

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 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), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).                      Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS) (following their co-option at Item 3.)  <b>In Attendance:</b> Audrey Gatt (AG) (SAC Thriving Communities) and 9 Members of the public.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), John Heath (JH), Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC) ( <i>Received later as unable to communicate prior to the meeting.</i> )	
<b>2</b>	<b>Speaker: Audrey Gatt: SAC Thriving Communities</b>	
	<i>See below</i>	
<b>3</b>	<b>CC Co-options</b>	
	<p>After displaying the notice advertising for nominations for 2 co-opted members, 3 had been received; from Martin Rennie, Rob Rimmer and Jean Shaw. This exceeded the number of vacancies and the procedure for co-option was then followed. In the absence of both the Link Officer and the SAC Councillor, a member of the public was asked to perform the task of drawing the names by lot. This was carried out as laid down in the Guidance – the first name drawn was Jean Shaw, who was proposed by CS, seconded by PMcG. The second was Martin Rennie, who was proposed by PMcG, seconded by KMcl. JS and MR were welcomed onto the CC as co-opted members until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. (Notice to be published.)</p>	CS
<b>4</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	
	No Police were present but the report had been received for the month of November. During this time, other than notification of planned shoots, no calls had been received!	
<b>5</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
	These were approved: proposed by PMcG, seconded by JB.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	<p><b>Item 5: Matters Arising:</b> JT informed that the microphone is now working satisfactorily.  <b>Erosion of Cross Water Banking/Cross Water Burn Footpath:</b> In the absence of AL, no further news.  <b>Item 7b: Updates BDT:</b> CS had passed on information to the BDT regarding Arnsheen Park equipment maintenance - no response as yet.                      MR informed that the bench up the Knowe Road had been treated.  <i>AG entered the meeting, with apologies for being delayed. She was welcomed by JT.</i></p>	AL
<b>2</b>	<b>Speaker: Audrey Gatt: SAC Thriving Communities</b>	
	<p>AG introduced herself and explained her remit as Thriving Communities Place Planning Team Lead, which involved assisting in communities Action Plans. This was her 7<sup>th</sup> week in post, having previously worked for VASA. She informed that SAC is undertaking Place Plans with many SA communities, which are linked to the Ward Capital Fund. She understood that there had been some place planning consultation in Barrhill, which unfortunately only elicited 7 responses. Copies of the June 2022 Engagement Outcomes were circulated.                      AG was aware that Barrhill had an Action Plan in place, with an update forthcoming, and JT informed that this is currently being put out to tender, for which windfarm funding will be used. Place Plans should serve the community, whose residents decide the Action Plan, which reflects the concerns of the community and its priorities. SAC would support such an Action Plan, even if produced by an external body.                      Regarding the low percentage response, thought had to be given to making the consultation easier, whether by an online survey; questionnaires sent to every household; or other means. AG confirmed she was here to listen to suggestions and offered her support for whichever route the community chose to follow, either by using the place standard tool or a community led Action Plan.                      Action Plans should be registered with SAC, as was the 2017-2022 plan. JT stressed that it</p>	

	<p>was up to the community how the windfarm money was spent, The content of the questions has to be decided, whether a group does this or not, with one asking how the money should be spent. AG agreed that the people should state how to spend this.</p> <p>There are approx. 130 households in the community and JT informed that the views of all age groups counted, including the Primary School – it will be involved.</p> <p>AG circulated samples of questionnaires etc and offered to send a version to be considered. This offer was gratefully accepted. <i>She was thanked for her input and then left the meeting.</i></p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <i>(continued)</i>	
