

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.00pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council: Jamie Burgess (JB) (Vice-Chair), R. Andrew Clegg (AC) (Treasurer), Pearl McGibbon (PMcG), Martin Rennie (MR), Jean Shaw (JS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT) (Chair). In Attendance: Lee Kirkwood (LK) (SAC Link Officer), and 5 Members of the public.</p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	John Heath (JH), Robert Houstin (RH), Alan Lamont (AL) (SAC Councillor), PC Paul McKinlay (PMcK) (Ayrshire LPST Girvan & South Carrick).	
2	Police Report	
	<p>PC McKinlay hoped to attend unless called out to an incident. In case this occurred, he had sent the report for the period 25th February – 25th March. There had been 2 calls made to Police, with no crime reports created, as follows; 1 Abandoned 999 call and 1 Suspect Persons. The latter concerned a group of males going door to door trying to get residents to have driveways done. PMcK and PC Thorne had attended but suspects had left the area. Members urged to be mindful of any future incidents. Speed Checks: Traffic resources have been patrolling the area and PMcK and AT will be attending to carry out checks. Some CC members expressed extreme disappointment that there was no information yet on a traffic survey already carried out, or any figures regarding speeding offences. It was noted that speeding in the vlliage is increasing, with some very high speeds being observed. It is hoped that action will soon be taken.</p>	
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Wednesday 25th February 2026	
	The minutes were approved: proposed by JB, seconded by PMcG.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Incl. Mark Hill Sub–Station Extension	
	<p>Being unable to attend, AL had emailed noting the matters ACk had actioned and asked for notification of any matters needing attention. Item 4: Matters Arising: <i>New Luce Hill road:</i> It was noted, confirmed by JT, that at long last that this had been repaired, due to an emergency closure order for 3 days work on this. <i>Knowe Road:</i> Ongoing / <i>Duisk Bridge / 20mph Speed Activated sign</i> across from 69/71 Main Street/ <i>Data Traffic Survey:</i> No news yet of this survey in spite of being requested on numerous occasions, to no avail. <i>Knowe Road accident</i> at the bad bend at Lochton Mill: Not known if ARA have now looked at this, after it raised a fault report. <i>Dog Fouling:</i> Extra signage has not yet appeared at the south end of the village. <i>Christmas Lights:</i> Ongoing <i>Mark Hill Sub–Station Extension:</i> Update received today from Colin Wylie – good progress is being made at the sub-station, with wagon movements this week and next, approximately 12 per day. The road sweeper will be deployed. OHL construction - vast majority of the wood poles now erected with the section near the village complete. The wiring of conductors has commenced but the section near to the village will not be done for another 2 months or so, being dependent on the weather and progress. Noted <i>Treasurer’s Report:</i> ACk had spoken with Audrey Gatt, who had contacted CS. (see below at Item 8 Place Planning) <i>Item 12:AOB: Delayed Postal Deliveries:</i> CS has posted a letter but no response as yet. <i>SPEN’s Community Benefit:</i> A member of the public enquired if this would be available to any involved in nature surveys, and referred to a scheme he had heard of. (It is not organised by the Biosphere.) CS will search for details of the scheme. <i>Other matters covered by agenda.</i></p>	<p>CS</p> <p>ARA/ KB/AL</p> <p>AL CS</p> <p>CS</p>
5	Treasurer’s Report	
	AC circulated his report. CC funds in the bank are now £16,980.57, following payment to Zurich for insurance cover (which SAC will repay). The CF balance is now at £11,275.57 following provision for last month’s approved grant application. The overall bank balance is	

	now £28,256.14. AC reminded all that the funding granted from Carrick Futures for the expected undertaking of the Place Plan by an outside source will shortly have to be refunded. Noted. <i>AC was thanked for his report.</i>	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC: JT updated on the progress of Barrhill Greener Homes, which project is going well. There have been more applications and house reports are being carried out.</p> <p>b) BDT: AC confirmed that at long last the Crosswater pub was now open, with the paperwork complete and the lessees in residence. All are delighted to see the pub now open. AC informed there had been some teething troubles with equipment but all now seemed to be going well, with the opening night on 20th March a success. Hopefully matters will continue to run well.