochures received.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
12	<p><b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public</b>  <b>Incl. SAC Councillor's Report / Retiral of Village 'Postie'</b></p>	
	<p><b>SAC Councillor's Report:</b> PH reported with regret that <b>Ayr Ice Rink</b> is set to close due to the high electricity costs. There is also a risk to swimming pools.</p> <p><b>£1 Million Funding for all wards:</b> PH clarified that this was Capital Funding as opposed to Revenue funding. He also referred to funding costs of <b>Ash Die-back</b> and that <b>Girvan Folk Festival</b> takes place this weekend.</p> <p>There was the shock news that <b>Ballantrae Coastguard Station</b> is to close.</p> <p>SAC finding it difficult to obtain <b>Spares for Council house repairs.</b></p> <p><b>Barrhill Main Street Bridge:</b> KMcl queried the possibility of this being painted. PH to ask.</p> <p><b>Community Planning Partnership:</b> PH informed he is the Chair for this and that SAC is the first Council to have a trauma unit.</p> <p>PMcG enquired re-the possiblity of obtaining <b>compost</b> from SAC. CS to contact Fiona Ross.</p> <p>JD kindly offered to store this for villagers to access.</p> <p><b>Retiral of Village 'Postie':</b> CS raised this matter, which was not known at the last meeting, as various residents had expressed concern at the lack of recognition of the 33 years of service to the community. It is known that a donation website has now been set up by 2 residents . A number of residents, including Community Councillors, had already donated privately and it was therefore felt that no further action was now required.</p> <p><b>Illegal Parking by Travellers:</b> PH issued the name of the person to contact should this become a problem, as had occurred elsewhere.</p> <p>JT reported <b>deep potholes on the New Luce Road.</b> PH will inform ARA.</p> <p><b>BT Openreach:</b> RH reported defective work at the site of a manhole cover at the bowling green, opposite the hall, which could injure a child. CS to contact BT Openreach.</p> <p>AC reported the <b>20mph speed activated sign</b> at the south end of Main Street is not working—PH to report, though there are known delays in receiving replacement parts.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9.00pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>PH</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>CS</p> <p>PH</p>
12	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, preceded by the AGM at 7pm.</u></b>  <b><u>Other meetings in 2023: 28<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> October and 29<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>  <b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></b></p>	