	<p><b>30mph Speed Limit:</b> ARA had responded regarding the lack of a 30mph sign preceding the 20mph one on the Knowe Road, agreeing they should be in place. It was not known why they are not but replacement signs will be ordered and installed ASAP. A resident who had also raised this matter had received later information, citing delays of up to a year in procedures.</p> <p><b>Item 7d: Updates SAHSCP: Defibrillator Project:</b> CS had emailed Mark Bradley re-the defibrillator demonstration – no response as yet. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Rural Community Transport:</b> PMcG and JB had attended the recent meeting held in Colmonell to discuss this matter and reported on what was discussed. Other villages' reps attended as did those from SPR and Ayrshire Community Transport. A service to Ballantrae on a Tuesday was amongst the proposals, returning to Barrhill about 9pm. It was hoped this would link in with the Girvan Youth Club. JB gave further details of other possible runs and the costs being discussed, which could be substantial, more so if volunteer drivers are not used. A pilot is suggested to run for 6-12 months. BDT representatives had also attended the meeting. A further meeting is to be arranged. Ongoing</p> <p><b>Item 11: Correspondence: Biosphere:</b> CS had contacted Jenna Cains to express interest in obtaining more information. In addition, a date had been fixed for the proposed bird-recording event – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Noted.</p> <p><b>Local Biodiversity Action Plan:</b> CS's email to SAC's Jane Bradley had been forwarded to the appropriate section. The response stated that the Action Plan is still being revised and updated and while the programme of eradication of Non Native Invasive Species will be part of SAC's new LBAP, these come under the remit of SEPA. Noted</p> <p><b>Item 12: AOB: SPEN:</b> No information in AL's absence. SPEN had postponed its planned visit to tonight's CC meeting, to update on the Mark Hill sub-station extension, until the next one on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Noted.</p> <p><b>A714 Grass Verge:</b> No information on this matter.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	<p>AC circulated his report - the CC balance in the bank remains at £1,639.98, with the Carrick Futures balance now £8,663.45, following the payment of grants. The overall bank balance is £10,303.43. AC also informed that the next tranche of £5000 of Carrick Futures small grants funding will be due shortly. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i></p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC: AGM:</b> JT informed that this year's winter fuel payment will be £475. Grant funding has also been increased for the further education bursaries and driving course payments.</p> <p>c) <b>BDT:</b> The BDT Chair, Gillian Young, was present at the meeting and informed that things are continuing with the assistance of Machars Action and the Development Trusts' Association Scotland (DTAS) as stated in last month's update.</p> <p>d) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC had not attended the last meeting, which was a funding round, but informed that the 3 grant applications had been approved.</p> <p>e) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS was unable to attend on 15<sup>th</sup> November but agenda items from the minutes include:  <b>Community Transport:</b> Eileen McCutcheon had arranged a meeting with village representatives and John Reid etc the following evening. Costings sought regarding extent of this and the reliance on volunteer drivers. JB &amp; PMcG attended for the CC. <i>(see above)</i>  <b>Team Around the Locality:</b> This involves changing the way social care is delivered by having a front door team and a practice team. The Carrick Locality Manager and Partnership Engagement Officer are keen to engage with CCs.  <b>Review of Girvan Site:</b> This is a site review for Girvan Hospital regarding moving services/treatments here to make them more accessible. Discussion re- having some services in the villages.</p>	

	<p><b>Terms of Reference:</b> New ones now approved.</p> <p><b>Participatory Budget Events:</b> Expressions of interest initially invited.</p> <p><b>Updates:</b> Included <b>First Responders</b> – one awaiting radio training and 3 hopefully training in January. There was one call-out last month and 70 hours on call.</p> <p><b>Carers' Centre</b> – Hardship funding available/Carers' Events.</p> <p><b>Mentally Healthy Communities Toolkit:</b> Next section of the MHC ActionPlan on systems and services had been discussed.</p> <p><b>Girvan Cosy Spaces</b> – this continues every Tuesday 11am -3pm.</p> <p>f) <b>Kilgallioch Community Fund:</b> AC informed that the last meeting had been a business meeting, including the question of how to change the membership. It was noted that the meeting expected at the end of the year, regarding the Kilgallioch Extension community benefit consultation, had been further postponed until early next year.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b> W/e 3/11 and 10/11: Application from Cornerstone for the 'Erection of telecommunications mast and installation of antennas and ground-based apparatus' on land adjacent to Arnimean; w/e 10/11: 18, Main Street (The Trout): Application from Barrhill Community Investment Company for the 'Installation of air source heat pump.' Referring to the applicant's name, JS enquired if this was BCIC or SPR. JT confirmed it is BCIC's application, for which funding has been sought.