

**BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 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), John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Kenneth McLaren (KMCL), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary &amp; Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair).</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Alec Clark (ACk) (SAC Councillor), Katy Busby (KB) (SAC Link Officer), and 5 Members of the Public. PCs Paul McKinlay (PMcK) &amp; Andrew Thorne (AT) (Ayrshire LPST).</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor)</p>	
2	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>PCs McKinlay and Thorne were welcome attendees at the meeting and read out their report for December and January.</p> <p><b>December 2023 figures:</b> Total calls to Police were 6, as follows: Abandoned 999 – 1; Weather – 1; Assist Members of the Public – 1; and Road Traffic Matters – 3. These resulted in 1 Crime Report (Road Traffic Matter) being raised, which was detected.</p> <p><b>January 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2024:</b> Total Calls 6 including: Road Traffic Matters – 2; Police Info – 2; Abandoned 999 – 1; and Assist Members of the Public - 1. No crime reports were raised from these calls. PC McKinlay then invited questions. CS referred to the CC’s notification following the November meeting, regarding speeding. A discussion followed, with a member of the public reiterating the original complaint of the speed of vehicles passing Barrhill Primary. PC McKinlay confirmed that speed checks would be carried out at the location.</p> <p>JS enquired about worrying reports she had heard recently regarding the incidence of badger baiting in the region. This had occurred previously in parts of Ayrshire and she was most concerned if there was a re-occurrence. PC Thorne informed that he was the Police Wildlife Officer for Carrick and was not aware of any recent activity, which would have been notified to him. He remains vigilant with regard to such appalling activities.</p> <p><i>JT thanked the PCs for attending and they then left the meeting.</i></p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting of Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b></p> <p>These were approved: proposed by JB, seconded by PMcG.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Item 6: Matters Arising: Erosion of Cross Water Banking/Cross Water Burn Footpath:</b> ACk informed he had discussed this with ARA’s Kevin Braidwood, who was hopeful that something could be done. Ongoing</p> <p><b>30mph Speed Limit:</b> No further information on this, with ACk puzzled as to a possible year’s delay in putting up the Knowe Road 30mph signs. CS will revisit ARA’s emails on the matter.</p> <p><b>SPEN:</b> SPEN had again postponed its planned visit to the CC meeting, to update on the Mark Hill sub-station extension. JS expressed concern, previously discussed, about the rumoured high number of loads of peat to be transported through the village. ACk pointed out that as planning permission had already been given this aspect must have been approved. CS had informed SPEN that the sooner they attend the CC to give all the facts the better.</p> <p><b>A714 Grass Verge:</b> No information on this matter.</p> <p><b>Item 10: Small Grant Application: Barrhill Bowling Club:</b> The application form was re-submitted as requested after correction, enabling the grant cheque to be issued.</p> <p><b>Item 13: Road Rally:</b> JS had obtained information for JB but as JT pointed out, the occurrence was not in the CC’s area, but in Dumfries &amp; Galloway.</p> <p><b>Speeding on the A714:</b> Reported to Police Scotland – see above at Item 2.</p> <p><i>Other matters on agenda.</i></p>	CS
5	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>AC circulated his report - the annual top-up of £5,000 for the small grant fund had been received from Carrick Futures, making the CF balance £13,260.86 after payment of the Bowling Club’s grant. CC funds in the bank again remain at £1,639.98, giving an overall bank balance of £14,900.84. It was noted that if funding is not given out CF will not continue to top -</p>	

	up the funds. A discussion on how to encourage more applications ensued, with KMCL suggesting more publicity. It was felt, however, that constant adverts are sufficient. It was suggested that the Friday Coffee morning would be a suitable recipient---this will be conveyed to the group running it. AC informed that where more than the £500 is sought, CF prefer a 3 year plan to be submitted to them. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i>	CS
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>a) <b>BCIC: AGM:</b> JT informed that BCIC badly needs more directors. Most of this year's winter fuel payments of £475 per household had now been paid out. KMCL queried why it was £25 less this year. JT informed this was due to reduced energy costs since the last payment. <b>AGM:</b> A date for this is still to be arranged.</p> <p>b) <b>BDT:</b> The BDT Chair, Gillian Young, and Vice-Chair Sarah Malone, were present at the meeting. They reported that the Christmas Senior Citizens dinner and the recent Burns Supper had both been successful. <b>AGM:</b> to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. Noted</p> <p>c) <b>Carrick Futures:</b> AC informed there is a meeting next week.</p> <p>d) <b>South Ayrshire Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP):</b> CS reported on the meeting she attended on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The main items discussed were as follows: <b>Team Around the Locality (TATL):</b> An overview of this was given - this will include a change to services to ensure accessibility to services. Social Work will have a front door team and a practice team. Amy Duthie (Partnership Engagement Officer) and Stewart Marshall (Carrick Locality Manager) will attend CC meetings and have agreed to attend at Barrhill's next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February. The <b>Carers' Day</b> held on 24<sup>th</sup> November had gone well. <b>Participatory Budget Day</b> is to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Carrick Buildings, Girvan between 7-9pm. From a total of 22 applicant, 19 were selected for further information. <b>Community First Responders:</b> Barrhill has a new volunteer, resulting in 2 now for the village. 