</p> <p>c) Carrick Futures: JB reiterated that the meeting is not until April. Foundation Scotland had been updating the list of members and nominations are sought for more. Members do not have to be Community Councillors. Adverts had been placed online. Noted</p> <p>d) South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Locality Planning Partnership (SAHSCP LPP): Main items at the meeting of 11th March 2026 as follows: Presentation on Ageing Well Service Plan – how to support older people in the community at service level. The capacity needed won't be available due to staff shortages and finances. Locality Plan Refresh – Amy (SAHSCP Partnership Engagement Officer) continues to engage with communities on the priorities – feedback indicates they agree – the Cost of Living Crisis might need to be added to the list. The survey closes on 31st March. Noted It is hoped to open a Connect Hub in Nursery Court, around June time. There already is a Carers' Group there. Lowland Gathering: This takes place on Sunday 7th June – Amy will attend to promote the LPP. MSK Community Appointment Day: This took place on Friday 20th March at Girvan Community Hospital. Big Cheerio Event: Only 4 people had signed up for this on Wednesday 25th March in The Wave, Girvan – it has now been postponed until 6th May. Food Waste Bags: These are now to be provided free of charge for 2 years, to encourage use of the food waste bins.</p> <p>e) Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund: MR reported there was no news..</p> <p>f) Kilgallioch & Arcleloch Extensions Community Benefit: As stated previously, this fund is now open. SPEN are keen for applications to be submitted to this fund. Noted</p> <p>g) Barrhill Events Group: The Chair of the group was present at the meeting and informed members that a recent meeting had now been held. Upcoming events include the Easter Sunday Tea in the Memorial Hall. The recent Squigglers Event had been successful with 10/11 pre-Primary children attending. JT informed that discussions are ongoing regarding the provision of a marquee, as this would be useful for different future events. Noted</p>	
7	Planning Applications	
	Planning Applications: JS informed of 2 applications relevant to Barrhill: Erection of a dwelling house and associated works at 'Sheepfold', Forest Road; and Prior notification for peatland restoration at Dornal Hill. Noted	
8	Place Planning	
	CS had been in communication with Audrey Gatt (AG), following her conversation with ACk. It had been intended that AG would meet with the sub-group prior to the CC meeting but unfortunately AG was admitted to hospital, from where she had contacted CS. All wished her well for a speedy recovery. The sub-group will meet with AG once she has returned to work. Members queried if the other team members would have any information on progress of the Place Plan and LK will enquire.	LK
9	CC Full Elections 2026	
	The results of the full elections had been communicated by SAC and circulated. The total number of nominations had not exceeded the number of places available -10- and therefore a poll was not required. It was noted that AC and RH had not submitted nominations and three new Community Councillors, Gillian Young, Dawn Hutchins and Christopher Sampson would join the CC on 1 st April. CS had informed them of tonight's meeting and all 3 were in attendance as members of the public.	
10	Small Grant Applications	
	i) Barrhill Pickleball Group: The application, for the sum of £230, was to fund the hall hire for an hour for 46 weeks. This was approved in full, with the cheque to be paid direct to the	

	Barrhill Development Trust. ii) Barrhill Events Group: This application, for which PMcG declared an interest, was for the sum of £920, to cover the cost of 4 sessions, for the pre-school children, of 'Jiggy Wrigglers' (£220 x4) plus 8 hours hall rental. These sessions have the support of the Early Years Centre. Following a discussion, this application was approved in full.	AC/ CS
11	Correspondence	
	<p>Most correspondence received since 25th February had already been forwarded, but a list of all correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting, as follows.</p> <p>SAHSCP: Usual emails including: Carrick Locality Plans Review: LPP survey now open, closing date 31st March – reminder also sent; VASA: South Ayrshire Volunteer Awards - Nominations form for event 4th June; Tec Talks: Stay Well, Stay Connected: Girvan Library 30th April 10am – 12noon; Promoting Heartstart information; Big Cheerio Event: The Wave, Girvan - 25th March cancelled, now on 6th May; Aye Girvan birthday event; Launch of Annbank Dementia Café; Maybole & North Carrick Carers: Carers' Gateway within Maybole Connect Hub, Wednesdays 10am – 4pm; SACT: Out & About April/May programme; Stepping Stones for Families information; Learning Disabilities Team – Information Session; Wellbeing Pledge Showcase – requests invited for stalls for event on 22nd May in Ayr.