</p> <p><b>Decisions Lists: October:</b> Four for Barrhill –Cornerstone: Application for the 'Erection of telecommunications mast and installation of antennas and ground-based apparatus' on land near Darnaconner - approved; Laigh Altercannoch: Application for the 'erection of a storage building' - approved; SPR Arecleoch Windfarm: Application for a Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of a 7,000 square metre temporary construction compound' – Permitted Development; and, Glenalty: Application for the installation of heat pumps was approved.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Barrhill Bowling Club:</b> This was a late application, only received the previous day, with the details emailed out but not the form, due to scanning problems. The form was read out to all and, allowing for a mistaken entry, which MR, a BBC member, was able to clarify, it transpired that the application for the sum of £409.59 was to fund the purchase of tools to maintain the mower etc plus a turfing spade. It was agreed to approve this (MR declared an interest and did not vote) on the condition that the form is re-submitted with the correct information. CS to contact the applicant.</p>	CS
<b>11</b>	<b>Community Council Self-Assessment RAG Analysis Form 2023</b>	
	<p>SAC had asked for this form to be completed before the end of November. AC had done a preliminary check and he and CS went through the various questions. The meeting agreed the answers and CS will submit this to SAC.</p>	CS
<b>12</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>Events Group:</b> Thank you email received for the Hallowe'en Party grant.</p> <p><b>Scottish Rural Action:</b> Newsletter.</p> <p><b>Scottish Civic Trust:</b> Deadline for 'My Place' awards is 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</p> <p><b>SAHSCP:</b> Numerous emails received, including information on TrueCall – a Callblocker service delivered by SAC Trading Standards; a webinar on Volunteering; a Safe &amp; Warm projec .</p> <p><b>Tilhill: Dornal Woodland Creation:</b> No comments as definitive plan not yet available.</p> <p><b>Justice Services:</b> Further offers from Dean Barlas for projects that could be carried out indoors.</p> <p><b>Community Active Travel Group - Ayrshire Link:</b> Meeting in Girvan on 22<sup>nd</sup> November – CS and PMcG had attended this. Apart from the Culzean Way, down to Ballantrae, there was nothing south of Girvan and the map of projects did not show South Carrick at all.</p> <p><b>SAC: Polling Place Review.</b></p> <p><b>Stranoch Windfarm:</b> Further road closure updates.</p> <p><b>Elan City:</b> Emailed brochure re-Radar speed signs.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Information on the <b>Water, Wastewater &amp; Drainage Policy Consultation.</b></p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</b>	

	<p><b>Proposed Clauchrie Windfarm:</b> Mention of this omitted at the last meeting---permission refused in September by the ECU. Noted</p> <p><b>Martyrs’ Tomb Walk Bridge:</b> The Community Payback Team had informed CS that repairs to the bridge are needed. CS had reported this to Rachel Shipley, SAC’s Access Officer, who had replied stating that it would be investigated. No further response as yet.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Day:</b> The Service of Remembrance had taken place at the War Memorial and was well-attended. Cllr Clark attended and SAC supplied the CC’s wreath.</p> <p><b>Community Skips Rota:</b> 2024’s rota had recently been received. Barrhill to receive 6 skips in 2024. CS to complete the acceptance form.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Events Group:</b> PMcG informed that the Craft Fair takes place on Saturday and that Bowls usually occurs each Friday.</p> <p><b>Cycling Proficiency:</b> KMcl was concerned that not all Barrhill Primary pupils had bicycles to participate in proficiency tests and queried if the CC could purchase some bicycles. Noted</p> <p><b>Road Rally:</b> JB informed of the inconvenience caused recently due to a road rally taking place near Bargrennan. There were considerable traffic hold-ups and signage was totally inadequate. It was noted, however, that this took place in Dumfries and Galloway but JS had received information of the rally and will forward details of the organisers to JB.</p> <p><b>Speeding on the A714:</b> A member of the public expressed concerns at the number of vehicles, cars and lorries, speeding on Main Street, particularly in the vicinity of the Primary School, which could result in a nasty accident. CS to pass these concerns on to Police Scotland.</p> <p><b>Arnsheen Park Play Equipment:</b> The BDT Chair confirmed when asked, that contact had been made with SAC regarding a possible maintenance contract for the equipment. Noted</p> <p><b>SAC Councillor’s Report:</b> With AL’s absence, there was no report.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 8.45pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>CS</p>
14	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b>  <b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></b></p>	