2 others are in training for Colmonell/Pinmore. <b>Updates:</b> Various concerns – <b>VASA; Girvan Town Team; Mentally Healthy Communities</b> etc., and <b>Community Transport:</b> the proposed routes are to be discussed at the meeting to be held tomorrow in Colmonell. (See <i>Item 10, below</i>)</p> <p>e) <b>Kilgallioch Community Fund:</b> AC again informed that the last meeting had been a business meeting, mainly to discuss how to change the membership make-up. (The meeting regarding the Kilgallioch Extension community benefit consultation, has been further postponed until late Spring.)</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<p><b>Planning Applications: W/e15/12/23:</b> Application for 'Alterations and Extension to Listed Building – Ballochmorrie House. 26/01/24: Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of a garage and associated works – Ballochmorrie House.</p> <p><b>Decisions Lists: November 2023:</b> Three for Barrhill –SPR: Application for a 'Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of a 7,000 square metre temporary construction compound' at Arecleoch Windfarm– Permitted Development; and, Glenalty Cottage: Application for the installation of heat pumps was approved; EE: 'Formation of access road, turning area of hard standing and erection of fencing associated with approved communications mast at the approved telecommunications mast near Chirmorie'.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Place Planning</b>	
	Audrey Gatt had been in touch regarding progress with Place Planning. While there is no immediate need for developments she is happy to discuss the way forward to further consultations / other options. She wishes to keep in touch and is available to contact any time if there are any queries or need of clarifications. JS referred to the Place Standard and enquired if a theme on Private Water Supplies could be added (circulated for information). JT informed that the BCIC meets next week with Foundation Scotland's Suzy Mercer when the Action Plan will be discussed, following which there will be a get together with all interested parties to take this forward. In the meantime, ACk will speak to Audrey on the matter. Ongoing	JT ACK/ AL
<b>9</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>	
	<b>Barrhill Events Group:</b> The application for funding for a St. Valentine's Dance had been	

	<p>circulated after the last meeting, in order to ascertain if a band could be booked. Approval given by email on 9<sup>th</sup> December for £470 (£450 cost of hiring the band plus £20 hall hire fee.) Application approval confirmed.</p> <p>JT questioned KB regarding what names could be on a cheque, if the payee was not a constituted group – information provided.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>South Carrick Community Bus Service</b>	
	<p>PMcG and JB are to attend the latest Community Transport meeting the following night at Colmonell. The information to be discussed had been circulated to all for consideration prior to the meeting. Various suggestions had been put forward, including a bus on a Tuesday to tie in with the Surgery Pharmacy opening hours at Ballantrae, another for a Youth Club in Girvan on Wednesday, plus a Friday bus. JB informed that Carrick Futures would be approached for funding. AC's point that a paid driver would be preferable to a volunteer was agreed.</p>	JB/ PMcG
<b>11</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>DigiGov Expo:</b> Info on this – 8/9<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>SAHSCP Engagement:</b> Numerous emails received, including information on <i>Mental Health, Alzheimers; Surveys on views re-Health &amp; Well-being Services and Team Around the Locality; Dementia projections for Carrick; Digital Strategy and overview; Mentally Healthy Newsletter; Local Output Improvement Plan.</i></p> <p><b>Carrick Futures:</b> Survey regarding a fund review.</p> <p><b>Stranoch Windfarm:</b> Latest updates re-closure of U84W – end of closures, with road fully open from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</p> <p><b>JACS/Glasdon:</b> Leaflets re- Winter Safety/Grit bins/Litter bins etc.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Consultation on Capital Place Planning.</p> <p><b>Symington CC:</b> Email from the Chair, regarding endorsement of its submission to SAC re-the <i>Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</i> Agreed to take no action but wait to see what SAC's plans are regarding this.</p> <p><b>SAC Thriving Communities:</b> Info on course guides.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Notification that Tracy Whiteford is leaving her post as Senior Communities Officer.</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Request for articles for the next SAC magazine</p> <p><b>SAC:</b> Info on consultation re-PWS.</p> <p><b>Scottish Woodlands: Kirkcalla Forest Plan:</b> It was noted that only a very small section of this was in Ayrshire. Comments re-lack of deciduous trees, which were noted to be in the middle of the plan, which is unusual. CS to reply.</p> <p><b>DPEA:</b> Appeals Feedback Link information.      <b>Scottish Water:</b> Consultation Survey.</p> <p><b>UKSPF:</b> Community Empowerment Fund.</p> <p><b>Carrick Futures: AGM</b> to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated/covered by Agenda.</i></p>	CS
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report</b>	