</p> <p>Non-SAHSCP items as follows: ARA: Press notice re- 20mph Speed Limit programme on A77 in Girvan and Ballantrae; SPEN: Community Benefit Funding: Enquiry from Suzanne if any projects in mind; and Information from Local Giving - delivery partners of Community Benefit Funding programme; Timber Lorries on Knowe Road: CS had been in corespondence with the Ayrshire representative regarding this, whose email was read out. He is investigating matters and speaking to the timber hauliers, who reported that the lorries were using the B7027 due to a bridge closure on the Timber Transport internal road, but the situation should now be rectified. If not, the more information the better re-dates, times, operators, registration numbers etc. JB and AC reported infringements continuing over the last few days and AC identified lorries, which information CS will forward. A discussion then ensued on the state of roads and grass verges, which are getting worse. JS referred to the recent meeting at Pinwherry regarding the effects there would be if the transport route suggested for the proposed Knockodhar Windfarm goes ahead. Noted Biosphere Communities Network: Ayrshire Voices for Nature event; SAC: Assistance requested re-CC vacancies advert - shortage of nominations for CC Full Elections; Foundation Scotland: Carrick Futures membership nominations wanted (2 emails) – noted that Barrhill currently had 8 members; and FS e-bulletin; SPEN: Webinar slides sent from 4th March event; Siobhan Brown MSP: Information on Strategic Action Plan re-preventing and controlling wildfires; Eco-museum of Scottish Landscapes Map; Newsletters No. 4 & 5 for Community Councils: Invitation to survey local community regarding suggested new powers– no member has expressed interest in this; Forestry Consultation: Forest Management carried out by UK Forest Certification Ltd – CS reminded members that any comments to be submitted by 1st April; ARA: Notification of Emergency Closure of C72 (New Luce Road) and press notice re- construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A77 at Ballantrae between 18th March and 21st April; SAC: Safer Shores flyer; SPR: Notification of preparatory works for Arecleoch Windfarm Extension on A714 (work to again dismantle Bargrennan Bridge and trimming of trees); also notification that the Kilgallioch Windfarm Extension was fully commissioned on 15th March; SAC: Final Scheme of Establishment of CCs received – new scheme commences 1st April; Zurich Insurance: Receipt for payment of renewal premium; Scottish Rural Action: News and updates. <i>(Details on any item available on request)</i></p>	CS
12	AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. SAC Councillor's Report	
	<p>SAC Councillor's Report: In AL's absence, none available at this time.</p> <p>Stinchar Connections: PMcG informed that the AGM will be held on 31st March. MR expressed frustration at the number of items raised at meetings and nothing seems to be done to action these, by SAC/ARA in particular. All agreed with this sentiment and found matters most unsatisfactory. Noted</p> <p>Retirees from the CC: JT referred to this meeting being AC's last, as he had retired from the CC, and thanked him for all his work, especially for his role of Treasurer. He also</p>	

	<p>expressed thanks to RH, currently in hospital, who also did not seek re-election.</p> <p>CC Treasurer: AC again reminded all that as he is retiring from the CC on 31st March, after many years, a new Treasurer will be required. Again, no-one expressed an interest in this post. More signatories will be required to enable cheques to be issued. AC is still awaiting the new chequebook from the bank, which has never arrived. Noted</p> <p>AC informed that the BDT has put in an application to SPEN for funding to renovate the public toilets. The matter of the repairs to the Martyrs' Tomb Walk bridge over the Crosswater was raised, with CS declaring an interest. It was noted that SAC's Rachel Shipley had organised for the work to be carried out some months ago. CS will chase this up. It was agreed the restoration of the path would be a good project for SPEN's funding and CS will speak to the landowner involved.</p> <p>Scottish Water: CS had received a number of complaints regarding brown water supplies when water is being drawn from the hydrants on Main Street. She has contacted Scottish Water about this but so far has not received a reply. Noted</p> <p>Annual Donations: CS reminded that 2 x £50 donations can be given out at the end of the financial year. Members to send suggestions to CS.</p> <p>SPEN Webinar: CS had attended this online on 4th March and found it useful. When there is difficulty obtaining estimates, one will be accepted if it can be proved efforts were made to obtain more. Noted</p> <p>JS informed that there had been no further contact from SP's Heather Heaton, regarding the 'Warm Hubs'. She will contact her about this. Noted</p> <p><i>Meeting closed 8.50pm.</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JS</p>
13	Date & Time of Next Meeting	
	<p><u>Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.</u></p> <p><u>Further meetings in 2026: Wednesdays 27th May (+AGM), 24th June, 26th August, 28th October, 25th November.</u></p> <p>NB. There are no meetings in July, September and December.</p>	