	<p><b>Friday Bowls:</b> PMcG informed that the bowls would recommence on Friday, but that unless numbers attending improved, they would have to be discontinued.</p> <p><b>Police Scotland:</b> The new Carrick Locality Sergeant, Melanie Fraser, is now in place. Noted</p> <p><b>Biosphere:</b> The Spring bird recording event is confirmed for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p><b>SASEN:</b> Meeting with Jane Mason arranged for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11am-noon. BDT and BCIC informed and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator Training:</b> This will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, between 1 and 3pm.</p> <p><b>Proposed Knockodhar Windfarm:</b> It was noted that this application was due to be discussed at SAC's Planning meeting the next day but had now been postponed.</p> <p><b>CC By-Election:</b> Closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> February. Co-optees JS and MR have to apply to continue membership of the CC after 31<sup>st</sup> March. Noted</p> <p><b>SAC Councillor's Report:</b> ACK informed that <b>SAC's budget</b> would be set next month. SAC has a debt level of £254+million but is not among the worst Councils. Government funding was disappointing, with a net 2.8% being offered for the next financial year. No services will be cut but new or increased charges could be pending.</p> <p>The Station Hotel continues to cause problems with no likelihood of the <b>resumption of trains</b> between Stranraer/Barrhill/Ayr until mid March at the earliest.</p> <p><b>Ayr Hospital:</b> The supposedly temporary move of 3 ITU beds to Crosshouse Hospital takes place in March. ACK advised that the CC should write to object to this move. All agreed.</p>	ALL ALL  JS/MR  CS

	<p><b>QuayZone:</b> Due to storm damage the QuayZone has been closed on safety grounds for the foreseeable future, possibly 18 months. Staff to be moved to the old Maybole Baths, which will re-open to ensure school pupils' swimming lessons are not jeopardised. The gym facilities may be moved to the Carrick Buildings.</p> <p><b>A77/A75 Meeting:</b> ACk had attended a summit meeting in Stranraer, where the lack of investment in the A75/A77, and the campaign to increase this, were discussed. Present had been campaigners, MSPs from both Ayrshire and D &amp; G, Local Authority Councillors and representatives from the ferry companies and Belfast Harbour. Government spending has been £500 million on Scotland's roads, but very little of this in S.W.Scotland. A notable absentee was Transport Scotland. It was noted that a feasibility study is to be carried out.</p> <p><b>Net Zero Funding:</b> JT informed that the BCIC's application for funding, with SPR's help, of £500K for the Net Zero project had been successful. A meeting is scheduled for next week with Foundation Scotland's Suzy Mercer and it is hoped to arrange a meeting with SPR and all groups – BCIC, CC and BDT - to discuss how the funds should be spent.</p> <p><b>New Luce Hill Road:</b> JT reported the atrocious condition of the hill road caused by Army trucks, which are supposedly banned from this road. The road was subsequently closed for a period. The sides of the road are wasted away. ACk will investigate.</p> <p><b>Blocked Drains:</b> These are again giving problems, which seem never-ending—in particular No.10 Main Street, and also 59 and 69 and the drain adjacent to the car park . MR reminded that these had all been reported previously, with no action taken to permanently remedy matters. ACk will report these.</p> <p>JS informed that she had attended a Community Councils' webinar event and referring to the subject of communications noted that it was some time since the BDT had produced a <b>newsletter</b>. She enquired if this is being considered again. The BDT Chair affirmed that the new Board hopes to restart a regular newsletter shortly.</p> <p><b>Barrhill Old Cemetery:</b> KMcl reported severe flooding in the old cemetery due to recent heavy rain and he was concerned that graves could be affected by this. ACk will ask Fiona Ross to investigate. KMcl also referred to the fallen tree down <b>The Avenue</b> and the untidy verges. Responsibility for these areas is not clear, as it is private property although SAC do maintain the road. Noted</p> <p>JH enquired when <b>The Trout</b> would eventually re-open after such a long closure. JT informed that BCIC and BDT are waiting for the grant money to come through. There would then be a public meeting to determine whether the pub should be leased or managed. Delays had been unavoidable and outwith the control of BCIC/BDT, but hopefully in a few months' time the pub will reopen.</p> <p>MR reported <b>trees</b> down in The Avenue due to the recent storms and as 2 trees previously were felled by SAC, enquired if SAC would plant replacements. ACk will enquire.</p> <p>MR also queried if a <b>Notice Board</b> could be erected at the south end of the village. Following a discussion this was agreed. AC will investigate costs.</p> <p>It was noted that the incorrect Barrhill Gaelic sign reported in November 2021, which was to be replaced as it was the same as that at Barr, was still in situ. ACk will enquire. It was also noted, however, that the Biosphere Community sign is now in place on the village sign.</p> <p><i>The meeting closed at 9pm, JT thanking all for their attendance.</i></p>	<p>ACK/ AL</p> <p>ACK/ AL</p> <p>ACK/ AL</p> <p>ACK/ AL</p> <p>ACK/ AL</p> <p>AC</p> <p>ACK/ AL</p>
13	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting:</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Other meetings in 2024:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>24<sup>th</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> May (plus AGM), 26<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NB. There are no meetings in March, July, September and December.</u></b></p>	